1799  JACOB LIVINGSTON


Issue: John; Catherine; Cornelia, married Henry Roseboom; Levantia W., married Abraham Cox, of Throg's Neck, N. Y.; Dr. Joseph W., consul at San Juan, Nicaragua.

Gen. & Fam. Hist. of Southern N. Y. v. 3, p. 1324
Cuyler Reynolds, Ed.
New York 1914.

JACOB LIVINGSTON, a resident of Livingston Manor, N.Y., non-graduate of the class of 1799, was a member of the Philomathena Society.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.
MARRIED: At Cherry Valley, on Tuesday the 26th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Tiffany, Jacob Livingston, Esq., of Middleburgh, Schoharie County, to Miss Levantia White, daughter of Judge White, of the former place.

Albany Gazette
July 3, 1821.
CLASS OF 1799  Jacob Livingston

Son of John Livingston, born February 21, 1750; died Oakhill, N. Y., October 24, 1822. Married (1) May 11, 1775 Mary Ann, baptised January 31, 1759 and died April 7, 1795. She was the daughter of Jacob Le Roy and Cornelia Rutgers.

Jacob Livingston was born July 13, 1780 and died at Cherry Valley, N. Y., May 18, 1865. He married (1) April 15, 1809, Catharine Augusta, daughter of Abraham De Peyster and Catharine Livingston, born ________; died November 2, 1817; married (2) July 26, 1821, Levantia, born Nov. 15, 1795; died Sept. 4, 1889; daughter of Joseph White and _________.

Livingston Genealogy (manuscript)
Henry Brace.

Furnished by Harold Wilson, Jr., Clermont, N. Y. July 5, 1932.
Mr. J. R. Brown, Jr.,
27 West Erie Street,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I must apologize for not replying to your letter of August 24th, sooner. About Jacob Livingston of the Class of 1789, of Union College. Jacob Livingston was my Great-grandfather. He married first Catherine Augusta De Peyster. She is buried in Livingstonville in Schoharie County, not far from Middleburg. He had two daughters of her, and I have quite a number of half-blood relatives here and elsewhere. The second wife was Levantine White, the daughter of Joseph White M.D. She was my Great-grandmother. This house was built by Joseph White M.D., about 1800, and my Grandfather and Grandmother lived here most of their lives, though Great-grandfather Livingston owned land near Middleburg at one time. Jacob Livingston was the son of John Livingston of Livingston Manor on the Hudson.

But I have framed on the wall a Sheepskin Diploma or Degree given to Jacob Livingston on August 7, 1799 by Columbia College, in New York, and I do not understand how my Great-grandfather could have graduated from both institutions, so before I give any of the family history I thought I would write and ask whether there may not be some confusion. There was only one Jacob Livingston so far as I know, but there might have been others, as the Livingston family was rather large numerically.

I have an Aunt still staying here for the summer who is about 87 years of age and knows much more of the family history than I do, if you will be somewhat more prompt in replying than I have been, I will get here to go into a lot of details I am unable to, and thus the questions you ask will be much more correctly answered.

Yours very truly:

Abraham B. Cox

P.S. Dr. Eliphalet Nott, before he was President of Union College, was pastor of the Presbyterian Church here. My Classmate, Dr. George Dwight Kellogg, of Yale, 1895, is the head of the Latin Department. I have many friends who have gone to Union. It was the nearest college to Cherry Valley before Hartwick College was started at Oneonta. Hamilton College at Clinton is just a few miles further from here than Union.
October 5, 1932.

Mr. Abraham B. Cox,
Glensfoot Farm,
Cherry Valley, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cox:

I have received your letter of Sept. 28th and thank you for the information. On separate cover I am sending you what information I have on Jacob and Robert LeRoy Livingston. As you will see, it is about what you have given me.

John Livingston, the son of Jacob, was a member of the Class of 1828. We have no information about him, except that he entered from Middleburgh and died at New Orleans, La., in 1865.

I think three brothers of Jacob attended Union, besides Robert LeRoy. They were:

Henry Livingston, Class of 1811; a farmer, who entered from Livingston and died at Claverac in 1828 or 1829.
Anthony R. Livingston, Class of 1811; died at Oak Hill in 1858.
Harmon Livingston, Class of 1811; died at Oak Hill in 1872.
Both entered Union from Oak Hill.
We have no information about these alumni.

There are 33 men by the name of Livingston who attended Union College and we have little or nothing about most of them. I am, therefore, very anxious to complete our records.

I am writing to Mr. Herman Livingston of Livingston to-day and will let you know what he tells me.

Milton H. Thomas, Room 108, Columbia University Library, New York City, is in charge of the Columbia alumni records. I have a letter from him saying that he would be very glad to get the information about Jacob Livingston. If you care to do so, you might write him direct. He wrote me that Jacob Livingston's name appears in their records as "James" because the matriculations in those days were in Latin, and he would have to sign his name as Jacobus and that this was also the Latin for "James." However, he will probably write you more fully about this.

