

To *Sam. F. Butterworth* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1830
(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.

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.]

*Attorney of the United States for the Northern Dist of
N.Y. 1838-40 =
Superintendent of U.S. Army Office at New York 1854. Still in office*

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.

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.

XII. The literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.
[Copies are collected for the "Graduates Above" in College Library]

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

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

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received ; from whence, with dates ; thus :—
[M.D., from Albany Medical College, 1812 ; or J.L.D., Amherst College, 1820, &c.]

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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.]

William D. Amis graduated at Union I think
in 1830, resided at Columbus Missi from 1836 to
S. 1848 - died at New Orleans in his brother
Thomas Amis now resides at Columbus Missi -

September 20, 1947

Dear Senator Hayden:

Your sketch of the life of Samuel Fowler Butterworth has been referred to this office; and from our alumni records we were able to add the date of his birth and the names of his parents.

He entered Union College from Oldenham Academy, Orange County, N.Y. and was graduated in 1830 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Society, founded at Union College in 1825. Immediately on graduation he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1834. We have a record sheet ^{presumably} in his own hand, made out in 1855, while he was Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office in New York. ~~We note that~~

We hope you will call on us again, if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Frederic A. Wyatt
Director-Alumni Relations

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August 25, 1947

Mr. Charles S. F. Garis
Dean of Union College
Schenectady, New York

My dear Dean Garis:

From time to time, when my official duties will permit, I have been trying to gather information relative to the early American pioneers of Arizona with a view to printing a number of brief but accurate biographies. One of them was SAMUEL FOWLER BUTTERWORTH, who, I have recently learned, graduated at Union College with the Class of 1833. Attached is the first draft of a sketch of his life, which shows that certain data are needed in order to complete it. 1830

I am addressing you in the hope that you can pass this letter on to someone connected with the College who, from the old records, may be able to ascertain the date of his birth and the names of his parents.

Any effort that you may make in connection with this historical research will be greatly appreciated by,

Yours very sincerely,

Carl Hayden

P.S. Please return the enclosure in the attached envelope.

60. Samuel F. Butterworth, '30

Full name: Samuel FOWLER Butterworth.

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SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH (references from the four volumes of ABRAHAM LINCOLN by
Carl Sandburg)

.....In the tanglefooted proceedings of the New Almaden Mine case, Lincoln kept patience after his friend Leonard Swett led him into an initial step -- wherein Lincoln slipped, and recovered footing. On the sunrise slope of the Santa Cruz Mountains in Santa Clara County, California, was one of the world's richest mines, its cinnabar ore in one of its yielding years producing \$2,000,000 of quicksilver. On the basis of a four-to-three United States Supreme Court decision, Lincoln signed a writ ordering and directing United States Marshal C. W. Rand of the Northern District of California to "enter upon mining property embracing about three thousand varas of land in all directions from the mouth of the mine commonly called and known as the New Almaden Quicksilver mine, and to remove therefrom any and every person who shall be found on the same and deliver the said premises, with all appurtenances of whatsoever kind to the possession of Leonard Swett, an agent who has been duly authorized by me to take possession of and hold the same for the United States." To Halleck, a former president of the New Almaden Company, and to Stanton, a Government attorney in New Almaden litigation, Lincoln said nothing of the writ. Swett took this writ and traveled to San Francisco in the company of Samuel Butterworth, president of the Quicksilver Mining Company of New York, which corporation much wanted the New Almaden mine and its phenomenal production.....

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.....To this the New Almaden owners replied by discussing the four-to-three United States Supreme Court decision, arguing that Swett had "altogether misrepresented" the minority opinion of Justices Catron, Grier, and Swayne. They quoted Swett as remarking, "after his military attempt had failed," that he had "instructions to turn the mine over to the Quicksilver Mining Company." The New Almaden owners proceeded with points too damaging, too correct as to fact, for Swett to try to answer: "We cannot credit Mr. Swett with much sincerity in this statement. On the contrary, we believe that the warrant was obtained from the President to subserve the private interests of an adverse claimant (The Quicksilver Company, incorporated in Pennsylvania, and of which Mr. Butterworth is President); and we will add, that long before Mr. Swett appeared on this coast, armed with the President's warrant, we were informed on good authority, and believe, that Mr. Swett held a large interest (as much as 3,000 shares) in this adverse Company, into whose possession the mine would have been placed if Mr. Swett had succeeded in wresting it from us. And we believe that Mr. Swett still holds that interest. We are also informed that while the matter of this warrant was pending before the President, who was strongly urged not to issue it, he finally referred it to Mr. Swett, his former law partner, intending to be guided by his advice; and this was done while Mr. Swett held his stock in the Quicksilver Mining Company. We believe the President was ignorant of Mr. Swett's interest.".....

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Newburg, N. Y. Student, Union College, 1830. Lawyer, San Francisco, Cal.
Died, May 5, 1875.

From: Kappa Alpha in Union College
1825-1913

60 Samuel Fowler Butterworth, B.A., '30. Born, Newburgh, N. Y., November 10, 1811. Prepared at Newburgh, and Oldenham Academy, Orange Co., N. Y. Union College, 1830. Admitted to bar, 1834. Resided, New York, N. Y., 1830-'34; Newburgh, N. Y., 1834-'35; Columbus, Miss., 1835-'44; New Orleans, La., 1844-'46; New York, N. Y., 1846. U. S. Attorney, northern district of Mississippi, 1838-'40. Organized and first Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y., 1857. Regent, University of California. Lawyer, San Francisco, Cal. Died, May 5, 1875.

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BUTTERWORTH, SAMUEL FOWLER UNION COLLEGE- A.B. 1830. SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

Born at Newburgh, Orange County, New York, November 10, 1811.

Son of Henry Butterworth and Charlotte Fowler.

Married Mary E. at _____ on _____ 18__.

Two daughters, (Mrs. C.P. Fringle) and (Mrs. Louis Haggin).

Educated at Union College and later studied law; was a successful attorney in New York City, and an active Democratic politician; appointed on June 25, 1838, by President Van Buren as United States attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi and served until February, 1841; served in the Treasury Department by appointment of President Buchanan as the first Superintendent of the New York Assay Office at a salary of \$3,500 per annum from May 23, 1854, when he took the oath and he filed a bond of \$20,000, until March 6, 1861, when he resigned at the beginning of the Lincoln administration.

First came to California in 1861 in connection with the attempted seizure by the Federal Government of the New Almaden quicksilver mine and affected a satisfactory compromise of the litigation; as President of the Arizona Mining Company he left San Francisco early in December, 1863, accompanied by Guido Küstel, a metallurgist, and Messrs. Louis Janin and Higgins, mining engineers; the following account of his escape from an Apache attack was written by Charles D. Poston, in 1891:

In 1863 we had made up a company in New York to work the Santa Rita mines. Capital was abundant and confidence in Arizona mines not destroyed. Sam Butterworth was elected President and provided with \$10,000 to make an examination of the mines, and we separated agreeing to meet in Arizona Christmas or thereabouts.

Butterworth and his party came by sea to Guaymas, where they took a couple of ambulances for the mines, with the best outfit in arms, provisions and liquors that San Francisco could furnish for money.

The Apaches were on the lookout for these enterprising gentlemen and descried the ambulance from the mountains and knew just where they would have to cross the Santa Cruz river between Calabasas and the old pueblo of Santa Cruz. Accordingly these merciless savages made an ambuscade under the bank of the river and waited until the mules had been unharnessed from the ambulance and the men had commenced to strip for a luncheon, when they opened fire and stampeded the camp.

Fortunately nobody was killed. Some of the guard mounted the naked mules and escaped, and the men on foot scattered in different directions. After the Apaches had secured the mules and the plunder from the ambulance they set fire to the grass, which was ripe and very high.

The fire smoked Butterworth out, and he had to climb a mesquite tree about 100 yards from the road to get out of the fire. I went to the tree afterwards and found the mud from his boots in the forks of the tree, and cut a minnie ball out of the limb about three feet above the print of the boots, by which I inferred that Mr. Butterworth came very near taking up his permanent residence on the banks of the Santa Cruz.

The Apaches are too smart to remain long on the public highway after committing a robbery, so they gathered up the plunder and made a camp on the hill about half a league from the scene of the robbery.

When I visited their Apache camp a few days afterward it was plain that Apache curiosity had induced one of them to pick open a cartridge with a stone and the cartridge had exploded in his hand. They left the whole supply of cartridges in the camp as they evidently did not want any more of that explosive material. The saddest thing about the camp was some dozen bottles of the finest French brandy - empty.

After the Apaches left Butterworth "up the tree" he wandered up and down the Santa Cruz all night without any coat, and a cravat made of grass, and the next day was rescued by a Mexican named Comaduran, who piloted him to Santa Cruz, where some other members of the party had found refuge.

The conclusion of a more detailed account of the attack appears in "Adventures in the Apache Country" by J. Ross Browne, who visited the scene with Poston and reads:

" The Indians set fire to the grass again, and the flames swept toward him with fearful rapidity, compelling him to climb the tree for security, and even then burning part of the legs off his pantaloons. Two bullet-holes which we found in the tree indicated that his position was by no means a pleasant one.

" Upon further examination of the spot where the wagons stood, we found fragments of the plunder scattered around, such as sardine boxes, broken candle boxes, cartridges patent medicines, and a bottle inscribed " Philip Roach", San Francisco. This was one of a number bearing a similar brand, containing some brandy reputed to be fifty years old. Mr. Butterworth, I have been informed, said it went harder with them to see these brutal wretches drink up his choice brandy than all the rest of the disaster put together.

" Plunder was evidently their chief object; for as soon as they had gutted the wagons of their contents they retired across the Santa Cruz River, where they held a grand carousal over their booty. They had succeeded in getting #1700 in gold coin and other property, amounting in the aggregate to about \$3000.

" It is gratifying to know that this band of Apaches has since met with summary vengeance at the hands of the California Volunteers, (Under Major Nelson H. Davis). Most if not all of them have been killed, and \$700 of the money taken from their dead bodies."

In 1864, he settled permanently in San Francisco and became the President and Manager of the New Almaden Company, a \$10,000,000 corporation; under his direction during the next six years, the mine paid all the purchase money besides building the works essential to its development; thereafter he made himself felt in the business community, his own capital accululated and, at the time of his death, he had acquired a fortune estimated at \$7,000,000, a large part of which was invested in real estate.

Died at San Francisco, California, May 5, 1875, aged 63; buried _____

Cemetery; the following is taken from an obituary printed in the San Francisco Chronicle:

His personal characteristics were strongly marked. He was a man to be noticed in a crowd, and afterwards remembered. His features were clearly and firmly cut, almost to hardness, correctly indicating his mental peculiarities. The mouth and jaw solidly set, showing

tenacity of purpose, and great self-reliance. He had that cold gray eye that calmly reads the secrets of others while resolutely refusing to betray its own. In person he was of medium height, compactly and not elegantly built. His manners were always those of the cultivated gentleman.

Among the positions of trust which Mr. Butterworth filled was that of Commissioner of the Golden Gate Park, and to the duties of this office he gave much time and brought his good taste and business sagacity into profitable play. As a Regent of the ^{State} University he rendered good and active service in the cause of education, and his name is indissolubly connected with that institution.

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