

taken whilst he held that position is now in the possession of the Bank, and is highly prized. All this time he was carrying on extensive manufacturing establishments in Hagerstown, and had in operation two mercantile establishments in Kentucky.

In 1800, he first visited the "Genesee Country," where he had previously made a purchase of 640 acres; and in September of that year, associating with him Major Charles Carroll, Col. William Fitzhugh and Col. Hilton, made large purchases of land in Livingston County, near Dansville. In 1802, with Col. Fitzhugh and Major Carroll, he purchased the "100 acre or Allan Mill Tract" (in what is now called Rochester, at that time called Falls Town), for seventeen and a half dollars (\$17.50) per acre. In May, 1810, having closed up his business in Maryland, he first became a resident of Western New-York, and, removing to Dansville with his family, occupied his purchase there. Here he remained five years, and erected a large paper mill, and made many improvements.

The purchases were not on joint account excepting the 100 acre tract

In 1815, having disposed of his interests in Dansville, he removed to a large and well-improved farm^s in Bloomfield, Ontario County. After staying here for three years, during which time he constantly visited the Falls of the Genesee and his property there, laying it out into lots to be brought into the market, he, in April, 1818, took up his residence there, the town in the interim having been called after him, "ROCHESTER."

In 1816, he was a second time an Elector of President and Vice-President.

Monroe

In January, 1817, he was secretary of the important convention at Canandaigua which urged the construction of the Erie Canal. During this year he went to Albany, N. Y., as an agent of the petitioners for the erection of what is now known as Monroe County, but was not successful till the year 1821 in obtaining its accomplishment. He was the first Clerk of the new County, and also its first representative in the State Legislature, 1821-'2. In 1824, he was one of the commission for taking subscriptions to the capital stock of the Bank of Rochester, and, upon the organization of the institution, was unanimously elected its President. He resigned this position the December following on account of an impaired physical constitution and the increasing infirmities of age.