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To *Horace Doolittle* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1826

(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 fewness.

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 Alcove 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 once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, *Librarian.*

UNION COLLEGE,  
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. }

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinipeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800 ; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh 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 Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832–5 ; 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 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798 ; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther ; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, 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 Haselton, Conn., 1825–30 ; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831–40 ; 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 Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal ; entered Union College Sept. 1795 ; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799 ; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camerville ; 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, 1830–5, 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 let them 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 time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.  
4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another 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. *Horace Doolittle*  
[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]
- II. Names of both Parents; thus:— *Reuben & Mary (Keeler) Doolittle*  
[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]
- III. Birth Place. *Malta Saratoga Co. N.Y.* Birth Day and Year. *March 1. 1803*
- IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—  
[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]
- V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:— *Ballston Academy*  
[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.] *J. B. F. Romeyn, Principal. 1822*
- VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *Union College. 1826.*
- VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—  
[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]
- VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—  
[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]  
*Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1826-9.*
- IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—  
[Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]  
*Springfield N.Y. 1829-33. South Orange 1833. 39. Then, Ref. Dutch Church, at Compton N.Y. 1840-52. & at Stanton N.Y. 1852 when I now reside as Pastor.*
- X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—  
[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821-4, &c., &c.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

*My Son. L. M. Doolittle 1852*  
*My Nephew. Reuben Doolittle 1852 died Oct. 13. 1853.*

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]



XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

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, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

P. M. Doolittle - now of the  
Thes. Sem. at  
New Brunswick, N. Jersey.



DOOLITTLE, HORACE--b. Malta, N. Y., Mar. 1, 1803; U. C., 1826; (3 grad.) miss. N. J. Bib. Soc., '28-30; ord. Pby. Elizabethtown, Apr. 30, '30; p. Springfield, N. J., '30-34; p. South Orange, '34-39; p. R. D. ch. Pompton, '39-52; p. R. D. ch. Stanton, '52-72; d. North Branch, N. J., Feb. 18, 1877.

From: Princeton Theological Seminary Catalogue Gen

Rev. HORACE DOOLITTLE, 1826, of Malta, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpnic Societ .  
Adelphic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1877)



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Son of Reuben and Mary (Keeler) Doolittle.

Born at Malta, March 1, 1803.

Became a clergyman of the Protestant Reformed Church.

Married May 4, 1830 at Harlingen, N. J., Catherine Skillman, born at Middlebush, N. J., August 6, 1805, daughter of Joseph and Alice (Van Arsdale) Skillman of Harlingen.

He graduated at Union College 1826, and at Princeton Theological Seminary 1829.

He was pastor of a Presbyterian church in Springfield, N. J., 1829-34 and in South Orange 1834-39; of a Protestant Reformed Dutch church at Pompton, N. J., 1840-51, and at Stanton, N. J., 1851-57.

He dwelt with his son at North Branch, N. J., 1871-74. Residence 1875 at Somerville, N. J., occasionally supplying vacant pulpits not desiring to settle again as pastor.

He died February 18, 1877.

Mrs. Doolittle died February 27, 1900.

Children:

1. Philip Melancthon--born at Springfield, Jan. 20, 1831
2. Horace Skillman--born at South Orange, Dec. 25, 1835; died at Bloomfield Academy, N. J., March 22, 1850. Buried at Harlingen.

FROM      The Doolittle Family in America      Pt 5   pp561-62  
             William Frederick Doolittle  
             Cleveland      1904.

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During his last year in the Seminary he spent his Sabbaths on Neshanic Mountain, for the Am. Bible Soc., and did much good. In his manners he was a gentleman; in his piety he was exemplary and cheerful; in his preaching he was earnest, instructive, evangelical, orthodox, interesting, searching and faithful; in his pastoral duties active, untiring and watchful; in the government of the church, parental, prudent and firm; and in the church courts prompt, regular and assiduous in the discharge of business. In his ministry at Stanton he was a revivalist, and was honored by the ingathering of forty souls at one season of refreshing. He found that church feeble and lifeless, and left it strong and active, greatly improved. He was the means of securing to it a parsonage. He loved the children and catechized them faithfully. He abounded in pastoral visitation and was universally beloved and respected by his people for his consistency and kindness.



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Rev. Horace Doolittle served the church (First Presbyterian Church of South Orange, N. J.) for one year when he was regularly installed as pastor on a salary of \$400 annually with fire wood and the use of the parsonage. The building of the parsonage referred to was started in 1833. The land was purchased for \$125 an acre, and the total cost of house and lot being about \$2,000. During Mr. Doolittle's pastorate of six years there were 31 additions to the church membership. He was a strong Calvinist of the old school type and it was about this time, 1837, that the Presbyterian church was divided into the old and new school. The Presbytery of Newark went entire to the new school church, carrying this church with it. While Mr. Doolittle made no opposition to the movement, it is supposed that this had something to do with his leaving. He was dismissed from the pastoral charge April 7, 1839.

FROM Founders & Builders of the Oranges p. 145  
Henry Whittemore  
Newark, N. J. 1896.

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Whitney Family  
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Horace Walpole 1826  
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