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Loomis, Hubbell
From: Colchester, Ct.,
Last residence: Upper Alton, Ill.,

Records show one
Hubbel Loomis
Chaplain, 1st Regt. (Brainerd's)
Conn. Militia, Field and Staff Roll

Commencement of service: Aug 18, 1814
Expiration of service: Oct 28, 1814

1799 HUBBEL LOOMIS.

Jared Sparks, historian and biographer, while village school master in the district of the town of Tolland, Conn., "attracted the attention of the clergyman of Willington, the Rev. Hubbel Loomis, who taught him mathematics and induced him to study Latin. In return for his instruction and residence in his friend's house, he turned his carpenter's knowledge to account, and shingled the minister's barn."

Cyclopoedia of American Literature
Vol. 1, p. 877
Duyckinck
1875.

CLASS OF 1799

HUBBELL LOOMIS.

Born in Connecticut in 1775, was a thorough educator. Became connected with this school in 1832, was president of the college (Shurtleff) and retained a general interest in its work and its students until his death in 1872 at the ripe age of 97. He was for forty years a mighty influence for good to the young men thus brought in contact with him.

Transactions of the Illinois Historical Society p. 153
For the year 1907.

An Act to Incorporate the Colleges therein named.
In force February 19, 1835.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: That Hubbell Loomis, (and others) be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, to be styled and known by the name of the Trustees of the Alton College of Illinois-----." The said college shall remain located at or near Upper Alton, in the county of Madison.

Trans. of the Illinois Hist. Society p. 349
For the year 1904.

HUBBELL LOOMIS, non-graduate of 1799, a resident of Colchester, Conn., was a member of the Philomathean Society. He died in 1872.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.

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HUBBELL LOOMIS

Clergyman and educator, was born in Colchester, Conn., May 31, 1775; prepared for college in the common schools and at Plainfield Academy, in his native State, finally graduating at Union College, N. Y., in 1799---having supported himself during a considerable part of his educational course by manual labor and teaching. He subsequently studied theology, and for twenty-four years, served as pastor of a Congregational church at Willington, Conn., meanwhile fitting a number of young men for college, including among them Dr. Jared Sparks, afterwards President of Harvard College and author of numerous historical works. About 1829 his views on the subject of baptism underwent a change, resulting in his uniting himself with the Baptist Church. Coming to Illinois soon afterward, he spent some time at Kaskaskia and Edwardsville, and, in 1832, located at Upper Alton, where he became a prominent factor in laying the foundation of Shurtleff College, first by the establishment of the Baptist Seminary, of which he was the Principal for several years, and later by assisting, in 1835, to secure the charter of the college in which the seminary was merged. His name stood first on the list of Trustees of the new institution, and, in proportion to his means, he was a liberal contributor to its support in the period of its infancy. The latter years of his life were spent among his books in literary and scientific pursuits. Died at Upper Alton, December 15, 1872, at the advanced age of nearly 99 years.

A son of his, Prof. Elias Loomis, an eminent mathematician and naturalist, was the author of "Loomis' Algebra" and other scientific text-books, in extensive use in the colleges of the country. He held professorships in various institutions at different times, the last being that of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy in Yale College, from 1860 up to his death in 1889.

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois p. 344
Bateman & Selby
Munsell Pub. Co.
1900

HUBBELL LOOMIS.

The Congregational church of Willington, Conn., had "probably nearly two hundred (members) in 1828, at which time the pastor, Reverend Hubbell Loomis, turned Baptist and the church was divided into two parts.

"The Congregational church was thereby reduced in membership, while a larger proportion of its pecuniary ability was taken from the church and society.

