

Stiles B. Ellsworth Dead

Died--at his residence in Conewango, Thursday, October 6, Stiles B. Ellsworth, from the effects of wounds received in the late rebellion.

Mr. Ellsworth has for many years been a leading man in business and political circles. He was a pronounced Democrat and although his party was hopelessly in the minority in Conewango, he was often called to fill the most important offices, and was for several years its representative on the board of supervisors.

Stiles B. Ellsworth, only son of Benjamin Ellsworth, was born in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N.Y., Feb. 6, 1832. His father, Benjamin Ellsworth, a Connecticut farmer, was born in East Windsor, in that state, Dec. 25, 17???. At an early day he migrated to western New York and in May, 1840, settled in Conewango, Cattaraugus county, where he remained until his death, Nov. 8, 1871. His wife was Calista Day, daughter of Judge Day, of Vermont. Their children were M. Eliza, Stiles B., and Frances A.

The son, Stiles B., to whom this sketch has reference, received the rudiments of his education at the common school, and completed it at the Fredonia academy. He early learned civil engineering, and has since practiced the profession with scarcely any intermission until about 1873. Since he removed with his parents to Conewango, he has lived there on the farm on which his father lived and died.

In 1862 he enlisted as private in Company K, of the 154th New York, and served with that regiment through some of the most memorable campaigns of the war of the rebellion. At the battle of Chancellorsville, May 2, 1863, he received three wounds, and was left for dead on that bloody field. There he laid for four days without food or medical attendance, and fell into the hands of the enemy. After a time he was exchanged, and rejoined his regiment at Chattanooga, Tenn., in time to participate in the campaign extending from Chattanooga to Atlanta. During his term of service he earned and received promotion to the grade of first lieutenant.

He has been twice married; first, Jan. ?, 1856(?), to Victoria Jenks, who died Aug. 13, 1867; second, Oct. 14, 1869, to Betsey M., daughter of Daniel W. Gardner. Since the close of his services in the army he has been very successfully engaged in mercantile business.

He was buried at Rutledge by the Masonic fraternity, of which he had been for years an honored member.