ALMERON HYDE COLE

Hon. Almeron Hyde Cole was born at Lavanna, Cayuga Co., N. Y., April 20th, 1798. His parents removed to Auburn in 1807, and there he prepared for college and entered the sophomore class in Union College in 1815. Among his classmates were George W. Doane, late Bishop of New Jersey, Alonzo Potter, late Bishop of Pennsylvania, Dr. Hickok, late president of Union College, and William H. Seward, late Governor of New York, Senator, etc. He remained in college two years and then left without completing his college course, in consequence of the death of his mother, and other changes in his father's family.

In the fall of 1817, he entered the law office of Judge Joseph L. Richardson, then first judge of Cayuga County, as a student. He was admitted attorney in the Supreme Court in his twenty-first year and formed a partnership with Judge Richardson in practice. A few months afterwards he dissolved with Judge Richardson and entered into partnership to practice law with Mr. George W. Fleming. After being at Seneca Falls for a time, they removed to Albion in the spring of 1825, where they practiced law together until 1832. After dissolving with Mr. Fleming, Mr. Cole was for some years in the practice of law with his brother, the Hon. Dan H. Cole.

Mr. Cole served seventeen years as Justice of the Peace in the town of Barre, and transacted an immense amount of official business.

In November, 1847, he was elected Member of the Senate of the State of New York where he served one term of two years and declined a re-election. After leaving the Senate he resumed his law practice in Albion, but a large amount of business coming into his hands as executor in the settlement of an estate in Cayuga County, he closed his law practice in Albion and devoted his time exclusively to his duties of executorship, and to the management of a large farm he owned in the town of Gaines.

Although a good advocate and a strong and logical reasoner at the bar, Mr. Cole was not so fluent and polished a speaker as his partner, Mr. Fleming. In their earlier years of practice together, Mr. Cole furnished his quota of brains to the firm, while Mr. Fleming furnished the tongue.

Mr. Cole was esteemed to be a well-read and sound lawyer whose opinions on legal questions were much sought and relied on. His counsel and advice were so much valued among the people that he early became distinguished by way of eminence as the "Counselor" or "Counselor Cole," by which title or name he was always spoken of and well-known.

In temperament he was ardent, impulsive, and sensitive, feeling quick and sharply the irritations of the moment. But nothing like hatred ever had a place in his bosom.

From the peculiarity of his character he sometimes appeared brusque and rough to those who approached him, but no man had a kinder heart. The sternness or apparent harshness of manner which he possessed was more than balanced in his case by the keen regret he felt when he knew he had caused pain to any and the hearty sympathy and generosity he ever manifested to those in distress.
Mr. Cole was never married. Coming to Orleans County when it was first organized, among the first lawyers who settled here, he was a prominent man in public affairs and well-known to the people of the county. He died October 14, 1859.

(Portrait accompanies this sketch)

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1894.
CLASS OF 1818

ALMERON HYDE COLE.

Born at Levana, N. Y., April 20, 1798. Educated at Union College in Class of 1818, pursuing a partial course. A lawyer. Settled, in 1825, in Albion, N. Y., where he died, unmarried, October 14, 1859, aged 61 years, and was buried. He served as Justice of the Peace for 17 years, and was a Senator of New York in 1848-49.

Whitney Family vol. 1 p. 758.

ALMERON H. COLE, non-graduate of 1818, of Auburn was a member of the Adelphic Society. (Died: 1859) Adelphic Catalogue 1850.