"The strong adherents of Congregationalism have been severe in their attacks upon Mr. Loomis for his conversion. Mr. Loomis was father of the distinguished professor who was born in this town. Hubbell Loomis was settled as pastor of the Congregational church about the year 1804, and remained with this people until 1828. He was a man full six feet high, of engaging and winning manners and of highly commanding personal appearance. If his people did not worship him, they did most intensely love and admire him. During the period of his ministry here, perhaps about 1820, a controversy arose between Mr. Loomis and a Baptist clergyman upon the question of baptism. Their arguments were published in pamphlet form, and circulated broadcast among the Congregational churches in this section. He was regarded by them as the champion defender of their faith, while his antagonist was regarded as a vanquished contestant. This effort of his only confirmed him in their esteem and drew more closely the bonds of love. Thus the current moved smoothly on until 1828, when Mr. Loomis surprised his friends by announcing that he had become a convert to the Baptist faith. Willington people were at this time in a convertible condition, the same as their pastor, so Mr. Loomis fed them, and as a result half of his old flock adhered to his teaching, withdrew in a body and organized a new Baptist church and the following year erected a church edifice on the South side of the green, which to-day contributes to the beauty of the village.

"Rev. Erastus Colton, speaking on this subject, says: 'This act of a man, settled, sustained and loved as a Congregational pastor, cannot be too severely reprobated; I mean not that he should change his views on the mode and subject of baptism, but that he should enact so ungentlemanly and treacherous a deed as, while the pastor of this church, hired and employed to preach only sentiments accordant with those of the Congregational denomination, to use his office and place in meeting in families, as in Deacon Hezekiah and his father, Elijah Eldredge's and Deacon Curtis's, and after his own immersion, in your pulpit, to speak against infant baptism and in advocacy of the immersion of believers only, and to try also by private interviews to carry over with himself the whole church and society, having previously appointed two new deacons who favored his intended act.' He administered the last Lord's Supper April 6th, 1828, and on Monday, April 14th, he handed in his written statement of his change of doctrinal views, and he therein spoke of the necessity of calling a council. One was called and held May 13, 1828. The council advised to dismiss, and the consociation did afterward dismiss him, December 18th, 1828. Mr. Loomis

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then organized the Baptist church on the hill, there
having been one in the extreme north part of the town,---"

pp. 629-630.

Rev. Hubbell Loomis was settled as the fourth pastor
August 29, 1804. He labored twenty-four Years, being
dismissed in 1828. Mr. Loomis was an earnest, solemn
preacher, during whose pastorate here revivals occurred,
thirty-seven joining the church at one time, February, 1807.

p. 631.

History of Tolland Co., Conn.
J. R. Cole
W. W. Preston & Co.
New York
1888.

From Record of Service of Connecticut Men.
Hartford, 1889.
p. 83.

Hubbell Loomis
Chaplain, Lt. Col. E. Brainard
August 18, 1814 to October 10, 1814.
Place of service--not shown.

Hubbell Loomis was born May 3, 1775.
He was the son of John and Rachel (Harris) Loomis.

From Genealogical & Family History
of the State of Connecticut
Vol. 1 p. 509.
Lewis Historical Pub. Co.
New York 1911.

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HUBBEL LOOMIS

Born at Willington, Conn., May 31, 1775

Married December 1, 1805, Jerusha, daughter of Deacon David and Mary (Colton) Burt, of Longmeadow, Mass. She was born January 20, 1782, and died April 9, 1829.

Married 2nd Mrs. Hannah Pratt of Charlestown, Mass., October 17, 1833, who died February 3, 1864, aged 70.

He was pastor of church in Willington, Conn., 1804-28. He received A. M. at Union College in 1809, in which college he was enrolled in the class of 1799, but did not complete his college course, and at Yale College, 1812. In 1830 he removed to Illinois. On October 26, 1837, at the famous convention called to establish a State Anti-Slavery Society, and which met in Upper Alton, Ill., he was named first vice-president (see p.223 of Martyrdom of Lovejoy). On that date the convention met in the Presbyterian Church of Upper Alton, but on account of the mob and its friends, those in favor of such a society met on October 27, 1837, at the house of Rev. T. B. Hurlburt, and formed the State Society. He was a Baptist clergyman. One of the founders of Shurtliff College, Upper Alton.

