

Enfield  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862  
To the  
Chairman of the Pomplun's County  
Congressional Convention Delegation  
Sir,  
As I shall  
be unable to appear as one of  
the Chosen Delegates to the  
Congressional Convention  
I would suggest as my substitute  
Samuel V. Graham Esq. of Enfield  
who will most heartily abide by  
the instructions of the Convention  
by which I was appointed, and  
who will earnestly cooperate with  
you in securing the nomination of  
Hon. D. Boardman.  
I am very respectfully yours  
William E. Bostwick

Who was William Lucas Bostwick and Samuel V. Graham. William was Enfield Town Supervisor for two years starting in 1861 at the age of 24 years old. He farmed in Enfield located on Enfield Center Road. He purchased two lots on South Albany Street in Ithaca in 1874. He was one of the owners of Military Lot #69, where our current Enfield Highway Garage sits, 475 Enfield Main Road. He was elected to the state legislature in 1874 and involved in the first compulsory education law. He was a Ithaca Town Supervisor in 1867 and county Assemblymen in 1875. He died in 1896. There is more of his life at Findagrave.com.

Samuel was Enfield Town Supervisor - 1857 - 58 and then 1868 - 70. He owned a farm on Bostwick Road. In the summer of 1862 US Civil War, he was one of the members of the committee to help raise a regiment from the town of Enfield. Members of the committee were W.L. Bostwick, Samuel V. Graham, Joseph Rolfe, L. H, Van Kirk, Henry Brewer. He was brother of Sarah Graham Palmer Young, "Aunt Becky Civil War Nurse". Samuel was married to Ann Elizabeth, they had 5 children. He died in 1895. A diary of Samuel's can be found in our public document section at:

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