

CLASS OF 1805

RICHARD MONTGOMERY LIVINGSTON

On the 11th of June, 1818, Richard Livingston Montgomery was appointed the first District Attorney of Saratoga County. He was the son of Col. James Livingston of Albany, and belonged to the noted Columbia county family; his father being a relative of the wife of Gen. Montgomery, and was an officer under him in the ill-fated Quebec expedition, in which the gallant Irish patriot lost his life. Entertaining a feeling akin to reverence for the memory of his brave friend, Col. Livingston named his first-born son in his honor. Mr. Livingston settled at Schuylerville and was the attorney and agent of the Schuyler family. He was, it is said, a lawyer of ability. One fault of his has been handed down to our times; it was that which sometimes affects modern officials, neglecting public duty to attend to private business. Two instances are on record where he failed to attend the terms of court, and a special district attorney had to be appointed: viz., the terms at which the Northrup murder indictment and that against jailor Taylor were disposed of. The latter instance created strong feeling against him and, in 1821, a change of the political tide caused his removal.

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