Barnabus Bruen  

"Eliza Nott (b. August 31 1797), daughter of Rev. Samuel and Lucretia (Taylor) Nott, married July 6 1820/21, the Rev. Barnabus Bruen of Ogdensburg, N. Y."

Above information taken from "The Selden Family"

The Rev. Samuel Nott in his autobiography says that his daughter Eliza married Rev. Barnabus Bruen, who died five months after marriage. She married later Sherman Converse.

Eliza Nott died in 1844.

Barnabus Bruen was an Instructor at Union 1816-17.

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Rev. BARNABAS BRUEN, A.M. Tut. U.C., 1816, of Ogdensburg, was a member of the Adelphic Society, and died in 1820. Adelphic Catalogue 1850
Rev. Barnabas Bruin, a tutor in Union College, came to Ogdensburg early in 1819, on the recommendation of President Nott, and was cordially received. The church organization previously existing was dissolved, and the name of First Church and congregation of Christ in the town of Oswegatchie discarded, and a new church formed, December 6, 1819, with a membership of nine males and nine females. On the 15th of the same month George Bell and John Fine were chosen elders, and ordained on the 19th, and the first meeting of the session was held on the 29th. Soon after Mr. Bruin’s coming, the first house of worship occupied by the church, and popularly styled the "Gospel Barn," was built, costing $600. His health soon after failed, and leaving for its recovery, he never returned to remain, and died in Connecticut. He was a young man of superior talents, ardent piety, and prudent zeal.

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Utica, N.Y.
1877.
BARNABUS BRUEN.

Mr. Bruen, the subject of the following article from the Ogdensburgh Gazette, was lately a tutor in Union College. It is to be regretted that he is thus early (in the prime of life) by a fatal disease, rendered incapable of attending to his calling and in a manner cut off from his family and friends.

A year since the Rev. Mr. Bruen was called to be the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this village. He accepted the call, and began his ministry. At that time there was no church organization in this place; he could not, therefore, be installed. His ministry commenced with very flattering prospects.---A church was soon formed. Universal harmony prevailed in the Society. But soon those prospects became clouded. Mr. Bruen was seized with an affection of the lungs, which deprived us of his services. He left this place early last spring, on a tour to the South, in hope of regaining his health. But his and our hopes have failed, and he has returned to this place, only to bid us farewell.

Toward the close of last week it was announced that a Farewell Address from Mr. Bruen would be read at the Presbyterian meeting house in this village on the last Sabbath. Almost every inhabitant of the village and its vicinity attended; the meeting house was crowded, and the countenances of the audience testified the interest they felt in the affecting scene. His address was then read by a gentleman of this village. After the address was read Mr. Bruen arose, pale, emaciated and worn down with disease; but his feelings gave him strength to address us a few minutes; his countenance became animated by his feelings, and his excitement gave strength to his voice. He appeared as standing on the brink of the grave, calling to mind our affectionate conduct toward him, it awakened all the sympathies of the heart. When he announced to us that he should never meet us more until he met us at the throne of God, we felt that one of the strongest ties which bound him and us to earth was severed. When his well known voice pronounced the solemn Farewell scarcely a dry eye was to be seen.

Schenectady Cabinet  
Sept. 27, 1820.

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Died---At Franklin, Conn., on the 28th inst the Rev. Barnabus Bruen, late a Tutor in Union College.

Schenectady Cabinet  
Nov. 29, 1820.
To Dr. Buren.

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1816
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best.)

Sir,—

It is the aim 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 is 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 Alcove 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 hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, Librarian.

Specimens of Biographical Sketches for the Proposed Catalogue.

John Gilmore Brown was born in Quinnepeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Gilmore) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderberg 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 Emsen, Esq. In 1830 he removed to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-5; 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, 1798; parents, Joseph and Madeleine (Henshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Alvey, 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, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, 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 "Communian'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 Suncook, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Pyshe and Dr. Abram Poteat of Canaanville; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, 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 Fair Haven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Journal, and two larger works on the "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."
XI. The important offices he has held, with dates, thus:—
[Surgeon of Jefferson Co., N.Y., 1848-49; Member of Congress, 1st district, N.Y., 1853-54; Member of Assembly, of N.Y., 1855-57; Member of Congress, 2nd district, N.Y., 1842-43; Member of Assembly, of N.Y., 1835-36, &c., &c.]

Died at Union College, 1877-78.

XII. The literary or oratorical works he has written or edited.

Titles are required for the "Literary Alumni" in College Library.

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

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates, thus:—
[M.D., from Albany Medical College, 1841; LL.D., Amherst College, 1856, &c.]

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

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

[Should any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c., in many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following points, in which case add an additional sheet.]

Died at Franklin Cornw., Nov. 18, 1872. He lived and died exemplifying and enjoying the contemplation of the religion of Jesus.

Mrs. Frances Johnson
Sister of B. Bucy
Franklin Cornw.
XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

Christian attainments higher, faithful and successful as a pastor beloved and admired by friends. Happy and peaceful in life and death.

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

Also known.

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:
