

CLASS OF 1821

SMITH BARKER

The death of Smith Barker, a well-known and veteran member of the bar in this city, took place at Rye, Westchester county, on Tuesday evening, 18th inst. Mr. Barker was born at White Plains in 1801, and educated at Union College, graduating in the same class with William H. Seward. He studied law in the office of the late Minott Mitchell, at White Plains, and after being admitted to the bar removed to this city, where he was soon doing a flourishing practice. He was intimately known to old New Yorkers, and was very popular among his professional brethren. The poor and distressed invariably found him a kind friend, and did not lack his assistance and services even when they were unable to pay for them. His death will occasion deep sorrow among those who knew him, and Mr. Barker was perhaps better known to the legal profession than any lawyer in New York city, although he confined himself to the office part of the practice since the code of 1848, leaving to his younger associates the business of the courts. He has drawn more wills than any man at the bar, involving millions of dollars. Smith Barker was the son of William Barker, who, besides having represented this State in the Legislature, was Treasurer of Westchester County for thirty years, until he would serve no longer. He died unmarried, and in the possession of large wealth. He was a devoted member of the Protestant Episcopal church and one of the founders of the first church for worship of that denomination at White Plains. He served as vestryman of Zion Church in this city during forty-five years, and "Smith Barker's church" was known to all. He was one of the trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary and counsel and trustee for several of our largest corporations. Political honors were offered him, but there was no office which could tempt him, and he esteemed it honor enough to be known as an honest lawyer and to be senior vestryman of Zion Church. He had selected the spot where he was to be buried, beside his father, at White Plains. A good man has fallen whose memory will not soon be forgotten. He will be buried Friday, from the Episcopal church at White Plains.

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SMITH BARKER, 1821, a resident of White Plains, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean
Society. (Died: 1866)

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