

GUSTAVUS ABEEL

Hon. A. M. Rutgers 1829

Newark, N. J.

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Clergyman, R. C. A. President, General Synod, 1852. Trustee,
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ABEEL, GUSTAVUS, (s. of J. N. Abeel.) U.C. 1823, N.B.S. 1824, l. Cl. N.B. 1824; English Neighborhood, 1824-8, (also Miss. at Hoboken,) Belleville, 1828-34, Geneva, 1834-49, Newark, 2d, 1840-64, resigned, w. c. S.T.D. by C.C., 1842, by U.C., 18—. Elected a trustee R.C., 1845.

Abeel, John N., b. at New-York, 1768, C.N.J. 1787, stud. theol. with Livingston and Witherspoon, l. Cl. N.Y. 1793; tutor in C.N.J. 1791-3; (Philadelphia, Arch st. Presb., 1794-5,) New-York, 1795-1812, d. Jan. 19. Elected a trustee of Columbia Coll. 1799, and a trustee of Queen's Coll. 1808.

Rev. Gustavus Abeel - Union 1823 has a Biographical Sketch in the Gen.Synod Min.Refd.Church. June 1888 at page 677.

From New Brunswick Hist. Sem. cat. 1784-1911.
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appointed Trustee of Rutgers in 1845 Rutgers Cat. p.16.

(Rev.) * Gustavus Abeel. *Trustee Hobart College 1836-1838*
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disposition, humility and Christ-like qualities, has won and retained unto the end the regard and love of all." (1)

His ministerial life in Holland, Europe, and this country, covered a period of nearly twenty-nine years.

The Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., died on Sunday, September 4, 1887, in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

Gustavus Abeel was the son of the late Rev. J. N. Abeel, and was born in the city of New York, June 6, 1801. He was graduated (according to the "Manual") from Union College, in 1823, and from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1824, and was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick that year.

His pastoral charges were English Neighborhood, Belleville, Geneva, and the Second Church of Newark.

His pastoral work continued for a period of forty years, and his ministry sixty-three years.

During his life the most important events in the history of our land, and of other lands, whether temporal or spiritual, occurred. He was influential as a minister in our denomination, and devoted to its interests and beloved by other denominations.

From the *Christian Intelligencer* of October 5, after favorable accounts of the work he accomplished at Geneva, N. Y., and as pastor of the Second Church of Newark, N. J., we quote the following: "Dr. Abeel received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the College of New York, now Columbia, and afterwards from Rutgers College, of which latter institution he was made a trustee in 1851.

"Although his publications were few, comprising as they did only a pamphlet on the Church and a few tracts and sermons, Dr. Abeel was a profound thinker, and a clear expounder of Gospel truth. It was, however, in his parish work that he will be perhaps best remembered.

"His relations with his people were such that they loved and revered him. The calm consistency of his life, his quiet and dignified yet always courteous manner, the word of advice or admonition when needed, or consolation so tenderly and sympathetically spoken, all endeared him greatly to his people, as many letters now in the possession of his family testify. * * * This venerable clergyman, in the little

village of Stamford, in Delaware County, nestled amid the everlasting hills of the great commonwealth he loved so well, and tended by the loving care of his daughters, quietly breathed his last and gently passed from the life here into the life immortal."

From: Minutes of the General Synod
W. N. P. Dailey '84 sent the clipping.

Gustavus Abeel Union College 1823

Gustavus Abeel was born on March 20, 1799 in the city of New York. He was the son of the reverend John Neilson Abeel, pastor of the Collegiate Church of New York. Colonel James S Abeel who served in the Revolution was the Grandfather of Gustavus.

In 1823 G.A. received the degree of A B at Union. In 1824 he was at the Seminary in New Brunswick. From the records here it seems that he was given the degree of M. A. at Union in 1826.

He served as minister the following communities in the following order: Bergen County N.J., Belleville N.J., Geneva N.Y., and finally the Second Reformed Church in Elizabeth N.J. In the last named he served from 1844 -64.

In 1864 he retired from active work. In 1887 he died while spending the Summer at Stamford N.Y. on September the Fourth.

In 1842 he received the degree of S.T.D. from Columbia. From 1845 until his death in 1887 he was a Trustee of Rutgers College.

The information comes from copies of death notices in the files of the Rutgers Library listed under "Trustees"

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Publications: A pamphlet on the church. A few tracts and sermons. A poem "The Departed to the Bereaved"--in "Ch. Int." July 26, 1855. Sermon on "Systematic Benevolence," in "Ch. Int.," Oct. 9, 1856. Decennial sermon at Newark, May 6, 1860, in "Ch. Int.," Aug. 2. Sermon at funeral of Rev. Jas. Scott, 1858.

Manual of the Reformed Church in America p. 293
E. T. Corwin
1628-1902

In addition to the information in the Biographical Record concerning Reverend Gustavus Abeel of the class of 1823 at Union, I have learned that he died at Stamford, New York. *From - New Brunswick Theol. Sem. Oct. 1933*