He died at Upper Alton, Ill., December 5, 1872.

Six children--all born in Connecticut:

1. Jerusha, born Nov. 21, 1806 ; married Nov.17,1827, James Thomas Bradford, of Plainfield, Conn., born Oct.13,1806, and died Mar.1862. She died July 4, 1852. Greensboro,Ala. Child:
1. Henry.
2. Sophia, born Feb. 4, 1809;married Nov.22,1837,Hon. Cyrus Edwards, died Aug.31,1877. One of the founders of Shurtliff College, Upper Alton, Ill. She died Aug.7,1897. Children:
1.William Wirt; 2.Mary Beall; 3.Margaret;
4. Sophia; 5. Elias L.; 6. Julia.
3. Elias, born August 7, 1811.
4. Caroline, born May 17,1814; married Nov.2,1842, Prof. Zenas B. Newman, died July 21,1844. He was Professor of Rhetoric in Shurtliff College, 1841-44. She died May 20,1887. Child:
James Bradford.
5. David Burt, born April 17, 1817. He was one of the twenty-three noble men who were defending Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy and his 4th printing press, and by their liberty-loving action made immortal history on the night of November 7th, 1837, when the mob killed Mr. Lovejoy. He served three years in the

Second Regiment Minnesota Volunteers,
1862-5, as 1st Lieutenant and Captain.
Member House of Representatives, 1876.
Unmarried.
Stillwater, Minn. He died at Minnehaha,
Minn.

6. John Calvin, born Nov. 26, 1822; married 1st. July 16,
1848, Martha C. Voltz, died Oct. 17,
1849; married 2nd. Feb. 8, 1857,
Minerva D. Barge. Grad. N. Y. Univ.,
A. M., 1855. Prof. Ancient Lang.,
Alabama Univ., 1870-1. Resides Cave
Springs, Ga. She died May 13, 1881.
No children. He was a teacher, and
professor and editor. He Summerville,
Ga., 1890.

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Portrait faces p. 226.

War of 1812 Veteran.

In Lt. Col. Brainerd, Chaplain. p. 811.

Descendants of Joseph Loomis.

War of 1812 Record--From Adjutant General's Office:

Chaplain, 1st Regiment (Brainerd's) Connecticut
Militia, Field and Staff Roll.

Commencement
Expiration

August 18, 1814
October 28, 1814.

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The Loomis family is of German pedigree, early settling in New England. Hubbel Loomis was a Baptist preacher, and later in life a teacher, being president of Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Illinois, for several years, there dying in 1874, in his ninety-ninth year.

His son David Burt Loomis, one of the earliest settlers in Stillwater, Minnesota, was born in Willington, Connecticut, on the 17th of April, 1817. In 1830 the family moved from Connecticut to Kaskaskia, Illinois, where David attended a district school. When about fifteen he went to Alton, and at seventeen became a clerk in a store, holding that situation four or five years. He was there in 1837, when Rev. J. C. Lovejoy had his anti-slavery press destroyed, and his own life taken by a pro-slavery mob, Mr. Loomis standing within two feet of the martyr when he fell, and aiding to lay him out.

His mother was ~~XXXX~~ Jerusha Burt Loomis.

U. S. Biog. Dict.--Minnesota Volume p. 194
Amer. Biog. Pub. Co.
N. Y. & Chgo.
1879.

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From an address by Dr. C. Van Santvoord in 1871:

Three years ago I was present in Chicago, at the first meeting of the graduates of Union College, having their homes in the Northwest. All graduates of the College living in that region, whose addresses could be learned, had received invitations to the re-union. Among the answers received of those unable to attend, was one of singular interest, the reading of which at the table, produced a deep impression on the company. It was a letter written with tremulous hand, but vigorous in expression and graphic in reminiscence and detail, by the Rev. Hubbel Loomis, of Upper Alton, Illinois, then ninety-four years old, and who had graduated from Union College in 1799, one year before the opening of the present century.

