

From Tombstone Records

From: Colonial Cemetery Record, Johnstown, N. Y.

Tombstones.:

Elizabeth L. Cady
born May 20, 1806
died Aug. 16, 1826

Graduate of Union College, July 27, 1820

daughter of John Cady 1808

File in John Watts Cady, 1808

David Cady, a young surveyor from Stonington, Conn. (probably about 1780,) found his way to this part of Mohawk district, as already stated. He became agent for Watts, who subsequently purchased the Earl of Abingdon's lands, and relations of intimacy and confidence subsisted between the two until death interrupted them. David Cady married Ann, daughter of Lawrence Shuler, in 1784. Thenceforward he resided in Florida, until his death in 1818. He became a leading man in the town as merchant and farmer, honorably secured a large property, filled for a long time the offices of district justice, supervisor, and county judge, was a member of the Legislature, and held a commission as captain of militia under Gov. George Clinton, 1792. The house built by Judge Cady was regarded as quite a wonder. The carpenter's wife came to see it when done, and when the mistress remarked that their furniture had not yet arrived from Albany, exclaimed, "O dear, if I had such a house I would not care if I had't any furniture!"

The famous jurist, Daniel Cady, was in his youth for some time an inmate of this house. To that same house came also a young Englishman, who had been a commercial traveler in his early home, and here embarked, in a small way at first, in the line he knew the best, winning by industry and intelligence daily a larger sphere. Samuel Jackson, for this was his name, became a successful merchant, a wealthy capitalist and a large land owner, and won a respected place for the qualities he evinced, and that led him to so large success. He filled acceptably various town offices and was member of the Legislature, and Presidential elector. He maintained an elegant home in the town of his adoption through a very long life, and his ashes now repose in the Minaville cemetery. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Cady became partners in mercantile affairs, bought and shipped wheat to New York, receiving generous returns for their ventures.

Illustrated History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, N. Y., 1878, P. 114.
F. W. Beers & Co., New York

CADY, JOHN WATTS, a Representative from New York; born in Florida, Montgomery county, N. Y.; June 28, 1790; attended school at the Old Stone Manse at Fort Hunter and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. in 1808, studied law, was admitted to the bar in 18__; and commenced practice in Johnstown, N. Y.; Member of the state assembly in 1822; elected as a _____ to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823 - March 3, 1825); resumed the practice of law at _____; district attorney of Fulton county 18__ - 18__; county supervisor 18__ - 18__; justice of _____ 18__ - 18__; died in Johnstown, N. Y., January 5, 1854; interment in the Colonial cemetery.

*from
Congressional Printing materials*

June 25, 1948

The Rev. George B. Kinkoad
Maple Grove
Poughkeepsie 31, N.Y.

In re: your inquiry concerning John Watts Cady
and the Livingstons

Dear Mr. Kinkoad:

John Watts Cady was graduated from Union College in 1808 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He entered the office of Daniel Cady at Johnstown, and afterwards became his law partner. He died in the same town in 1854. You inquire about the "Honorable" before his name. This was undoubtedly used because he was a member of the New York Assembly in 1822 and was U.S. Representative 1823-5.

The Henry Livingston you mention may be Herman or Harmon Livingston, who attended Union but did not graduate. He would have been in class of 1811. He was the son of John and Mary Ann (LeRoy) Livingston; was born at "Oak Hill," Columbia Co., Aug. 2, 1793, and died there, May 9, 1872. In his house hung the original oil portraits of Robert Livingston, first lord of the manor, and of his wife, Alida Schuyler. His children were John Henry, Cornelia, and Herman Tong (or Thong?)

Robert Thong Livingston, also a non-graduate in class of 1811, we have very little about. The Albany Argus says he died Oct. 26, 1844, at the residence of his father, Robert Thong Livingston, eldest son of Moncrief Livingston.

We trust that this information may be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Asst. Sec'y

July 13, 1948

Mrs. G. E. Webster
Graduate Council,
Union College
Schenectady.

Dear Mrs. Webster:

Thank you for your letter of June 25 in re John Watts Gady, Union 1808. The Gady Genealogy pp. 102-104 give his birth as June 28, 1790, at Florida, N.Y. and his death Jan. 5, 1854 at Johnstown. That book gives nothing about his activities. In a letter dated Johnstown Sept. 3, 1817, his wife's uncle, Dr. Charles P. Livingston writes his father at Pokenepsie and says "Mr. Gady is a very clever fellow and I am told in good business".

The Herman Livingston, Class of 1811 belongs to another branch of the Livingston family. I wonder whether a John Alexander Livingston ever attended Union. He was a grandson of the celebrated Dutch Church minister, Rev. John Henry Livingston who was President of Rutgers. He was of Pokenepsie. Recently some one sent me a lot of family papers, among them a lot of highly moral essays by this John A. and on the back of one is written "Delivered before the Academy the year I went to College" That was in 1817. Rutgers says he never attended that College. If he went to Union, I should be glad to get some word of his record.

Sincerely

October 23, 1948

In re: inquiry on John Alexander Livingston

Dear Mr. Kincaid:

In the class of 1822 at Union were brothers: James B. Livingston and John A. Livingston. The former was graduated, but the latter left college in 1820. He became a lawyer. Both were sons of Colonel Henry A. Livingston, and came from Poughkeepsie.

John's middle name is not given; so we cannot tell whether he is the John Alexander of whom you inquire.

Please accept my apology for the delay in answering your letter. The old registration books are kept in the vault and research is made by the library staff.

Sincerely yours,

Asst. Sec'y

CLASS OF 1808

JOHN WATTS CADY

After his graduation, entered the office of Daniel Cady at Johnstown, and was afterwards his partner for some years, always his esteemed friend and associate through life. He received honorable evidence of popular favor, being elected supervisor, justice, member of the Legislature, and representative in Congress. He always resided at Johnstown until his death, scarcely past his prime, in 1854, a genial, generous man, always regarded of strictest integrity, of liberal views, and unblemished honor.

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Hon. John W. Cady, A.M., 1808, a resident of Johnstown, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. He died in 1854.

Philomathean Catalogue 18301

married daughter of Beckman Livingston

Maria Caroline Livingston, born Jan. 13, 1794 in Poughkeepsie; died Dec. 15, 1833, aged 38 years, probably in Johnstown, N. Y. On Oct. 18, 1813, she married in Caughnawaga, N. Y., the Hon. John Watts Cady. He graduated from Union College in 1808; studied law in the office of Daniel Cady in Johnstown and afterwards became his law partner. He was born June 28, 1790, in Florida, N. Y., a son of David and Ann (Shuler) Cady. In 1822 he was a member of the State Assembly of Fulton County and of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1823-; 1825. He was District Attorney of Fulton County 1840-46 and Justice of the Peace in 1853, in Johnstown, where he died June 5, 1854.

They were the parents of five children:

1. Livingston
2. David B.
3. Ann
4. John Watts

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