1813  LEBBEUS BOOTH

Married Lucretia, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Colt) Foote, born in 1804, and had three children.

Foot Genealogy
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Nathaniel Godwin
Hartford, Conn.
1849
Baltimore, July 10, 1853

Jonathan Pearson Esq.

Sir, I herewith return the circulars addressed, those to me, & the other, to my dear daughter. I have written such answers in both cases as I have thought just & sufficient. Many other newspaper notices, and also letters expressing the high estimation in which my son was held in Boston, have been received. I have thought best to circulate only the obituary notice published in one of our village papers.

Philips Run, Febr. 13th 1856

P.S. I have also an engraved likeness of my son.

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To [Name]

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1813
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best)

Sir,—

It is the wish of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College; of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow;—some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all: still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their farness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned:—Obituary Notices; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Album of the College Library, to be set apart for "Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time; especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths heretofore once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, Librarian.

Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

Specimens of Biographical Sketches for the Proposed Catalogue.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quarineock, N. Y., May 2, 1806; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Hildreth High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the Bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoosen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1822-5; State Senator 1836-8; Member of Congress 1839-41; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L.L.D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1793; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Ailey, Esq. Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1828, at Marlborough, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Hasleton, Conn., 1825-30; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831-40; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the "Communicant's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y.; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Sansome, Mass., in 1796; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abner Potcar, of Cameriele; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhino, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1812-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on "The Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."
INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

I. Name. LeBaron Booth

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

[Given and Middle Names (if any)]

III. Birth Place. Stratford, Connecticut

Birth Day and Year. June 23, 1792

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[City, State, Date]

Stratford, 1792-96; New York City, 1806-10

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—

[Academy Name, Principal Name, Date]}

Berkley Academy, Dennis O'Gorman, April 13, 1803

VI. At what College graduated, and when. Union College, 1813

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving College before studying his profession; thus:—

[Occupation, City, State, Dates]

VIII. The profession he studied; where, with whom, when; thus:—

[Profession, Institution Name, Location, Dates]

IX. Where he has practiced his profession, with dates; and, in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—

[City, State, Years]

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—

[Occupation, City, State, Years]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Office Name, City, State, Years]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are mailed for the "Graduate Alumni" in College Library]

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

XIV. The Liberal, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[Title, Institution Name, Years]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[Yes or no, with notation for College Library]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Date, Place, Cause of Death]
XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

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

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:

1813

LEBBEUS BOOTH

EPITAPHS taken from Cemetery at Ballston by
Durkee and found in his "Saratoga County Epitaphs"
vol. 2 .

Josiah Quincy, son of Lebbeus & Lucretia Booth,
died July 23, 1843. Aged 8 months & 19 days

Elizabeth, daughter of
died February, 1838, in 16th year

Mary, daughter of
died Oct. 25, 1836, aged 1 year, 7 months &
20 days.

Mary Lucretia daughter of
died Jan. 11, 1835, aged 1 year, 2 months & 27 days

John Chester, son of
died, Sept. 19, 1830, aged 5 years, 8 months
and 29 days.

Martha daughter of
died March 9, 1827, aged 3 years & 10 months.
1813     LEBBEUS BOOTH.

Married: On Monday evening, the 6th inst by the Rev. Mr. Chester, Mr. Lebbeus Booth, principal of the Albany Female Academy, to Miss Lucretia Foot, daughter of the late Ebenezer Foot, Esq., all of this city.

Albany Argus
August 10, 1821.
LEBEUS BOOTH.

Was the founder of the Ballston Spa Female Seminary, in its day one of the most celebrated institutions of learning in the State. He was a man of marked ability, and after the closing of his school became largely interested in manufacturing and other business pursuits in the village. He was a member and vestryman of Christ Church; loan commissioner of the county in 1840; county superintendent of the poor in 1844-45-46; director and vice-president of the Ballston Spa Bank from its organization in 1838 until his death; president of the Saratoga County Bible Society in 1850; and a village trustee in 1859. He died in 1859 aged 70 years.

