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Speech of Chessel den Ellis, of New York, on the  
Annexation of Texas delivered in the House of  
Representatives, January 25, 1845. Printed  
at the Globe Office, Washington, D.C. 1845.  
Pamphlet 13 pp.

1823 Ellis, Chesselden

Married: In Waterford, at Grace Church, on the 7th inst. by the Rev. Cyrus Stebbins, Chesselden Ellis, esq., to Miss Ann Eliza Vibbard, daughter of Mr. John Vibbard, all of the same place.-New-York State Journal, Troy, March 3, 1836

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CRESSELDEN ELLIS, a Representative from New York; born in New Windsor, Vt., in 1808; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1823; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1829, and practiced; district attorney of Saratoga county, N. Y. from 1837 until his resignation in 1843; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Twenty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law in New York City, where he died in 1854.

Above information from Congress of the United States, Joint Committee on Printing, Washington.  
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1823 CHESELLEN ELLIS.

DIED: At Waterford, on the morning of the 25th inst.,  
Ann Eliza, wife of Hon. Chesselden Ellis, of organic  
affection of the heart in the 43rd year of her age.

Daily Albany Argus, May 27, 1845 & June 18, 1845.

Who was a resident of Saratoga county for many years and served in Congress from 1843 to 1845, was born at New Windsor (Vt.) in 1808. He was graduated from Union College in 1823, read law with Hon. John Cramer, of Waterford, and was admitted to the bar in 1829. He served as district attorney from 1837 to 1843, when he resigned to take his seat in Congress, to which he had been elected by the Democratic party of his district. In 1845 he removed to New York City, where he practiced law until his death in 1854.

He was a vigorous debater, warmly admired John C. Calhoun, and had great personal influence with President Tyler. Mr. Ellis was a man of splendid physique, great intellectual ability and fine literary tastes.

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Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester

Richmond, Ind.

1893.

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CHESSULDEN ELLIS

District Attorney Chesselden Ellis was born in New Windsor, Vt., in the year 1808. He was graduated from Union College in the Class of 1823, and having studied law with Hon. John Cramer of Waterford, he was admitted to the bar in 1829, and soon established a lucrative practice in his profession. Naturally diffident, although a vigorous debater when aroused, he preferred to be known as a counselor than as an advocate. He had a keen bright eye that would dilate as he became engaged, and its glance would seem to penetrate through the subject upon which it was directed. He was five feet, nine inches in height, of splendid physique, weighing about 180 pounds. To a sound body was united a mind strongly imbued with fine literary tastes. He was appointed district attorney April 25, 1837, on the resignation of Nicholas Hill, jr., and held the office until September 11, 1843, when he resigned to take his seat in Congress. Mainly through the unsought personal influence of his law partner, Gen. E. F. Bullard, he was nominated for Congress by the Democratic party in 1842 and was elected. When congratulated on his election he said that he was "frightened at the prospect." A strong admirer of John C. Calhoun, he was the only congressman from this state who was on intimate terms with the great South Carolinian, and he voted in favor of the annexation of Texas by joint resolution. He had great personal influence with President Tyler; and, on the death of Judge Smith Thompson, the appointment of the vacant place on the Supreme Court bench was placed at his disposal; he designated Judge Cowen, but the latter declined the honor. Chancellor Walworth was then appointed, but was finally rejected by the Senate on political grounds. The place was subsequently filled by President Polk who appointed Judge Samuel Nelson, Mr. Ellis was a candidate for re-election in the exciting campaign of 1844, but was defeated by a small majority by the Whig candidate, Hon. Hugh White. In 1845, he removed to New York City and established himself in the practice of the law at the head of the legal firm of Ellis, Burrill and Davison. (The latter is Charles A. Davison, son of Gideon M. Davison, of Saratoga Springs.) He died in 1854.

FROM The Bench and Bar of Saratoga County  
Enos R. Mann  
Waterbury & Inman  
Ballston 1876.

CHESELLEN ELLIS

Was born in the State of Vermont, at New Windsor, in the year 1808. He was graduated from Union College in 1823, studied law with the Hon. John Cramer, of Waterford, and was admitted to the bar in 1829. He soon attained to a remunerative practice, but preferred to be known as a counsellor rather than as an advocate. Upon the resignation of Nicholas Hill, Jr., in 1837, he was appointed district attorney. He held office until September 11, 1843, then resigning to take his seat in Congress. General E. F. Bullard, his law partner, used his influence in securing for Mr. Ellis the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1842. He was elected. In 1844 he was a candidate for re-election, but was defeated by the Whig candidate, Hon. Hugh White. In 1845 he removed to New York City, and resumed the practice of his profession as senior of the firm of Ellis, Burrill and Davison, which he continued uninter- ruptedly until his death, which occurred in 1854.

His personnel is thus described: He was five feet nine inches in height, of splendid physique, weighing about one hundred and eighty pounds. To a sound body was united a mind strongly imbued with fine literary tastes. He was naturally diffident, but a vigorous debater when aroused. He was a great admirer of Calhoun, and when in Congress was on intimate terms with the great "Nullifier". His personal influence with President Tyler was also great; sufficiently so, at least, as to place at his disposal the vacant seat on the Supreme Court bench, rendered vacant by the death of Judge Thompson. He designated Judge Cowen, who declined; Chancellor Walworth was appointed, but rejected by the Senate; and Judge Nelson was subse- quently appointed by President Polk.

FROM History of Saratoga County Sylvester 1878.  
Page 342.

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Biographical  
Directory  
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1047 East 3rd Street

Brooklyn, New York 11230

July 11, 1979.

Dear Mr. Kooper:

I received your letter of July 6th, with the enclosure, in which I thank you. The firm has asked me to say your efforts in its behalf are appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Barry D. Douglas of the

Barclays County Thoroughbred Association  
compiled a history of politics in that county, a "who-ny" of Eldon is included therein. Some additional information is given. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

~~Barry D. Douglas~~

Mr. Leslie A. Kooper

Alumni Office, Union College,

Schenectady, New York 12308.

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July 6, 1979

Mr. Frederick L. Carver  
1047 East 3rd. Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Dear Mr. Carver:

In reply to your recent letter, I am enclosing  
xerox copies of information we have in our file  
on Rhesselden Ellis.

I have been unable to locate a picture of Mr.  
Ellis for you. I hope this will be helpful to  
you in your research.

Sincerely,

Cecelia A. Kieffer

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