

Weller Family History - 36

9. William (3/22/1801-3/22/1865) married 2/17/1831 to Gertrude Holmes (b.8/12/1804); They had four children. He died from a hemorrhage of the stomach.
10. Chloe (8/16/1803-12/30/1865) named after Dan's sister, married 9/25/1823 to Oliver Babcock (b.11/18/1795).
11. Eliza (3/1/1807-2/15/1881) she married first 2/20/1826 to Rufus H. Knight (b. 9/29/1799); after his death, she married 2nd 9/9/1832 to Sandford Archer (7/28/1790-6/2/1878) Sandford & Eliza had six children

Ira Weller (2/18/1787-3/26/1866) In the 1855 and 1860 census Ira is listed as being born in Conn., probably Sharon. He moved to Fort Ann, N.Y. before 1800 with his father. On 10/10/1811 he married **SALLY WINEGAR** of Ft. Ann. They lived about where the graves of Dan & Lucinda are located on what is now route 4. Ira owned quite a bit of real-estate in Fort Ann; in the 1863 map he is shown to have a second lot; this lot was the first Weller property on what was to become the "Weller Road" (see 1863 map). When the "Saratoga & Whitehall" (now Delaware & Hudson) Railroad went though he sold land to them. In the 1860 census Ira is listed as being a farmer and owning \$3,000 worth of real estate. He was probably also a surveyor. Around 1848 a Dr. Asa Fitch traveled the Washington, Co. area interviewing early settlers. He interviewed a "Mr.Weller", surveyor, living in Ft, Ann; by the location and events mentioned in the interview, this was no doubt Ira. In a mid nineteenth century book of land conditions of the Washington County area, a "Mr.Weller" is mentioned as being in charge of construction of public works in Fort Ann, and stating the condition of land near Wood Creek and the canal - again probably Ira. Ira and Sally had a daughter Eliza who died at one year of age when her clothes caught fire in the fireplace; In back of Dan and Lucinda's graves is a small unmarked grave, as she would have been the first Weller to die in Ft. Ann I strongly believe this is her grave. Ira died 3/26/1866 from cancer, Sally died two years after (3/2/1868) from paralysis.

Below is the previously mentioned October 1848 interview found in the book Their Own Voices:

In October, 1848, Dr. Fitch interviewed Mr. Weller, "a surveyor living one mile northeast of Fort Ann Village." For Weller's generation, born after the Revolution, relics and memories of the war were only curiosities.

Mr. Weller:

Seven or eight of the British killed in the encounter of July Eighth, Seventeen Hundred and Seventy- seven [when Burgoyne took Fort Ann] were buried near the summit of Battle Hill. Major Beach, who was in the engagement, settled in Benson, Vermont. He used to come down here almost every year, for several years in succession when he was an old man, and spend a day or two with Father, who owned the land, in walking over its ground and relating what he recollected of the battle. Major Beach pointed out the burial spot on the hill. On digging down where he said, we found six or eight skulls, bones enough to fill a bushel basket, leather stocks, etcetera. These we reinterred on the same spot except one skull; this had a bullet hole in it a little above the right eye. The bullet entered the frontal sinus and pursued it upwards, separating the two tables of the skull a few inches and was still remaining wedged in the skull in that situation, flattened nearly as thin as a half-dollar piece. I took this skull to New York, in Eighteen Hundred and Seventeen, and deposited it in Peale's Museum, receiving a free admission ticket to the museum therefore while I stayed in New York.