

THE KING FAMILY.

The first that we hear of the King family of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is in Rhode Island in 1769. Ward and Wanton King were twin brothers. Ward removed to Massachusetts, where he married Sally Walker, who was born in New Hampshire. They lived in Massachusetts until they had a family of eight children, when Ward and Wanton (Romulus and Remus like), started for the far west to locate the site of their future homes. They bid adieu to their friends on the 3d of February, 1817, and with three ox teams and sleds made their journey across the state of New York to Chautauqua county in twenty days, where they landed in the town of Ellington on the 23d of the same month. Their site was chosen, not by the flight of birds, but from the beautiful flats that skirt the valley of the Conewango creek on its western border, near Cherry creek, one of its tributaries. This valley, about four miles wide and twenty miles long, is the bed of an ancient lake, which became drained off from washing away of the outlet at Waterborough. Here the hills are over one hundred feet high with rapid descent to water's edge. Below this outlet the stream for half a mile is called the Conewango Rapids. From Cherry Creek to the outlet of this defunct lake is about ten miles, yet the winding, vermicular course of the Conewango measured a distance of about thirty miles. In the bed of this stream, fifteen feet below the surface, are seen the bodies of trees sticking out from the banks in a state of complete preservation. The ages only can tell when those water-soaked trees found their final resting place in the bottom of that beautiful sheet of water, on whose bosom that