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JOHN LINDERMAN DAILEY, the only son of the Rev. J. P. Dailey, was born in 1853, at Flemington, N. J., where his father was stationed as the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. His mother was a direct descendant of Gen. Daniel Brodhead, one of Washington's most able and trusted officers during the Revolution.

In 1874, Mr. Dailey's father was appointed pastor of St. Paul's Church, Tottenville, and the family came to Staten Island to live, and since that time Mr. Dailey has been a resident of Tottenville.

He was always a staunch Republican and early took to politics, his first campaign being for the office of justice of the peace in 1877 for which he received the nomination of both parties. In 1883, and again in 1886, he was elected highway commissioner, being the only man on the ticket elected in 1886. In 1885, he ran for member of assembly against the late Edward A. Moore, and again in 1889 against Daniel T. Cornell, when he had the highest vote of any man on the ticket and was beaten by only about 300 majority, while the average Democratic majority was over 1,100.

In January 1889, on the accession of John H. Elsworth to the office of sheriff, Mr. Dailey was appointed under-sheriff and remained in office till the close of Mr. Elsworth's term.

During his term of office as under-sheriff, Judge Cullen publicly complimented Mr. Dailey from the bench upon the prompt and efficient manner in which he performed the duties of his office, and at the last term of the county court, before Sheriff Elsworth's term of office expired Judge Stephens spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which the sheriff and under-sheriff had conducted the office through their entire term, and the members of the bar of Richmond county unanimously passed resolutions to the same effect.

In 1891, Mr. Dailey received the unanimous nomination of the Republican convention to the office of sheriff and came within 115 votes of election, although Roswell P. Flower, for governor, carried the county by nearly 1,600 majority.

There is no Republican in Richmond county who can point to a record of political campaigns which have so reduced the large majorities usually polled by the Democratic party as Mr. John L. Dailey, and he has often been called the "most popular man in Richmond county."