The circumstance got into the newspapers, and it was widely published, that this patriarchal man was the oldest graduate then living in the United States. This statement I knew to be erroneous, and made the correction publicly. I knew two men, at least, then living, who had graduated from the same college, in the same year, 1799, and who thus were as old, in point of graduation, as Mr. Loomis. One of these is the Rev. Herman Vedder, of the Reformed Church, still living at the age of ninety-four. The other is the venerable man whose remains are lying before us, and who, having 'served his generation by the will of God,' has, at length, "an old man and full of years," fallen asleep, to be awakened only when the graves shall open at the trump of God!

The Life of Henry Ostrander, D. D.
W. R. Gordon
New York
1875.

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Born May 31, 1775, son of John Loomis, Salem, Conn.
Married (1) Jerusha Burt, daughter David Burt, of Longmeadow,
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Upper Alton, Ills.

FROM Descendants of Joseph Loomis p. 81
Elias Loomis
Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor
New Haven 1875

Shurtleff College

The Pioneer School

Alton, Illinois

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Office of the Librarian
SARAH E. BLAIR

Sept. 29, 1933

Mr. J. R. Brown, Jr., Chairman
27 West Erie Street
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

Under separate cover I am sending you the photograph of the Adiel Sherwood, portrait. I also enclose with it a kodak of the building on Shurtleff College campus which was built in 1832 when Hubbel Loomis came to Alton College now known as Shurtleff College. This was where he conducted the school while here. The building has a tablet on the east side of front door which reads:

Loomis Hall

Erected 1832

Restored 1920

In honor of

Rev. Hubbel Loomis
President

Alton College
1832-1836

This picture I thought you might like to put with your Hubbel Loomis records.

Yours truly,

Sarah E. Blair
Sarah E. Blair, Librn.

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Shurtleff College

The Pioneer School



Alton, Illinois

October 20, 1931

Office of the President
George Milton Potter

Mr. J. R. Brown, Jr.
27 West Erie Street,
Albany, New York.

My dear Mr. Brown:

In answer to your recent inquiry I would say that we can secure a photograph of Hubbell Loomis for you, as a portrait hangs in one of the buildings of Shurtleff College. 1799

There are a number of relatives still living, among whom is a Mrs. George M. Ryrie, 1308 Henry St., Alton, Illinois. I am also under the impression that a Mr. John B. Edwards, 5870 Clemens Ave., St. Louis, Mo., is also a descendant.

If you will write to Miss Sarah E. Blair, librarian of Shurtleff College, telling her just what material about him you would like to have, I am sure that she will be very glad to see that it gets into your hands.

Trusting that this gives you the information which you seek, I am

Very truly yours,

George M. Potter

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HUBBEL LOOMIS.

From: The Pioneer School; A History of Shurtleff College,
the Oldest Educational Institution in the West.
Austen Kennedy de Blois.
Fleming H. Revell Company, 1900.

"notices appeared in the public prints (about 1832) to the effect that 'the seminary at Rock Spring has been or is to be removed to Alton, and placed under the supervision of Rev. Hubbel Loomis.' "

p. 45

"on the 28th and 29th of February, 1832, Mr. Peck rode many miles through the deep mud, from Alton to Kaskaskia, for the purpose of persuading the Rev. Hubbel Loomis to relinquish his teaching at that place, and undertake the establishment of a school in Upper Alton or its vicinity. *****It was his hope that Mr. Loomis' efforts in beginning a school and gathering pupils together would prove to be the wisest method of conserving those interests which were most vitally involved. *****

Mr. Loomis had come from New England not long before. He was excellently well qualified for the responsibilities of the principalship, and was thoroughly interested in educational concerns. He was born in Colchester, in the state of Connecticut, on the 31st of May, 1775, *****At the age of sixteen he became a Christian, and instantly therewith a consecrated student of the Bible. For more than eighty years beyond that time he was constantly in communion with the Holy Book. After his ordination to the ministry in 1804 he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational church at Willington in his native state. Soon thereafter, at a considerable sacrifice of social and pecuniary interests, and of honored ecclesiastical relations, he became a Baptist, entering the ministry of that denomination some years later.

