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ROBERT HENRY GOLDER, M. D., has been a resident and practising physician at Rossville since 1849. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 23rd, 1820. His father, John Golder, was born in Annapolis, Md., May 23rd, 1783. His paternal ancestry dates back for two or more generations before that period and in that locality, and were of German descent. His mother, whose maiden name was Johnson, also descended from an old Maryland family. Her brother, Hon. John Johnson, was chancellor of Maryland in the early part of this century, under whom John Golder studied law. Senator Reverdy Johnson, who was also U. S. minister to England, and cousin of John Golder, studied law under his father and also Chief Justice Taney of U. S. supreme court.

John Golder was district-attorney for two counties on the eastern shore of Maryland before the war of 1812. In July of that year, he was married to Margaret McMaken of Philadelphia, to which city he removed in 1814, and practiced his profession until 1840, when he removed with his family to New York city, where he died March 21st, 1864. He had four children: Julia A., Sarah M., John J. and Robert H., the subject of this sketch.

Margaret McMaken, the mother of Dr. Golder, was born in Philadelphia and died in New York, March 9th, 1864. She was of Scotch-Irish descent. Her mother's family, the Scotts, who were nearly allied to the family of Sir Walter Scott, came to this country about the middle of the last century and settled mostly in Bucks county, Pa., where the "Scott Memorial Church" and "Scott's Manor" still stand. But two descendants of this branch of the family are living.

In 1839, Dr. Golder began the study of pharmacy and afterward was in business as a druggist. After a preparatory course under Prof. Valentine Mott and John S. Whittaker, he entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York, from which he was graduated in 1846.

He was married to Catharine V. Dunham, of New Brunswick, N. J., in December 1847. Of their four children, Valentine Mott, Annette, Reverdy J., and Margaret D., the latter is the only surviving one.