

Bio: Vincent Conkling and Sarah Mathews

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Jonathan Stoddard Conkling, with his wife, Juliana Sayre, and three children, Ebenezer, Joseph, and Stoddard, came from Bloomington, Orange County, N. Y., in 1791. A daughter, Susannah, born in 1793, was the first death among the white families. Their other children were William, born in 1794; Vincent, born in 1802; Elizabeth Trowbridge, born in 1797; Rebecca Maxwell, born in 1800; and Susan Hetfield, born in 1805. The family all lived and died in this county, except Elizabeth, who moved to Michigan at an early day, **Capt. Vincent Conkling and Sarah W. Mathews, daughter of James Matthews, of Southport, were married in 1829, and nine children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy and six grew to manhood, viz.: James M., Fletcher V., Stoddard H., and Hammond M. Susan E. Gue and Rebecca M. Satterly reside in North Carolina and Hammond died in 1881.** Vincent Conkling, son of Jonathan Stoddard and Juliana, was born October 10, 1802, and in 1823 he opened the first tavern in the house built by his father and the same in which he was born, upon the site of the present Hoffman Hotel. He continued in business for six years. In 1826 he opened a dry goods and grocery establishment, and in 1837 built the first flouring and grist-mill. He was at one time the largest landowner in this section. Mr. Conkling was made a Mason in 1826 in Elmira and was a charter member of Union Lodge of that city. When the bill was pending in the State legislature for the construction of the Chemung Canal he took a team, went to Blossburg before there were any bridges across the Canisteo or Tioga Rivers, obtained a wagon-load of coal, and sent it to Albany in a wagon for the inspection of the Committee on Canals. He was a captain in the light-horse militia, whence his title as captain. Vincent Conkling died November 13, 1887. His wife Sarah died in May, 1890. Sarah W. Mathews was a granddaughter of Lebens Hammond, who survived the Wyoming massacre. He lived and died in Southport. His grandson, Hammond Mathews, is still living on the old farm.

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