The strength of early manhood and middle life was spent in goodly service in the East. Soon after he reached the age of fifty-five he emigrated to Illinois. When Mr. Peck discovered him he had been for a year and a half a resident of the town of Kaskaskia, busily occupied in conducting the school which his energy had founded. The visit of Mr. Peck was not altogether a surprise to him, for in the course of the preceding year he had conferred with Dr. Goings, and had been urged by that gentleman to take a prominent part in the educational enterprise. He had also attended the meetings in Rock Springs and Edwardsville, at which the question of the removal of the seminary was thoroughly canvassed. After some further correspondence Mr. Loomis closed his school at Kaskaskia, and in April removed with his family to Upper Alton. Finding the outlook for the establishment of a school rather gloomy, he went on to Edwardsville, and, at the urgent request of Dr. Edwards and others, commenced a school in that town. Edwardsville and Alton were both anxious for the seminary, and very insistent in their respective claims; but at last Dr. Edwards, with the courtesy and generosity for which he was everywhere beloved, yielded to the demands of the Alton people, and thus the question of location was definitely settled.

"A company of five gentlemen met at the house of Mr. William Manning in Alton on the fourth of June,***** Articles of agreement had been prepared by Mr. Loomis, and were signed by all present.

"At the close of the regular quarterly session, Mr. Loomis gave up his school at Edwardsville, and in September he started a school in the town-house at Upper Alton, in accordance with the previous suggestion of Mr. Peck. It began in a modest and humble fashion, but soon received a well-merited recognition from the Union Meeting of Baptists, at which a committee, appointed to inquire into the condition of the "Literary and Theological Seminary at Alton," reported that "the institution at Alton was opened with encouraging prospects."

Soon after, probably the next June "it was thought best that Mr. Loomis should make a journey to the East as the special agent of the school.

He was to be paid at the rate of \$00 per annum, and all his traveling expenses; and he was authorized, if his expedition were successful, to confer with Dr. Going in regard to the employment of additional instruction, and to engage one or two teachers, if thought expedient. About two weeks after this action of the Board the operations of the seminary were suspended on account of an epidemic of cholera. Mr. Loomis left in June on his mission to the East, and two months later the Board commissioned him to continue his efforts for as long a period as he deemed practicable,*****

"In December Mr. Loomis returned from the East, but his success had not been noteworthy. After deducting the amount of his salary and expenses there remained only \$490."

"Mr. Loomis was now authorized by the Board of Trustees to take charge of the Alton Seminary, and to open the school as soon as convenient. He was empowered to employ an assistant, and was guaranteed an amount not to exceed \$400 per year for himself.

"To an ordinary observer the prospects must have seemed anything but brilliant, after Mr. Loomis' six months of almost fruitless work abroad, and the accumulation of liabilities at home."

In April, 1835, Mr. Peck started as the agent of Alton College.

"To the persevering labor of the principal, Rev. Hubbel Loomis, the continuance of the school was chiefly due."*****

"Mr. Loomis in several instances was the peer of his associates in far-sighted sagacity." "Had Mr. Loomis' advice been followed and more land entered in the early thirties, the endowment of the college today would have been very much larger than it is. So confident was he of the wisdom of the plan that at the outset he advanced \$300 for the purchase of two hundred and forty acres, which he held in trust for the college. He kept in reserve \$600 more, which he offered to loan to the college at the customary rate of interest, in order that other lands might be purchased and held until the sure advance in the price of the property should come. The trustees unfortunately failed to take advantage of this fair and generous proposition."