Again thanking you for your help,

Yours very truly,
Mr. R. H. Brown, Chairman,
27 West 3rd Street,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

In reply to your letter of September 26, relative to Jacob Livingston who was a non-graduate of Union, I have been waiting until my Aunt, Mrs. Cornelia Beekman Schwartz, formerly of Albany where my Uncle was Rector of Grace E. Church, some 40 years ago. She is about 96 years of age, and is almost the only person who remembers anything about my Great grandfather Jason Livingston, who died before I was born in 1874, but I remember my Great Grandmother Levantia Chote Livingston very well.

My Aunt does not know anything about Robert Ledyard Livingston who was a brother of Jacob Livingston, and all the family records seem to show is that he married Maria Diggs of Washington, but they do not state when.

This Livingston family was descended from the Livingsons of Livingston Manor on the Hudson. Some years ago there was an old Mr. John Henry Livingston of Clermont near Tivoli, who would know all about this, but he died not long ago, I understand that he has some female descendants who live there still. "Oakhill", where Jacob Livingston was probably born, belonged to John Livingston, and now belongs to Mr. Herman Livingston. He could tell you all about the Livingston Family in detail. Exactly where "Oakhill" is situated, I do not know from the point of view of Post Office Address. There is a place called Livingston in in Columbia County, not very far from Hudson, and I believe if you were to address Mr. Herman Livingston at "Oakhill," Livingston, Columbia County, you would come pretty near to getting the right address and the right information. My Aunt has been to Oakhill in recent years, but I never was there, you can appreciate that it is hard for a woman of her years to remember all the small details, such as Post Offices, etc.

If you have any further information of Jacob Livingston, or of his college career, or of the college careers of his brother Robert Ledyard Livingston or of his son John Livingston, I would like to have them. All we know of John was that he went to Union and unfortunately learned how to gamble, and made his father Jacob a lot of trouble. We do not even know his college class at Union.

I would like to know about this John Livingston. I am sorry for this delay in answering your letter. Jacob Livingston was my Great Grandfather. He lived here in this house which has now been in the family some 130 or more years. If I can be of any further assistance, I would like to. Kindly let me know how you make out with Mr. Herman Livingston, if you write to him. I would like to correct the error in the Columbia Book.

Yours very truly:

Abraham Cox
UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI RECORD

RETURN TO: Graduate Council
UNION COLLEGE
Schenectady, N.Y.

1. NAME IN FULL.... Jacob Livingston, Union Degree
    CLASS OF 1924.

2. SON OF (A) FATHER John Livingston,
    (B) MOTHER Mary LeRoy (Probably at "Oak Hill," on the Hudson.)

3. BORN June 1780 AT

4. DIED May 18, 1865 AT Cherry Valley, N.Y.

5. MARRIED (A) Catherine Augusta DePeyster, ( Probably about 1808.)
    (B) Leventia White, ON June 26, 1821

6. WIFE WAS BORN (A) Nov. 19, 1785 AT Cherry Valley.
    (B) WIFE DIED 2 Sep. 12, 1862 AT Cherry Valley.

7. CHILDREN:

6.1 (1) Of Catherine Augusta DePeyster
    Name          Date of Birth          Date of Death
    John           Jan. 27, 1919

7.2 Catherine Augusta

7.3 Cornelis Rutgers

7.4 (2) Of Leventia White
    Leventia White, Dr. Joseph White
    March 15, 1823          Jan. 1, 1890
    March 15, 1823          July 30, 1834

7. PREPARED FOR COLLEGE AT

8. COLLEGE LIFE: (A) Fraternity Membership

8.1 Literary or Social Organization Membership

8.2 Class Offices

8.3 College Prizes and Honors

9. OTHER COLLEGES ATTENDED Columbia

10. DEGREES A.B. 7 August, 1788

11. PROFESSION Lawyer

12. BUSINESS

13. MILITARY HISTORY AND TITLES None that is known.
14. Public offices held, with dates. None that is known

15. Member of professional, literary, scientific, societies. None that is known

16. Literary productions, date and publisher. None that is known

17. Religious denomination. Probably Protestant Episcopal

18. Political preference. This (?)

19. Brothers and sisters. John Livingston, killed in a duel; Robert Lenox Livingston, Henry Livingston, Anthony Livingston, Herman Livingston,

20. Relatives of self or wife at Union. His son, John Livingston, (Do not know when.)

21. Additional information. (Use this space for any other biographical data or to supplement any of the above answers.)

This information is furnished from old family records, and by my Aunt Mrs. Cornelia Beekman Schwertna, who is 86 years of age. My Aunt and I are descended from Jacob Livingston. A second wife, Leventia White.

22. Information supplied by. Abraham L. Co

Street Address. Glenrose Farm, Chenango Valley, N. Y.

City. Date. Sept 28, 1939.