Ozias Southworth Family

Alice May Southworth (cont.)
Class 1804 Gardner Braman Perry

Union A. B. 1804; A. M.; D. D. (date not given here ;not in ours.)
Harvard A. M. (ad eun) 1814
Died: ?
Harvard University
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In December, 1806, Gardner B. Perry was chosen principal of the Kingston Academy. He was to receive $700 a year. Mr. Perry seems to have given great satisfaction as his salary was increased $100.

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History of the Town of Norton
p. 492
George Faber Clark
Boston, Mass.
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PERRY, GARDINER BRAMIN, A.B. Union college 1802; D.D. Student
1802-03. Principal academy, Ballston, N. Y., 1804-05; tutor Union College
1805-07; principal academy, Kingston, N. Y., 1807-12; ordained
Congregational minister; pastor East Bradford, now Groveland, Mass.
Hist. of Norton, P. 724.

Rev. GARDINER B. PERRY, A.M., 1804, a resident of Newport, R.I., was a member of
the Philomathean Society. He died in 1859.

Philomathean Catalogue 1850.
CLASS OF 1804

GARDNER BRAMAN PERRY

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The History of Rowley, Mass. p. 42

Thomas Gage

Ferdinand Andrews

Boston 1840
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George Faber Clark

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Boston, 1859.

The son of Nathan and Phebe Perry, was born in Norton, Mass., August 2, 1783. He received a very careful academical training, and entered Brown University in the fall of 1800; after two years' study he left, and entered Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.; where he graduated in 1804. After teaching for one year as Principal of Ballston Academy, New York, he was elected Tutor in the Union College, where he remained for three years. Here he studied Theology under Rev. Dr. Nott, and taking charge of an Educational Institution at Kingston, New York, he resumed teaching, which continued five years; in the mean time he was licensed in March, 1822, by Albany Presbytery. On accepting a call from the Second Congregational church at Bradford, (which name was afterwards changed to Groveland,) Mass., he was ordained by a Congregational Council September 28, 1814; here he remained as pastor for forty-five years. Though pastor of a Congregational church, he was a member of Presbytery; he was one of the original members of Newburyport Presbytery, and preached the sermon of its organization in October 1826; he was a Commissioner from this Presbytery to the General Assembly in 1834. After the dissolution of Newburyport Presbytery, he rejoined Londonderry presbytery, which he represented in the Assembly of 1849, this relation existed until his death, which took place at Groveland, Mass., December 20, 1859, of chronic erysipelas.

Dr. Perry was a Christian gentleman of the old school; his unform courtesy and refinement of manners impressed every one he met. Kindness entirely devoid of complacency rendered him an agreeable companion, and his vast stores of general information enabled him to become a conversationalist of a high order.

He was interested in all public movements, and when it first started he became identified with the Anti-slavery cause, but as he grew in years and wisdom he became conservative. He was an earnest advocate of the Temperance reformation, and felt a deep and abiding zeal in the cause of education, deeming that a cause of paramount importance in every community. As a counselor he was wise and prudent; when called upon to deliberate, his mind would instinctively take a view of both sides of every question; being thus free from impulse he was often called upon to preside over church councils, where his advice has dissipated differences of opinion, the mildness of his manners and advice has dissipated complete self-possession impressed all with confidence that his judgment was unbiased, and his decision impartial.

He was married three times; first to Miss Maria P. Chamberlain of Exeter, New Hampshire, second, to Miss Eunice Tuttle of Acton, Mass., third, to Miss Sarah Brown of Groton, Mass.; he had nine children.

He wrote a History of the Town of Bradford, which was published, also a number of sermons. He was appointed by Londonderry Presbytery to write a History of Presbyterianism in New England, but his declining health prevented his completing it. The materials he gathered, he transferred to Rev. Dr. Whiton of Antrim, N. H., who nearly completed it at his death, and it is now in the hands of a committee of Londonderry Presbytery.

From: The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. p. 106