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"Mr. Loomis gathered about him a goodly number of students, the average number in each year being about seventy-five. By rigid methods and insistence upon faithful work, he not only strengthened their intellectual life, but gave the school an excellent reputation for thoroughness and scholarship." p. 65

"The Board of Trustees of Alton Seminary surrendered to the Board of Trustees of Alton College (precisely identical in its personnel) its entire property; the old Board of Trustees became the Board of Trustees of the Alton Theological Seminary; and Mr. Loomis was elected president of the two schools." p.66

"In June, 1836, Mr. Loomis resigned his position as principal of Alton College, after having served the institution faithfully and well for a period of nearly four years." p. 79

Tribute to Mr. Loomis by Dr. Peter H. Steenstra, professor of Old Testament Exegesis in the Episcopal Divinity School at Cambridge, Mass., and a graduate of Shurtleff College in 1858: "Prominent among them (of the college corps) so far as I was personally concerned, were two whom I must name. One of them was the truly Reverend Hubbel Loomis. He was well stricken in years; but his for scholarship was ever glowing and ready to embrace any young man in whom he thought he found the spirit of inquiry. I shall never forget how one summer day, when I was passing his house, he called me in and said, 'I hear you are interested in New Testament textual criticism.' After a long talk he sent me away, stimulated and determined, with a book or two to help me." p. 141

At the laying of the corner stone of the new College building in the summer of 1864: "The service opened with prayer by Rev. Hubbel Loomis, whose presence on that auspicious occasion brought memories of the Alton Seminary of three and thirty years before, to the minds of the elder generation. Although he had resigned the principalship of the Seminary in 1836, on account of impaired health and advancing years, he was still hale and hearty at the age of ninety." p.154

"For a long time it had been the custom of the professors and students to pay an annual visit to 'Father' Loomis on the occasion of his birthday, the 31st of May. The last visit of this kind was made in the spring of 1872, a few days before the auspicious commencement at which Dr. Kendrick's administration was inaugurated. The veteran had reached the ninety-seventh milestone in his earthly course, yet he seemed hale and vigorous. After giving him their greetings, listening to his words, of counsel, and receiving his benediction, the students came forward and shook hands with him, as the custom had always been. Then each of the young ladies brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers and laid this floral offering by the good man's side, until he was nearly hidden in a bower of roses. After this his son-in-law, Hon. Cyrus Edwards, himself an aged

man, renewed his invitation, often before extended, to all the young visitors, to attend the dinner to be given by him to the students of Shurtleff on 'Father' Loomis' one hundredth birthday. With happy congratulations the students took their departure. Just a week ~~before~~ from the day of Professor Leverett's death the message came to the venerated patriarch and found him ready for the change. Those who gathered in joy to hail his anniversary and listen to his words of cheer a little while before assembled now again with many other friends and citizens to pay their last tribute to his memory.

"Mr. Loomis was an honest and conscientious man. His hold upon principles was firm; his devotion to truth unflagging. His mind was well disciplined, and his entire life consecrated to study. Long after he had reached his ninetieth year he purchased the 'Ante-Nicene Library' and studied its pages with avidity until almost the hour of his death. Had it not been for his keen interest in the topics of the day and the movements of the later time he would have been looked upon as a mere lonely survivor of a dead and ~~forgotten~~ half-forgotten age. He was older than the Declaration of Independence. He was known by the reverent title of 'Father' Loomis as far back as the early thirties. Yet in heart and spirit he was always young. In his later years his figure was a familiar and picturesque one, as he took his way each morning down the village street, walking very slowly, his sturdy form bowed by the stress of his great age, his hand grasping the long staff which he always carried. He would stop every now and then in the course of this daily journey, and, holding his staff now ~~with~~ both hands, leaning heavily upon it for support, he would rest for a time, exchanging kindly greetings with every busy man or bright-eyed child or happy youth who passed him in the way. When at length the summons came to the higher service, many missed the cordial morning welcome and mourned sincerely his departure.

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Rev. Hubbell Loomis 1788
Atton, N.H. 1809 (1871)

Portland August 23 1871.

Mrs.

Aiken



M. F. KING,
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137 Middle Street, Portland, Me.

Jonathan Thompson, Westfield, Mass.
March 4, 1878. - d. Nov. 6, 1871 - aged
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