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To Rev. Geo. S. Boardman of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 18  
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

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JONATHAN PEARSON, Librarian.

UNION COLLEGE,  
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. }

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

- I. Name. *George Stillman Boardman*  
[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]
- II. Names of both Parents; thus:— *John & Abigail (Goodrich) Boardman*  
[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]
- III. Birth Place. *Albany, N. Y.* Birth Day and Year. *Dec 29, 1846*
- IV. Various residences and dates; thus:— *Albany, 1796-1821. Watertown*  
[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-34.] *Jeff. Co. N. Y. 1821-1837*  
*Rochester, N. Y. 1837-1842. Rome, N. Y. 1842-1846*  
*Cherry Valley, 1846-1850. Copenhagen, 1850—*
- V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:— *Private Schools*  
[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.] *Albany*
- VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *Union College 1816*
- VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:— *None*  
[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]
- VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:— *Classical - Princeton*  
[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1823-5; or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Herasmus Bleeker, 1846-51.]  
*Theological Seminary from 1816-1819. Rev. A. Alex-  
ander, D. D. & Rev. Miller, D. D.*
- IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—  
*Presby. Ministry in 1837 one of the victims of the Excision*  
*at the Gen. Assembly because he resided in Rochester*  
*then preached the Gospel in Watertown 1st Chh. 1821 -*  
*1837, in Rochester 1837-1842. Rome 1843-1846. Cherry Valley, 1846-50*
- X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—  
[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1830-35; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schuylers, N. Y., 1841-42; or Professor, Teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—  
[Sergeant of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1830-41 and 1846-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-45; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1831-4, &c., &c.]  
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XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.  
[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Above" in College Library.]

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[M. D., from Albany Medical College, 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?  
[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.  
[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

Was a Missionary commissioned by the  
Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of Presb. Chh. to Indiana in  
1819 + 1820 -

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family ; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

Ancestors from England & settled in Wether-  
field Conn. & vicinity

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be *widely* known ; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c. ; the name and residence,  
also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for ; thus :—

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1843. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

By G. S. B.

Mr. Jedediah Burchard was then a resident of Sackets Harbor, and held lay services in the neighborhood and also at Adams, and Mr. Charles G. Finney, then prosecuting his studies for the ministry under Rev. Geo. W. Gale and Rev. George S. Boardman, D.D., a committee appointed by the Presbytery, actively engaged in the same school-house labors. The first recognized appearance of the general revival was under the preaching of Rev. Thomas McAuley, D.D., then Professor in Union College, during the meeting of the Synod of Albany at Brownville. The open beginning of the revival at Watertown occurred a few months after the settlement of the Rev. George Smith Boardman there, and was continued under the labors of the then young pastor. Born in Albany 1796, graduated at Union College in 1816, and at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1819, and licensed by the Albany Presbytery the same year, Dr. Boardman spent the six months immediately following at Madison, Indiana, under a commission from the Gen. As. Board of Domestic Missions, and six months after, that, as stated supply at Westerlo, N. Y. Ordained by the Presbytery of St. Lawrence and installed as pastor at Watertown in 1821, he maintained the charge with faithfulness, ability and success for sixteen years, and left, under the constraint of duty alone, for a field promising greater usefulness as he supposed, and against the remonstrances of his people, and with the reluctant consent of the Presbytery, "after a full and tender discussion, in which the deepest regrets were unanimously expressed at his removal." Going to what is now the "Central Church," Rochester, N.Y. in 1837, and remaining there until 1842, he served the Second Church, Rome, as stated supply, from 1843 to 1847, and performing a brief pastorate at Cherry Valley, in 1850, he took charge of the church at Cazenovia and continued in it until 1865. Impaired health has since compelled him to decline the responsibilities of a pastorate, but his active labors have been unremitted, and while answering calls for single services in numerous places, he has performed them for several months continuously, at Rome, Ogdensburg and Little Falls, N. Y., and Chattanooga, Tenn., and for several weeks in the Island of Bermuda, and in Rome, Naples, Leghorn and Florence, Italy.

