Rev. Cornelius D. Schermerhorn, son of Capt. Daniel C. Schermerhorn and Maria Vanderpoel; born January 27, 1776; died 1827, in Walsingham, Canada West, Canada; buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.; married June 3, 1804, in Schodack, Katy Brandow, daughter of Peter Brandow. She died March 4, 1827, in Walsingham, Canada.

Children:

Daniel, b. May 21, 1805; m. 1807; d. Feb. 23, 1860. Judge Cornelius Petrie, b. May 2, 1808; m. Wood; no issue.
Aaron Winne, b. July 27, 1813; bp. in Prattsville; m. Mary A. Pack.
Rev. Henry Ostrander, b. July 10, 1815; bp. in Oak Hill; d. Sept. 22, 1854; m. Sept. 1854, Henrietta Martin; no issue.
Harriet Catharine, b. Sept. 5, 1817; d. May 21, 1892; m. Jan. 2, 1845, Ambrose Stevens.
Anna Maria, b. Dec. 4, 1820; m. (1) John Vanderheyden Schermerhorn; m. (2) in Michigan, Lawton.
Eliza, b. Dec. 22, 1822; m. George Killmaster.
Isaac Vanderpoel, b. Feb. 11, 1825; m. Noble.
Nelson, b. Jan. 20, 1827; d. young.

He was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1797, with the degree of A.B. He studied for the ministry under Livingston, and was licensed in 1803. He was pastor of the Reformed Church in Prattsville, Greene Co., N.Y., in 1804, and of Oak Hill (Durham) Reformed Church, Greene Co., from November, 1809, to May 21, 1818. He was also connected with the Reformed Church at Schodack. He is said to have been settled in Canada in 1823, where he did missionary work among the Indians. He was on particularly friendly terms with Chief Brant. He remained in Canada until the time of his death in 1827, his wife dying the same year.

Daniel Schermerhorn, the eldest son, removed to Michigan where his children resided when last heard from.
Peter Schermerhorn, was a lawyer in New York City, and at the time of his death resided at No. 2 Abingdon Square, New York.
Cornelius P., was a lawyer and first practiced in Columbia County. In about 1849 he removed to New York City. He was called "Judge" although he never served in that capacity, the term being given him on account of his dictatorial manner and positiveness in conversation. In 1869 his office was at No. 44 Jane St. He practiced as a lawyer in New York for many years, retiring about 1875. His wife was a sister of Mayor Fernando Wood.

The Rev. John W. Schermerhorn was graduated from Union College in 1836 with degree of A.B. He removed to New York City about 1847. He first lived at No. 12 Union Place. He was a clergyman and teacher.

The Rev. Henry C. Schermerhorn was a clergyman in New York City. He was pastor of the Fourth Congregational Church on West 16th St., between 6th and 7th Aves., from 1848 until the time of his death. He died while upon his wedding trip.

Isaac V. Schermerhorn lived in New York City for a time, and was employed by the Harlem Railroad. He removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was still residing in 1887. He left three children.

Harriet Schermerhorn Stevens was the first of the family to live in New York City, where as early as 1838 she was a school-teacher.

Aaron Winne removed from upper New York State to New York City, and as early as 1851 conducted a grocery business at 106 6th Ave., New York City. In later life he was an employee of the Harlem Railroad. He finally removed to Kirkland, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he resided at the time of his death.

Schermerhorn Genealogy & Family Chronicles

pp. 211; 231-2; 264.
Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.
Tobias A. Wright, Pub.
New York 1914.
Born in Schoharie, 1780; Union College, 1797; studied under Livingston; licensed 1803; Schoharie Kill, 1803-1809; Blenheim, 1803-1807; S.S. Dyse's Manor 1803-1818.
He is said to have been settled in Canada in 1823. He was ready to join McDowell there as early as 1819. He died in 1830.

Manual of the Reformed Church in America
Charles W. Corwin
New York 1922.
Schermerhorn, Cornelius D., b. in Schoharie; U.C. 1797, studied under Livingston, Jr. 1800; Schoharie Kill, 1802-30, died. Pastor also at Oak Hill, 1809-1818. Refd. C. Bannister

of Schum "Schoharie" who says he died in Sayville.

"Sabin's Classic Montgomery" p. 126.
*Cornelius D. Schermerhorn*

Born at Schodack, N.Y., January 27, 1776. Son of Captain Daniel D. Schermerhorn. A.B. (Union, 1792). Studied under Livingston. Licensed 1805. Schenectady, N.Y. 1807-38. Also at Oak Hill, N.Y., 1807-18. He is said to have been settled in Canada in 1823, where he worked among the Indians. Died at Walsingham, Canada West, 1827.
The following data taken from Corwin's Manual of the Reformed (Dutch) church in America.

