



CALVIN DETRICK.

CALVIN DETRICK, second son of Samuel and Catharine Detrick, was born at Stroudsburg, Pa. His father was a farmer, and farm air, food and associations strengthened in young Detrick the qualities of mind and of body that afterward proved invaluable to him.

The scholastic year at the nearest school never exceeded three months. This was not to the liking of either the father or son, so the latter, when he was about sixteen, was sent to the Stroudsburg Academy, at which he applied himself closely to his books for three years.

Shortly before he attained his twentieth year he went into business with a friend, the firm bearing the name of Pinchot & Detrick. They had a country store at Milford, Pa., and did a thriving business. Mr. Detrick longed, however, for the greater opportunities afforded by a city. He, therefore, sought and obtained employment in a wholesale drygoods and notions house in New York. He posted himself thoroughly in this business which was not quite to his fancy, so with a ready adaptability we next find him a contractor in Philadelphia, where he engaged in the laying of sewers, erection of water-works, the building of stone foundations and similar work.

He came to Staten Island in the spring of 1884 and introduced the present system of supplying water into the village of Edgewater.

In the Spring of 1858 he created and organized the Richmond Light, Heat and Power Co. which now furnishes New Brighton with electric lighting. He was its treasurer for some time. Two years later he formed the Staten Island Light, Heat and Power Company, which now furnishes Port Richmond and a part of West Brighton with electric lighting.

Mr. Detrick is in no sense an exploiter. When he forms a company it is formed to stay and he stays with it, putting in his own money freely and then giving his close attention to the details of the enterprise.

Mr. Detrick resides in New Brighton, where he intends to remain. He has invested no small part of his fortune in Staten Island property.

He descended in a direct line from the sturdy Hollanders.

In 1882, Mr. Detrick married Miss Jennie Murray, of Philadelphia. They have three children.