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After the notice of Rev. George S. Boardman, D. D., on page 190, had passed through the printer's hands, his death was announced, occurring at Cazenovia, February 7, 1877, in the eightieth year of his age, and preceded by only six days sickness, so slightly alarming, that at the time he was wearing his ordinary dress for the day. The career of one of the most useful laborers on this field thus closed, and that of one of its most excellent ministers. His whole life made the impression of godliness on all who were brought into intercourse with him, and though broken up in different settlements by prostrating bereavements, and

finally enfeebled by natural decay, he preserved a youthful appearance and spirit to the last, and kept up his activity. Not a great man, as measured by the ordinary standard of intellectuality, he was a great man, judged by the individuality and effectiveness of his methods of work. Independent in his opinions, tenacious of his modes of labor, and yet bold and enterprising enough to adopt the good in what was new, and as earnest in private interviews as in public performance, from his conversion to Christ to his translation by him, he was a continuous blessing to the congregations he served and the communities to which he belonged. Conscientiously and devotedly a Presbyterian, still more was he a Christian, and other denominations divided with his own the high respect and warm regard entertained for him, and when good men bore him to his burial, the whole town paused in its business, closed its shops, and put its homes in mourning. Among Dr. Boardman's classmates at Princeton were Rev. Norris Bull, Drs. William Chester, John Goldsmith, Moses Hunter, William Nevins, William B. Sprague, Absalom Peters, Prof. Charles Hodge and Bishop John Johns.

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Presbyterianism in Central New York.

P. H. Fowler

Utica, N. Y.

1877.

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[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson]
- III. Birth Place. *New Milford, Connecticut* Birth Day and Year. *17 October 1799*
- IV. Various residences and dates; thus:— *New Milford* — *Connecticut*  
[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-44; Albany, N. Y., 1844-50; New York City, 1850-54]
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[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L.L.D., 1815-17] *March Litchfield Connecticut*
- VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *at Union College in July 1818, he entered*  
*Sophomore leaving after the Freshman year of Yale College*
- VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—  
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*He entered upon the*  
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- VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:— *Law with the Hon. J. G. Fish*  
[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1828-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-41]  
*Govt. Litchfield* *He was admitted to the Bar of Litchfield*  
*County after a period of two or three years, the first being engaged in the*  
*study of the principles of the Law in Connecticut for the purpose of qualifying*  
*himself to practice there.*
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[Epist., Spencerville, N. J., 1837-30; Presb., Albany, N. Y., 1830-54; New York City, 1835-54]  
*He practiced his profession*  
*during the last period of his life in New Milford.*
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The foregoing has been obtained from the *Sumner* *Boardman* of this town. New Milford, Conn.

Name *David Murdock* - last letter *D. not D.*  
 - of *Peru* - *David & Elizabeth (Bislett) Murdock*  
 Birth place - *Glensville, Scotland*  
 Various *Glasgow Scotland 1828-33; Bath, Canada West) 1833-37; Ballston*  
*Saratoga Co. N. Y. 1837-41; Southwell N. Y. 1841-48; 2 yrs in fine wilderness at*  
*Roxby Hill Conn 10 months, at Troy N. Y. 7 months; New Milford Conn 1850-55*  
 - *Prepared for college with Rev. David Murdock (father).*  
*at Union College in 1845*  
*(Theology at Union New Sem; New York City 1845-48)*  
*(Congregational New Milford Conn., 1850-55)*  
*Alexander Murdock & John Murdock (Brothers)*

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Questions

14 ( A. M., from Un College 1847 or 8., A. M., from Yale College 1853.

18 Parents from Scotland.

Prof Jonathan Pearson

David Muddick Jr  
Pastor First Congl chh  
New Milford Conn  
Connecticut



CLASS OF 1816.

GEORGE SMITH BOARDMAN

Was born in Albany, N. Y., December 29, 1796.

Married May 19, 1823, Alida Maria Lane, born April 4, 1802, daughter of Derick Lane, of Troy, N. Y. She died at Watertown, N. Y., November 20, 1830.

He married for his second wife, Sarah Brayton, eldest daughter of George and Sarah (Swan) Brayton, of Westernville, Oneida Co., N. Y., February 28, 1832. She died July 18, 1849.

