John Bell was the second son of Samuel Bell and his first wife, Mehitable Bowen (Don). Bell, born at Franestown in Hillsborough County, N.H. on the 6th day of November, 1800.


He was prepared for college under the instruction of Rev. Ephram Bradford of New-Boston, 1810-1812; at Ashbrook Academy, at Ashbrook, N.H., of which the Rev. John Rose, A.M., was preceptor, 1812 to 1815.

He entered Dartmouth College in 1815, and became a member of Dartmouth University in 1817. He graduated at Union College in 1819.

He began at once the study of medicine, which he pursued for a few months under the care of Dr. Benjamin Kittredge at Chester, in 1819. He then entered the office of C. C. Thallurt, M.D. of Boston, and attended the lectures in the Medical School of Harvard University. In 1821-22 he spent a year at Paris, attending the Medical Schools of that city under the tuition of the celebrated Laennec. On his return he resumed his studies under the care of Dr. Thallurt, and after attending a course of lectures at the Medical School of Bowdoin College, he took there his degree of M.D. in 1828.

He then commenced the practice of medicine in the city of New-york with good prospects of business, but being threatened with disease of the lungs, he removed in 1825 to Natchez, Miss., to escape the severe climate of the north, and continued in practice there with great success till the fall of 1828.

In that year toward winter, he...
purchased in connexion with him. John J. Dutman, then Chancellor, once Governor of Mississippi, a planter in the parish of Tangipahoa in Louisiana, to which he removed and engaged in the business of sugar planting before his death, continued in that business and in the practice of his profession.

While he was resident at New York, he was appointed Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in the College of the City of New York, and remained in that Office until his removal to the South.

He wrote a Dissertation upon the obtained the Royal Society for 1825. Medical and Physical Journal, Vol. 17, No. 4, journal for that year. It was a short account of the Medical Journals at Mount Vernon College. His grandfather, General Samuel Henley, graduated at Harvard in 1776, and his brother, Thomas, in 1778. James, 1822, Luther C. 1828, Charles, 1815, John, 1832.

He received the Honorary Degree of LLD, at Dartmouth College in 1822.

There is no engraved portrait of the life of Casper Wistar at his plantation near what is now the University of Pennsylvania, on the 25th of December, 1830, at the age of 50. He died at the Mansion House at Philadelphia, from bleeding in the stomach, after engaging in the practice of medicine, and having, in his lifetime, lived a life of honor and integrity, and was a member of the family of the late Dr. Charles Wistar, who was one of the most eminent physicians of his time.
Dr. Bell was never married.

His father was Hon. Samuel Bell, D.D., 1793, S.D.B. Born 1821, who
was in his time, Speaker of the House,
President of the Senate, and Attorney-
General of New Hampshire, a Justice of the
Superior Court, and Governor, and
for 12 years a Senator in Congress.

John Bell, Governor of N.H. in 1828,
was his father's brother. His grand-
father was Hon. John Bell of Lon-
donbury, N.H. for many years a
Representative and Senator in the N.H.
Legislature. His grandfather's father
John Bell, emigrated to Londonderry
in 1719, from the County of Antrim
in the North of Ireland, with a large
colony of Scotsmen previously settled
in Ulster, and therefore usually called
Scotch-Irish, by whom Londonderry
was settled. He held among them
a respectable position, as to education
and property. His wife, Elizabeth Todd,
had two brothers, graduates at Edinburg
and a third commanded a regiment
on the frontier of New York in the
old French War. She was a
woman of marked character and
great energy. Of the ancestors of the
family in the old country little
is known.

Manchester, N.H. June 20, 1835.

Dear Sir, Above you have such
information as I understand is
desired by your circular. If
anything further is desired, I
shall be glad to supply it if I
can. I know little of other grad-
uates of Union.

Very Respectfully,

Yours,

Mr. Jonathan Pearson
Saml. D. Bell
Librarian of
Union College.
Son of Hon. Samuel Bell, of Chester, N. H., (a graduate of Dartmouth, 1793) and Mehitable Bowen (Dana) Bell.

The next of the sons of the "Senator" was John, a graduate of Union College, who studied medicine in Boston and afterwards in Paris, was a Professor of Anatomy in the University of Vermont, and editor of the "Medical & Surgical Journal." He is remembered as a most accomplished gentleman and scholar, but died in 1830, at the age of thirty years. Going abroad for education in those days was an occurrence rarely heard of in a country town, and the return of young Dr. Bell was much talked of, and I remember going with other little boys down the street to meet the stage to see if he had come, and, sure enough, there he was on top of the stage, with a beautiful, brown spaniel riding by his side.

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John Carroll Chase
Derry, N.H.
1926.

John Bell was born Nov. 5, 1800; died Nov. 29, 1830.
John Bell
A.B. Union
M.D. Dartmouth 1825
Med. School of Maine 1823
b. Franestown, N. H. Nov. 1800
d. Nov. 29, 1830 Thibodeaux, La.
Physician
Prof. of Anatomy & Physiology, Univ. of Vermont, 1825

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