CLASS OF 1799

LEVI H. PALMER

County Clerk Levi H. Palmer was a son of Judge Beriah Palmer of Ballston, and was graduated from Union College in the class of 1799. He studied law, and practiced his profession for several years at Ballston Spa, living and having his office in the house near the west end of Front street, now owned by Miss Catherine Bradley. He was appointed clerk March 5, 1813, and held the office two years; he removed the records to Ballston Spa and kept them in his law office. He was largely engaged in suits involving patent land titles and suits in partition. Subsequently, he removed to Albany and continued his profession.

FROM The Bench and Bar of Saratoga County
Enos F. Mann
Waterbury & Inman
Ballston, N. Y. 1876

LEVI H. PALMER, Esq., 1799, a resident of New York City, was a member of the Philomathean Society.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.
Dear Sir:

I have a handwritten notebook from August 21st 1796 in Union College - Schenectady. I believe it belonged to a Levi H. Palmer. It is a notebook in his handwriting on math. There are problems and answers. The last numbered page is 126. Some pages are missing - 1-6 plus possibly some after page 126.

I believe Union College was founded in 1795, so I was wondering what you could tell me about Levi H. Palmer if anything. At the end of the book there is another name - it says Bagga Book, however I believe it belonged to Levi H. Palmer as his name was written on the top of page 9 (the second page in book). Any information you can give me would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harry W. C. Oberg

R.D. #1

Hamden, NY 13782

Delaware County
Seth H. Palmer 1759

son Judge DeWitt Palmer of Ballston

Esq. Clark Sandage Co. — 1813 - 15

late Albany — N.Y. C. —

member of Philomathian

1850
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Dear Mr. Oberg:

Your letter of October 19 has been referred to me.

According to our records here, Levi Palmer, Class of 1799, was a native of Ballston, N. Y., the son of Judge Beriah Palmer of Ballston. He was a member of Philomathean, a college "literary" society. After his graduation he read law and practiced from an office in his home on Front Street in Ballston. In 1813 he was appointed County Clerk of Saratoga County, a post he relinquished in 1815. He later removed to Albany, where he practiced law as a specialist in land titles and patents (the latter, I surmise, being land patents rather than the invention kind). I find a later reference to him, dated 1830, which locates him in New York City. He died in Albany in 1850.

We have no record of anyone named Baggs who might have been a collegiate contemporary.

Perhaps I should add that is probably obvious: if you ever seek another home for the notebook, we would be happy to add it to our collections of memorabilia related to the early history of Union College.

I hope this has been helpful.

Sincerely,

Bernard R. Garman  
Director of Publications  
and Public Relations

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