

went into the wholesale crockery and glassware store of Abram French & Co., and still remains in that business.

Jan. 16, 1866, he married Julia Long Severance, of West Newton. They have had three children. They now reside in West Newton.

George Francis Burrage was born in Leominster, Mass., Sept. 14, 1838, the son of George Sumner and Catherine R. (Smith) Burrage. He attended the public schools in Leominster until about seventeen or eighteen years of age, when he left home and went into a wholesale woollen-goods store in Boston to learn the business. But the experiment did not prove a success. He did not like the business. At that time he had a somewhat restless temperament and roving disposition; so after remaining two or three years he left. Subsequently, having become affected by the gold-digging mania, he embarked for California, and upon his arrival there went to work in the mines; but that business did not prove very profitable, and soon lost its charms. He left it and engaged himself as a travelling salesman for a jewelry house in San Francisco. After remaining in California one or two years he went to China, where, after sundry adventures, he obtained a situation in an American commission house. While there he heard of the war at home, and became anxious to return and take a hand in it, so took passage for Boston and reached home in the latter part of the year 1863.

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