Dr. Boardman married for the third time, June 16, 1856, Sophia Ledyard Childs, of Cazenovia, N. Y.

He died February 7, 1877 at Cazenovia.

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Dr. Boardman graduated at Union College in 1816, and at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1819. He became pastor of the church in Watertown, N. Y., in 1821, where he had a fruitful ministry of sixteen years. In 1837 he accepted a call to one of the churches in Rochester, and remained there for six years, except that for six months in 1842, he labored at Columbus, Ohio, in connection with a very marked revival of religion in that place. In 1843 he took charge of the church at Rome, N. Y., which he left in 1847 to enter upon a short pastorate at Cherry Valley, which he again left in 1850 to enter upon his longest and last, and perhaps most fruitful, pastorate in Cazenovia. The several changes of place which characterized the period of his life from 1837 to 1850, were occasioned by domestic bereavements, which for a time almost overcame him, and made change necessary. His pastorate in Cazenovia continued fourteen years, when impaired health required his release from the labors and responsibilities of a pastoral charge. In 1863 he went with his wife to Europe, being absent about fourteen months, and returned with his health restored, and his strength recuperated by rest and travel. He thereafter eagerly and vigorously occupied himself in his chosen profession, either as an occasional, or stated supply, preaching for the last time on his 80th birthday in the church in Cazenovia, on the text, "Mine age is as nothing before Thee," a sermon which was printed at the request of his former parishioners. One of his brother clergymen, who had long known him, wrote after his death. "His congregation at Cazenovia was one of the most intelligent in the State, and the best people among them appreciated him most highly, and derived great profit from his ministrations. He was very remarkable for his love of his work, and his enthusiasm in preaching. He never seemed to tire of active labor in his Master's service, and to the very close of his life of four score years, he delighted in the pulpit. He mingled in a rare degree the ripeness of age and the vivacity of youth, and was always at home in the social circle. Interested in all of the great movements of the day, devotedly attached to his own branch of the church, yet with a true and catholic spirit, he was full of information about ecclesiastical and political affairs, and his conversation on these themes was always fresh and vigorous.

He retained his physical and mental faculties to the very last, and at the ripe age of 80 years, without the pains of a long and lingering sickness, he calmly and peacefully entered into rest, leaving behind him that memory of the just which is forever blest."

CHILDREN: By his first wife

1. Derick Lane, born March 17, 1824; died Sept. 6, 1893
2. John, born June 4, 1828.

By his second wife

3. George Brayton, born February 6, 1833

FROM Boardman Genealogy  
Charlotte Goldthwaite  
The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.  
Hartford, Conn. 1895.

George Smith Boardman was born at Union College in 1816, and was graduated from that institution in 1836. He became pastor of the First Congregational Church in Hartford, Conn., in 1841, where he remained for sixteen years. In 1857 he accepted a call to the church in Worcester, Mass., and remained there until 1861, except that for a short time in 1859 he returned to Union College, in connection with a special session of the board of trustees. In 1861 he left Worcester for Hartford, Conn., which he left in 1867 for Union College, where he remained until 1871, when he returned to Hartford, Conn., and again became pastor of the First Congregational Church. He remained in that office until his death in 1893. He was a man of high character and high ability, and his life was a model of Christian living. He was a man of high character and high ability, and his life was a model of Christian living. He was a man of high character and high ability, and his life was a model of Christian living.

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From: Presbyterian Theological Seminary Catalogue

Rev. GEORGE S. BOARDMAN, 4.M., 1816, a resident of Albany, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. (Died: 1877)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830

1816

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DIED:-At Watertown, Jefferson County, on Saturday evening the 20th inst., Mrs. Alida M. Boardman, wife of Rev. George S. Boardman, and daughter of Col. Derick Lane, of Troy, aged 28.

The Christian Journal  
November 26, 1830.  
Utica, N. Y.

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The first pastor (Rochester Central, Rochester, N. Y.) was Rev. George S. Boardman, who began his labors, 7th of May, 1837, was installed Oct. 19, 1837, was dismissed June 28, 1842; under his charge the church grew to a membership of 239 on June 1, 1842. p. 257.

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