

Robert Bigelow

This may not be our
Robert Bigelow.

However, the residence at
Entrance, is given as
Norfolk, Conn. in
his sketch & in our
Catalogue

This sketch may be filed
with this note until
we can get more
news.

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CLASS OF 1823

ROBERT BIGELOW

Son of Benjamin and Eunice (Aiken) Bigelow, was born in Norfolk, Conn., October 17, 1797.

He was a graduate of Yale College, and some time after graduation he moved to Virginia and was a professor in a college; after a few years' residence in Virginia he moved to Georgia where he engaged in teaching. Later he moved to Jacksonville, Fla., and engaged in mercantile business. He entered the military service of the United States as Quartermaster in the Seminole War, and served to its close. He then purchases two plantations on the St. John's River, a few miles from Jacksonville, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a slaveholder, but treated his slaves kindly and humanely. He took no part in the late Civil War, though he was a strong Southern man in principles, and believed that the Southern States had many causes for discontent. He did not approve of secession, but thought the remedies could be obtained otherwise. He was a highly intellectual man, a great reader and possessed a remarkable memory. He was very familiar with county, state, and international law, and his opinion regarding law and public affairs was much sought after. He was highly respected, honest and just in his dealings; he was kind and affable to all. For many years prior to his death he resided on his plantation on the east side of the St. John's River, known as Floral Bluff.

He married April 3, 1832, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Broadalbane, a native of Florida. She was born December 12, 1805.

He died August 8, 1868.

Their children were born at Jacksonville:

1. Minerva--born July 21, 1833; married George A. Turknett, Sept. 4, 1861; died Dec. 7, 1868.
2. Robert John--born Jan. 14, 1835; married Stella Ward, resides at Ocoee, Fla.
3. Eugene--born July 11, 1837; married Anna F. Turknett
4. Benjamin--born June 10, 1839; died Dec. , 1840
5. Annette--married about 1876 Dr. William B. Cleveland. Resides at Chicago.
6. Lucien B.--mercantile business at Joplin.
7. Alexander B.--business at Lake City, Fla.

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ROBERT BIGELOW, 1823, of Norfolk, Conn., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
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