His sons inherited the intellectual characteristics of their father in an unusual degree. Moss Kent Booth (an elder brother was John Chester Booth) graduated from Union College at the age of nineteen with the first honors of his class (1847); was admitted to the Bar at twenty-two, and began the practice of the law in Boston. In 1852 he was a member of the Massachusetts legislature. He died Oct. 18, 1853.

Of the family of Lebbeus Booth three daughters still survive: Mrs. Martha Seelye, of New York City; Mrs. Lucretia Dean, of Annandale, N. Y.; and Mrs. Susan E. Robinson, of Riverdale-on-Hudson, N. Y.

FROM

The Albany Academy for Girls is starting on its 117th year. Founded in 1814 as the Albany Female Academy, it is the oldest chartered school in the country established expressly for the education of women. The first principal was Horace Goodrich, who graduated from Union in 1814. He was succeeded by Lebbeus Booth, class of 1813. Later, from 1826 to 1845, Alonzo Chittenden, Class of 1824, was principal.
niece, Lucretia Booth, the daughter of my brother Ebenezer, I gave my property to Union College.

“Upon the following trusts and for the following uses and purposes—First, That the trustees of the college invest and keep it invested in stock, or good securities, separate and distinct from the other funds of the college. Second, That the annual proceeds and interest thereof be applied towards the support and education at that college of indigent young men, (by the words “indigent young men,” I mean those who have not, in a discreet use of their own, or parents’ means, ability to educate themselves in whole or in part—or be educated by parents or guardians), of the age of sixteen years, of promising talents and good habits—which young men shall, from time to time, be selected and designated by the faculty of said college, which designation, being in writing and signed by the President, and delivered to the person designated, shall be conclusive—provided, however, that in all such designations, the lineal descendants of my said five sisters and niece, having the requisite qualifications and being applicants, shall be preferred. The said faculty shall have a right, and the same is hereby vested in them, to give to such young men, at the close of their collegiate course, such sum of money as shall seem proper—the sum thus given to any one young man, shall not, however, exceed one half of the amount, which shall have been applied under this will towards his support and education.”

On Monday, the 18th of April, I wrote, as usual, an account of the manner in which I had spent the previous Sabbath. It showed, that my thoughts had been unduly occupied with worldly topics, though I had tried, but in vain, to direct them to heavenly ones. At the end of this account are the following words—“Oft when shall I be able to break these cords, which bind me so closely to the earth? or when shall power be given me to do it? Thou only, Heavenly Parent, knowest.”

Sunday, the 23d of October, appears to have been a marked day in my religious progress. On that day, for the first time, I knelt at prayer. The entry in my diary, the next Monday morning is as follows—

“In the morning in my library at my house, I prayed on my knees for the first time in my life, having then for the first felt an inclination to pray in that posture. I used that posture again this morning, and this morning was the first time in my life, that I approached my devotions with positive feelings of pleasure, and felt an eagerness to engage in them.”

1826.

This year was commenced with the commitment of myself and my earthly and spiritual interests to God, a record of which was made in my diary, under date of the 1st January, in the following words—

“I commit myself to my Heavenly Father during the present year, and pray that he will preserve me and mine in health and life, advance me in the world, and extend the sphere of my usefulness; but, above all, that he will purify my heart, and adopt me as an heir of his spiritual and holy kingdom.”

My time this year was mainly occupied in my profession, social duties, classical studies and general reading. My profession, however, was more exacting, and required a much larger portion of my time than it had for a year or two before. I endeavored to devote my mornings to Latin, and my evenings and a portion of my afternoons to French; but my profession, especially in the months of February, March and April, interferred materially with these studies; and occasionally during these months, my week’s work was so exhausting, as even to deprive me of my usual reading in the Greek Testament on the Sabbath. Still, notwithstanding this professional pressure, I gave some attention to public objects, wrote one or two articles in January for the papers to promote the establishment of an orphan asylum, and on the evening of the 20th of February attended a public meeting held for that purpose.