To Daniel Burdett of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1817
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best.)

Sir,—

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College;—of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow;—some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all: still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their infrequency.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned:—Obituary Notices; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Album of the College Library, to be set apart for "Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time;—especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter one a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, Librarian.

UNION COLLEGE,
SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE

John Eliot Brown was born in Quinapook, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Egrem, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Hackettberg High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Horn, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-6; State Senator 1836-8; Member of Congress 1839-41; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1849.

Joseph Hemshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Hemshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Alay, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Hazleton, Conn., 1825-30; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831-49; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the "Communicant's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y.; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holmes School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1796; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Pease and Dr. Alman Poteat, of Canemuh; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1800-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."

N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and authentic as possible; but when doubtful he there be marked thus [:].

2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge; if he have but one fact, let that be sent.

3. Let as much data as is necessary be sent in, to the extent of the space given.

4. In cases where the facts are not sufficient to be exact, or the facts to be sent, add the notes of the same size, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.

5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information, gathered from other sources, and therefore, not always authentic.
INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES

I. Name.
Daniel Goodman of the City of Troy, N.Y.

II. Names of both Parents; when and where born.
Anna Gardner, b. March 22, 1778, in Berkshire, Mass.; Peter Goodman, b. in August, 1777, in Berkshire, B.C.

III. Birth Place.
Troy, N.Y.

IV. Various residences and dates; where and when.

V. At what Academy or Academy prepared for College, with Principals and dates; where and when.
Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L.L.D., 1817-1818.

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.
Union College, 1827.

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; where and when.
Teaching, Waterville, N.Y., 1827-1828; Professor, Albany College, 1828-1829.

VIII. The profession he studied; where and when.
[Theology of Princeton, Theological Seminary, 1828.]
Law, 1828 [in Albany, N.Y.] with Mr. H. W. M. Bingham, 1828-29.

IX. Where he has practiced his profession, with dates; and in one he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs.
[Albany, 1830-1840; Troy, 1841-1850.

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus.
[Art, 1830-1835; Law, 1835-1840; Chair of Chemistry, 1840-1845; Professor, 1845-1850.]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus.
[Commissioner of Education of N.Y., 1840-1841; Treasurer of Albany, 1841-1842; President of Union College, 1842-1843; Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Union College, 1843-1845.]

XII. His literary or scientific works he has written or edited.
[Some of his works are published and others are in manuscript.]

XIII. The name of his relative who graduated at Union College; the date of his graduation and the year.
[Union College, 1827.

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus.
[Member of the American Academy of Medicine, 1850; L.L.D., Union College, 1850.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?
[Yes.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death; and in many instances more space will be required to mention this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.

[Dec. 18, 1875, at New York; buried in Troy, N.Y.]

Appendix:

[The significant contributions of Daniel Goodman to the field of education and his role in shaping the educational landscape of the United States are highlighted in this appendix. His dedication to the development of educational institutions and the advancement of knowledge is emphasized, reflecting the importance of his work in the intellectual and cultural growth of the nation.]
XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c. Harbour 1820 to 1838, he conducted very handsomely and with great success in his profession. He had for a very large and extensive clientele.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c. His family is a branch of the Rhode Island Gaffneys. Louis Gaffney, his great-grandfather, Gaffney, settled here before 1680, and was one of the first settlers. Gaffney is the name of a gentleman of a fine issue for which he built some 50 houses in cultivating charity. In 1725, he signed an agreement to organize a community on the plan of the original settlement by the Gaffneys, to lay out streets and hire men to do the work. The Gaffneys were the first to open the roads and to make them passable. The Gaffneys then settled in Rhode Island, which was never again disturbed in the west by the Gaffneys; the Gaffneys of Rhode Island.

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus:

[John Orton Smith, Boston, Chester, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

As to the subject of public law, it is my firm belief that the college does more good than harm, and that the work has cost the state about $5,000 worth.

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DANIEL GARDNER recorder of the city of Troy, N. Y. in 1829.

From: A clipping in Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 3
MARRIED:—At Hartford, Conn., on the 23rd ult. Hon. Daniel Gardner, of Troy, to Miss Anne Terry, eldest daughter of Seth Terry, esq., of the former place.

Albany Argus
July 2, 1835.
CLASS OF 1817.

DANIEL GARDNER

Son of George and Louisa (Dawley) Gardner, was born 1799.
Died 1863 at Troy, N. Y.
Married Ann Terry, 1835, daughter of Judge Terry, Hartford, Conn., a direct descendant of Samuel Terry of Enfield, Conn.

He graduated at Union College, 1817; was recorder of the City of Troy from 1814 to 1834.


CHILDREN:

1. Elizabeth  Born April 20, 1838; died April 15, 1841.
2. Eugene Terry  Born Sept. 26, 1840; educated at Williams College and Columbia Law School.
3. James Terry  Born May 6, 1843; married Josephine Rogers 1868. Educated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Columbia Law School. He was an engineer of skill, and was employed on many works by the U. S. Government in the Yosemite Valley in California.

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