

CLASS OF 1801

SYLVANUS HAIGHT

Rev. Sylvanus Haight was installed pastor of the Congregational church of Wilton, Conn., December 3, 1805.

Mr. Haight was born at Fishkill, N. Y., July 22, 1776.

History of Fairfield Co., Conn. p. 849
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Son of John and Miriam Haight

Born July 22, 1776 in Fishkill, N. Y.

Married (1) Clarissa Barnum (daughter of Dr. Sam Barnum, of N. Salem, N. Y.) and (2) widow Rachel De Forest (Norris) Brush of Fishkill, N. Y., 1845.

He died in So. Norwalk, Conn., (April) 6, 1864.

His first public performance was a funeral oration on the death of Washington, delivered before the faculty and students of Union College, at the request of his classmates.

During the War of 1812, he was Chaplain of the 34th Regiment.

"His first labors as a minister were in the State of New York, where he was eminently successful in promoting revivals of religion, particularly in Galway, where large numbers were added to the church." For twenty years in the early part of this Century, he was pastor of the church in Wilton, Conn.; also, for a short time, in Somers, N. Y. "No one who listened to him in those days of his manly vigor, can ever forget the ringing voice, the gleaming eye, the impassioned gesture, and the countenance radiant with holy fire, which thrilled and warmed the hearts of his hearers, and left a deep and solemn awe on the mind of every one, even where there was no saving conversion." He afterwards labored in several places in Pennsylvania.

When seventy years old he was pastor of the church in Bethel, Conn., for a year or two, 1846-7, and then removed to South Norwalk, where his last years were spent. When 85 years old he supplied the pulpit at Green Farms for several months. He preached his first and last sermons in Ridgebury, Conn., before going to Galway, in 1806, and in 1864.

Children: Maria and Sylvanus, both unmarried
Clarissa, m. Asher Starkey.
All three living together in New Jersey.
Martha, m. (1) John Caven, of Penn., and (2) Henry Williams, living in Crawfordsville, Iowa.
Harriet, m. Morris Schrack of Penn.
Samuel, m. -----Miller, living in Norristown, Pa.
He has a son, Sylvanus, the only grandson of Rev. Sylvanus Haight, bearing the name.
Also two others, died before their father.

FROM Genealogical History of Hoyt, Haight, and Hight pp.612-13
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Providence 1871.

SYLVANUS HAIGHT, non-graduate 1801, a resident of Fishkill, was a member of the Philomathean Society. He died in 1864.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830;

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From faculty minutes

May 6, 1800

Into the Philosophical Class - Sylvanus Haight

Faculty minutes

Sept. 3, 1799

Sylvanus Haight has not returned since the last vacation

Sept. 3, 1800 Two applications were also brought forward from Schenk & Haight for dismissal from college.A question was brought what kind of a dismissal these students should have, who have expressed their disaffection to the faculty by signing the petitions handed into the Trustees. The faculty resolved that a faithful account be given in certificates given to students in every instance.

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