

Upon the incorporation of the new town of Ashland, in 1846, which act included a portion of Framingham, as well as of Holliston and Hopkinton, he was elected its first town clerk, and some of his neatly written "marriage publications," which were posted on the church doors, are still in existence. He also held the offices of school committee and assessor.

Of the Congregational parish he was the clerk several years, and also chorister of the village choir, faithfully attending the Saturday night "sings" in the chapel; he was proficient on the single (and double) bass-viol, which he played at the dedication of the Baptist church in Framingham Center, January 1, 1827, and in later choirs.

In October, 1853, he sold the homestead after 21 years of occupancy, and removed to Clinton, where he adopted the profession of accountant, serving several years as clerk for Messrs. Parker & Palmer, machine manufacturers, and for 21 years as clerk and paymaster for the Clinton Wire Cloth company. He was a member of the Clinton School Board several years, serving as chairman for a time; he was also elected a town assessor; for many years he was a deacon in the Congregational church in Clinton. He there died Feb. 9, 1878, and on March 15, 1887, his widow followed him, their burial being in the family lot in Wildwood cemetery in Ashland, from which eminence a full view is had of the valley in which was situated the ancestral home.

Wellington Evarts, born in Framingham, January 19, 1835; he attended the public schools and at Framingham Academy; in May, 1853, he went to Clinton, taking a position in the office of the Bigelow Carpet Company; he was later paymaster at the Lancaster Quilt Company's mill, and afterwards assistant treasurer of the Clinton Savings Bank. He held the office of town clerk 6 years, and for 15 years has been a member of the school board; he has also filled the offices of town treasurer, library director and assessor, and for four years was the superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School; he represented the Worcester 13th district four years in the Legislature, in the sessions of 1890, '91, '92 and '93, serving as House Chairman of the joint committee on Education, also of Public Charitable Institutions, also as chairman of the state legislative delegation to the Chicago World's Fair, visiting in the