

1807 STEPHEN LUSH, Jr.

DIED:At Simaboo, on the coast of Africa, on the
2d March, Col. Stephen Lush, jun., of this city.

Albany Argus
May 30, 1820.

Springfield Vermont.

8 July, 1953.

The Registrar,

Union College,

Schenectady, N.Y.

re- Information regarding students by
the name of Lush-in the 1800 s.

My Dear Sir,

I find myself, at an advanced stage of life, looking up the family history and with rather a paucity of official information. The purpose of this, is to establish descent from Stephen Lush, who was an officer in the Revolution, and particularly for my son Stephen, who is a Naval officer, with a view to completing applications for membership in patriotic societies.

Stephen Lush of the Revolution does not figure in this letter except as the father of William Lush, who graduated from your institution and whose diploma, signed by President Nott, I have in my possession. I have unhappily forgotten the smattering of Latin I gathered at the Albany Academy and the date cannot be read but it seems like "Julei die mensis vigentiet quatuor annoque Millessimo Octingentesimo Sessagesimoque". Could you check this for me? Long es 's, of course, where proper.

There is also a certificate of membership in a Greek letter society- ~~Φ~~ΙΛΟΜΑΘΩΝ dated Millessimo Duodecimoque. Janurarii Octodecimo. I would be grateful for the dates and also for anything personal that appears on the records regarding this my great grandfather such as the church he attended, and anything further known of him.

Ifv the Greek letter society still exists, do you think that the secretary would have anything of interest that their rules would permit him to give me?

Sometimes there are records of men's marriages and children, and while I think I have this information, a check would be very desirable.

I fully realise that I am asking a good deal of you, but as my grandmother, the widow of my grandfather, Stephen Lush, lived in Schenectady in Union St. practically in the shadow of the College, I venture to do so.

If your records show any other Lush names, I would also be happy to know about them.

I would be most appreciative and grateful for whatever you can do for me,

Sincerely yours,

William G. Lush
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July 15, 1953

Mr. William G. Lush
R. F. D. #2
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Mr. Lush:

We have your letter of the 8th of July with the request for information on the Lush family at Union College. Unfortunately, we have very sketchy material but we are glad to send you what we do have. William Lush was a member of the class of 1812. All that we have in our record is that he was born November 6, 1785, married Miss Margaret Trotter, eldest daughter of Colonel Mathew Trotter of Albany, September 26, 1815, by the Rev. Dr. Bradford. As an undergraduate he was a member of the Philomathean Society which was a debating group. He died July 2, 1846.

In our class of 1807 we list a Stephen Lush, Jr., who participated in the War of 1812. We know nothing of him except what appeared in the Public Papers of Daniel D. Tompkins Vol. 1, p. 400, the Dictionary of the Army of the United States by Gardner, p. 287, and Lossing p. 399 and p. 396. Also, our records show that Stephen Lush, Jr., died at Simaboo on the coast of Africa, on March 2, 1820. Unfortunately, we can give you nothing on undergraduate courses or genealogy. If you have such, we would certainly be very grateful for this. It will be carefully preserved in the permanent files of the college.

I cannot give you the Latin and Greek translations, but will endeavor to send this to you later. If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. O. J. Van Loan, Jr.)
Administrative Assistant

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P.S. The latin inscription on the diploma signed by Dr. Nett is the date: July 24, 1812

The Greek letter society was PHILOMATHEAN January 8, 1810. This Society has been in existence since the days of the Schenectady Academy, prior to Union College, and is now a debating group. When the students return in the fall, we shall ask them for additional information.

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