

was of Scotch descent, and was born in the State of Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1767. He married Miss Temperance Spencer, Sept. 29, 1791, and in that year settled in Colchester, Conn. In 1833 he removed to Copake, N. Y., where his wife died in 1834. In 1835 he moved to Connewango, Cattaraugus Co., and settled upon a farm, where he died, April 14, 1844, having married Mrs. Mary G. Kelly in 1836, who was a daughter of W. Dudley and Sally Noyes, of Leon, N. Y. She died Jan 17, 1865.

Mr. Bigelow was many years a Baptist minister, and always a strong pillar in that church. He helped to organize the first Baptist Church in his town. He was familiarly known as Deacon Bigelow. He was a man of earnest piety and great worth. His son, John S. Bigelow, father of Wells J., was born in Colchester, Conn., March 14, 1807. In 1833 he removed to Napoli, and in 1837 settled in Connewango, where he died, March 26, 1866. In 1829 he was married to Miss Caroline A. Wells, a lady highly esteemed, who was born in Colchester, Conn., Feb. 12, 1810, and is now living in Connewango. Her father, Asa Wells, was born in Colchester, Conn., and died in Middle Haddam, in 1834. His wife, Betsey Treadway, was born in Colchester, Conn., and died in 1838.

Wells J. Bigelow, whose portrait may be seen upon another page of this work, was born in Colchester, Conn., Nov. 15, 1830, and came with his parents to this county in 1833. Jan. 1, 1852, he married Miss Laura P. Wood, a lady of much worth, daughter of Gaius and Juliana M. Wood. Gaius Wood was a son of Gen. Seth Wood, who was born in Woodstock, Vt., and came to Connewango in 1822, settling on lot 15. He removed to Ravenna, Ohio, in 1832, where he died in 1842. His wife, Priscilla Randall, was born in Woodstock, Vt., and died in Connewango, N. Y., in February, 1853. Gaius was born in

Connawango. In 1826 he went to Jefferson Co., N. Y., where he remained until 1832, when he returned to Connawango. He removed to Kirtland, Ohio, in 1837, thence to Missouri in 1838, and to New Hartford, Ill., in 1839. The same year he removed to Connawango, where he died Oct. 15, 1876. He was married, Nov. 9, 1827, to Miss Juliana M. Brown, of Watertown, N. Y. Her grandfather, Elijah Fields, was a Revolutionary soldier during the entire war. He was of English descent, and born in Connecticut. After the close of the war he settled in Woodstock, Vt., and in 1806 he removed to Watertown, N. Y., where he died. His daughter, Philena Fields, mother of Juliana M. Brown, was born in Woodstock, Vt., Aug. 29, 1786, and was married to Robert Brown, of Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1808, who died Oct. 31, 1810. May 11, 1811, she was married to Felix, a brother of Robert Brown, who died Jan. 2, 1822. In 1823 she married George Frisbee, of Watertown, N. Y. They moved to Connawango, N. Y., in 1832, where they both died, Mrs. Frisbee April 13, 1864, and Mr. Frisbee Feb. 25, 1868. Juliana M. Brown, daughter of Robert and Philena Brown, and mother of Mrs. Wells J. Bigelow, was born in Watertown, N. Y., June 1, 1809, and died in Connawango Jan. 23, 1872. Carrie J. Bigelow, daughter of Wells J. and Laura P. Bigelow, was born in Connawango, N. Y., July 10, 1867.

Mr. W. J. Bigelow received a good common-school education, and pursued the business of farming until six years ago, since which time he has been engaged in operating factories for the manufacture of butter and cheese, owning the factories, and receiving the milk of one thousand cows. He is a master of his business, and is considered one of the best factory-men in the county. He is thorough and methodical in his business, and has the entire confidence of the people as being strictly honorable in all his dealings.

STILES B. ELLSWORTH.

Stiles B. Ellsworth, only son of Benjamin Ellsworth, was born in Ellington, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Feb. 6, 1832. His father, Benjamin Ellsworth, a Connecticut farmer, was born in East Windsor, in that State, Dec. 25, 1793. At an early day he migrated to Western New York, and in May, 1840, settled in Connawango, Cattaraugus Co., 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 Connawango, 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. 1, 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 service in the army he has been very successfully engaged in mercantile business.

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