

be too highly estimated. Entering that body with more influence, perhaps, than was ever accorded to one of his age before, with talents of the highest order, with a mind stored with all the learning of his profession and matured by a wide practice, as well as early cultivation, he was ever ready to throw his whole weight into the scale of humanity. The right of trial by jury to persons claimed as slaves was gained almost without opposition, not only because his arguments were unanswerable, but because it was he who urged them. Few lawyers cared to measure a lance with one whose choice of position was proof that it was impregnable and politicians cared as little to oppose one well known to monopolize the affection and trust of the western counties. His report exhausts the subject, and whenever, in any state, that right is to be battled for again, the weapons and the shield are provided for the champion."

960. DANIEL WELLS ALVORD (*Elijah, Caleb, Elijah, John, Thomas, Alexander*), born Greenfield, Mass., Oct. 21, 1816; died Spring Hill, Va., Aug. 3, 1871; married 1st, Greenfield, Mass., May 10, 1843, Caroline Matilda Clapp, daughter of Henry Wells and Eliza (Baldwin) Clapp. She was born New York City, Feb 1, 1824; died Greenfield, Mass., Sept. 17, 1846. He married 2nd, Northampton, Mass., June 7, 1859, Caroline Betts Dewey, daughter of Judge Charles Augustus and Caroline (Clinton) Dewey. She was born Northampton, Mass., Mar. 26, 1827; died Hamilton, Mass., Apr. 4, 1893. Res. Greenfield, Mass. Children:

- 1858. Henry Elijah, b. Greenfield, Mass., Mar. 11, 1844.
- 1859. Wells, b. Greenfield, Mass., Oct. 9, 1845; d. Oct. 12, 1845.
- 1860. Caroline Matilda Clapp, b. Greenfield, Mass., Sept. 17, 1846.
- 1861. Charles Dewey, b. Greenfield, Mass., Mar. 26, 1860; d. Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 27, 1888; a teacher in Atlanta University.
- 1862. James Church, b. Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 24, 1862.
- 1863. Mary, b. Greenfield, Mass., Oct. 9, 1863; d. Spring Hill, Va., Mar. 5, 1870.
- 1864. Clinton, b. Greenfield, Mass., Nov. 9, 1865.
- 1865. Clarence Walworth, b. Greenfield, Mass., May 21, 1868.

Daniel Wells Alvord prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H., and graduated at Union College in 1838. He studied law with the late Chief Justice Daniel Wells at Greenfield, Mass., and at the Cambridge Law School, was admitted to the bar in 1841, after which he began to practice law at Greenfield, Mass. He was commissioner of insolvency for the county of Franklin from 1848 until 1853. He represented the town of Montague—in which he did not reside—in the Constitutional Convention of 1853, and was senator for Franklin Co. in 1854. He was chosen District Attorney for the North-West Judicial District in 1856, which office he held