CHESTER BEALE

Chester Beale was the son of Lewis Beale, captain in the Revolutionary War. He was born at North East, Dutchess County, New York, in 1796, whence he removed to Austerlitz, Columbia County in 1804, being eight years of age. He graduated at Union College in 1815, studied law with Elisha Williams in the city of Hudson, was admitted to practice in 1818, and married the same year.

While in college he held the military rank of captain. Before his graduation he was drafted to serve in the War of 1812-14, and with the militia marched in the expedition to Sackett's Harbor. He returned and finished his college course, graduating in 1815. He married Clarissa Wainwright of Great Barrington, Mass., who was a cousin of the Rt. Rev. Jonathan Wainwright, formerly Bishop of the diocese of New York, and reared a family of four children, of whom only three survive at this writing, viz., Charles L. (Union 1844), Sidney C., and Francis L., a maiden lady.

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