Sent in by W. E. Griffis, (Acting Prof. 1884), Feb 2, 1921

1797

Rev. Cornelius D. Schermerhorn was born at Schoharie, and after graduation from Union College in 1797, studied theology under Rev. John S. Livingston (a graduate of Utrecht University and one of the founders of Rutgers College). Mr. Schermerhorn was pastor at Schoharie Kill, 1802, 1830 administering to the church at Oak Hill, 1809, 1818. When McDowell, the missionary apostle to Canada, and minister in Presbyterian churches during 51 years, went to Canada in 1819, Mr. Schermerhorn was ready to go with him, and it is said he went there and labored in the gospel ministry for a time in 1825. He died in 1830
CLASS OF 1797

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He died at Walsingham, Canada West, Canada, in 1827, and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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3. Peter

4. Cornelius F.

5. Henry O.

6. Isaac V.


FROM Schermerhorn Genealogy and Family Chronicles

Richard Schermerhorn

New York 1914

Rev. CORNELIUS D. SCHERMERHORN, a graduate of the class of 1797, a resident of Canajoharie, N. Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. He was deceased by 1830.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.
REV. CORNELIUS D. SCHERMERHORN of the Reformed Dutch Church, was a member of the first class that was formed at Union College, where he graduated with high distinction in the year 1798. He became an able and zealous minister of the gospel, and founded several flourishing churches, among which were those of Gilboa, Broome, Mooresville, Blenheim, Westerlo, and Prattsville, in this State.

From: The New York Daily Tribune
October 31, 1854
A clipping from Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 5
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Manual of the Reformed Church in America p. 700
Corwin
1628-1902

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August 21, 1929

Mrs. L. E. Jackson
Women's Hotel
1515 Webster Street
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

I am enclosing copies of all the information we have concerning Cornelius D. Schermerhorn. As you can see it is rather meagre and incomplete. If you could add any information to that which we already have we should appreciate it very much. Also we should like to procure a picture if possible.

We recently had another inquiry about Cornelius Schermerhorn, from Dr. F. S. McCall of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, who is a great grandson.

Union is undenominational.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary
Reverend Cornelius Schermerhorn of the class of 1797 at Union, graduated from this Seminary in 1803. He was born in Schoharie, New York in 1780. I wish to know the month and day of his birth. He studied under Livingston and was licensed to preach in 1803. He was pastor of the church at Schoharie Kill, New York from 1802 till 1830. During part of this time he also had charge of the church at Oak Hill, New York, this was from 1809 till 1818. He is said to have been settled in Canada in 1823 and he died in 1830. If you can tell me anything more about him it will be appreciated.
August 5th, 1929

To the Registrar

Union College
Schenectady, N.Y.

My dear sir:

Among the graduates of the first class ever graduated from Union College was one named Cornelius Schermerhorn.

Can you tell me just what year he graduated and any
information concerning him?
His birthdate, parents, name, etc.

He was very great-grandfather
and I believe became a comm-
gotrial witness.

College, dishonest or
under-ministerial?

I thank you very much
for your trouble.

Very truly yours,

Willa E. Jackson

(Mr. H.E. Jackson)
April 12, 1929

Dr. F. S. McCall
10041 101st Street
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Dear Dr. McCall:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter of March 8th which the registrar of the college has handed to this office to supply the information you wished. We have been very busy with arrangements for inaugurating our new President, Dr. Frank Parker Day which has caused us to fall a little behind in our correspondence.

I have copied and am enclosing all the information we have about your great grandfather, Cornelius D. Schermierhorn. I am afraid our information is rather meagre, and as you can see inaccurate on some points. If you can give us any additional information concerning his life and work, and also verify the date and place of his death we should appreciate it very much.

Your great grandfather was a member of the first class to graduate from Union College. The college was founded in 1776 and the first degrees awarded in 1797 to your great grandfather, Joseph Sweetman, and John L. Zabriskie, all of whom entered the ministry.

We have no records that show the exact course of study in 1797 but in 1802 the course included Greek, Latin, Mathematics (through Trigonometry Sophomore year, with "higher branches" Junior year), Surveying, Mensuration, Navigation, Natural and Moral Philosophy, History, Logic, besides Locke, Dugald Stewart, Blair's Rhetoric, Sheridan's Elocution, and the Elements of Criticism. Besides these studies there were frequent exercises in English language and on each Saturday the students prepared a composition. It is probable that the course of study in the days of your great grandfather differed but little from that outlined above.

I trust that the above information will be of some use to you as will that on the enclosed sheets.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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*CORNELIUS D. SCHERMERHORN.*

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From M.B. Sted. Lem. Cat. 1784-1911.
To the Registrar,
Union College,
Phoenestary, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I believe that my great-grandfather Rev. Cornelius D. Schermerhorn was a graduate of Union College and was the first or one of the first students to graduate. I should like very much if you could verify this and give me any particulars or information available of his career at Union.

After leaving Union he was a pioneer Presbyterian missionary in Upper Canada. His field was in the Long Point district some sixty miles west of Niagara.

I shall appreciate any information that you are able to give.

Sincerely yours,

F. S. McCauley

March 8, 1929
Miss Mary Schermerhorn
Con on Alumni Records
Union College
Schenectady, N.Y.
My Dear Miss Schermerhorn,

Could you please return the attached postal with the college record of MORRIS SMITH MILLER, giving me the years attended, year of entry, degrees, and extra-curricular activities. I know for a fact that he delivered the valedictory address in 1798, entered in 1796 (3), and was a member of the Philomathean Society.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]