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record for their alumni files?

Rev. Stephen N. Rowan was a graduate
of the class of 1804

Don Keefer

ROWAN FAMILY

BIBLE RECORD

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HOLY BIBLE . . . LONDON: PRINTED FOR GEORGE EYRE AND ANDREW STRAHAN, PRINTERS TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY. 1806.
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By the Reverend John N. Meyer

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MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES OF THE
ROWAN FAMILY COPIED FROM SCHENECTADY
NEWSPAPERS BY DONALD A. KEEFER

MARRIED--On the 2d inst. by the Rev. Mr. Brayton, Mr. THOMAS HUSTON of this city, to Miss JANE ANN ROWAN, daughter of the Rev. S. N. Rowan of the city of New York . . . (The Schenectady Cabinet, Wednesday, May 10, 1826)

DIED--At Schenectady, in the 48th year of his age, STEPHEN N. ROWAN, D.D. formerly Pastor of the Eighth Presbyterian Church in the city of N. York . . . Dr. R. was born at Salem, Washington county . . . At an early age he entered Union College, Schenectady, at which place, immediately after his graduation, in 1804, he married . . . pursued his theological studies under the Rev. J. H. Myers, of the Reformed Dutch Church, Schenectady, and . . . Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Romeyn, of Red Hook. His first pastoral charge was the Reformed Dutch Church in Greenwich . . . After a number of years . . . became the pastor of the Eighth Presbyterian Church . . . (The Schenectady Cabinet, Wednesday, March 18, 1835)

Married, On the 9th inst., at Scotland Neck, N. C., William Flint, M. D. of Boston, Mass., to Miss Matilda Beekman, third daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Rowan. (The Reflector, and Schenectada Democrat, Friday, June 23, 1837)

MARRIED--On the 21st ult. by Rev. Prof. J. A. Yates, the Hon. DAVID SPRAKER, of Canajoharie, to Miss HARRIET FRANCES, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Rowan of this city. (The Schenectady Cabinet: or, Freedom's Sentinel, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1845)

MARRIED--In this city, yesterday, by Rev. Dr. J. A. Yates, Mr. JOHN SWART, of Florida, Mont. co. to Miss CAROLINE AUGUSTA, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Rowan, of New-York. (The Schenectady Cabinet: or, Freedom's Sentinel, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1845)

Died: In this city, on the 3d inst. . . . Mrs. MARGARET BEEKMAN, in the 63d year of her age,--relict of the Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D.D. formerly of New-York. (The Schenectady Cabinet, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1850)

Died: At New-York, on the 26th ult. after a short but severe illness, JOHN J. BEEKMAN ROWAN, eldest son of the late Rev. Dr. Rowan, in the 47th year of his age. (The Schenectady Cabinet, Tuesday, March 2, 1852)

Married: In the city of New York, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. Mr. Vaness, JOHN W. HASTINGS, Esq., of Brookline, to Miss MARGARETHA E., fifth daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Rowan. (Schenectady Reflector, Friday, March 9, 1855)

DIED. ROWAN.--At Canajoharie, on the 9th inst., at the residence of her brother-in-law, David Spraker, Esq., Maria S. Rowan, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Stephen N. Rowan, of New York. (The Schenectady Reflector, Thursday, March 13, 1873)

OBITUARY. Mrs. Jane A. Houston . . . died at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Bushnell, in New York, this morning . . . two . . . daughters . . . son . . . she was the third daughter of Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, a Presbyterian divine . . . four sisters . . . one brother survive, Rev. Edward S. Rowan, of Brooklyn. Of the sisters the eldest is Mrs. Flint, widow of Rev. Wm. B. Flint, residing at Erie, Pa. The remains were brought to this city for interment. (The Schenectady Daily Union, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1877)

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The following are the inscriptions from gravestones in the Presbyterian Churchyard on Union Street, Schenectady:

In Memory of Rev. Stephen N. Rowan who died Feb.
10th 1835 Aged 47 years 5 months and 9 days.
P. Hood

In Memory of Margaret Beekman widow of Rev.
Stephen N. Rowan who died Jan. 3rd 1850 Aged
63 years & 11 days. P. Hood

UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI RECORD

PLEASE FILL IN COMPLETELY AND RETURN TO:
THE GRADUATE COUNCIL, UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

- UNION DEGREE A. B.
CLASS OF 1804
1. NAME IN FULL Stephen N. Rowan
 2. SON OF (A) FATHER James
(B) MOTHER (MAIDEN NAME) _____
 3. BORN (DATE) 1787 Sept. 1 (PLACE) Salem, N. Y.
 4. DIED (DATE) 1835 Feb. 10 (PLACE) Schenectady
 5. MARRIED (HER NAME) Margaret Beekman, dau. of Jacob (DATE) July 9, 1804
(A) WIFE WAS BORN (DATE) Jan. 14, 1787 (PLACE) _____
(See "Genealogies of First Settlers of Schenectady" Pearson, p. 112)
(B) WIFE DIED (DATE) _____ (PLACE) _____
 6. CHILDREN: NAME DATE OF BIRTH -DATE-OF-DEATH-
John Jacob Beekman Rowan dates not known Ch., continued
James Henry Rowan, Comd'r, U.S.N. Helen Caroline Rowan, m.
Maria Sanders Rowan John Swart
Jane Anna Rowan, m. Thomas Houston of Albany. Margaretta Elizabeth, m.
Matilda Beekman Rowan, m. Rev. Wm. B. Flint John Hastings;
Edward Stephen Rowan Harriet Frances, b. 1/20, 1826;
(d. 3/30, 1907. M. David Spraker (1801-1873)
 7. PREPARED FOR COLLEGE AT: privately tutored by J. H. Meyer and Jeremiah Romeyn
 8. COLLEGE LIFE: (A) FRATERNITY MEMBERSHIP _____
(B) LITERARY OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP _____
(C) CLASS OFFICES _____
(D) COLLEGE PRIZES AND HONORS _____
 9. OTHER COLLEGES ATTENDED New Brunswick Theological Seminary, class of 1806
 10. DEGREES A. M. from Union College
D. D. from Columbia, 1822 (another authority says it was an S. T. D. from Columbia)
 11. PROFESSION Minister
 12. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD WITH DATES _____
pastorate, Greenwich, N. Y., 1807-19 (Reformed Dutch)
Founded Eighth Presbyterian Church, Christopher St., New York City, 1819-25
Secretary for Society for Ameliorating Condition of Jews, 1825-35
Moderator of General Assembly, Presbyterian Church.
 13. MILITARY HISTORY AND TITLES _____

14. PUBLIC OFFICES HELD WITH DATES.....

15. MEMBER OF PROFESSIONAL, LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC, SOCIETIES.....

16. LITERARY PRODUCTIONS, DATE AND PUBLISHER.....

2 sermons "Insensibility under the Calls of God to Repentance" 1812
Rowan's Miscellany" 1819
Evang. Guardian and Rev." 1817
Discourse on the death of Rev. Dr. J. B. Romeyn 1825
Obsequies of Adams and Jefferson 1826

17. RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Presbyterian.....

18. POLITICAL PREFERENCE.....

19. BROTHERS AND SISTERS James R. and Abram.....

(See "History of Washington County, N.Y." Evarts and Ensign, p. 127).....

20. RELATIVES OF SELF OR WIFE WHO HAVE ATTENDED UNION.....

Class

Son-in-law David Spraker (1801-1873) of Canajoharie, N.Y.	1822
Grandson David Spraker Jr. (1848-1917) of Canajoharie, N.Y.	1868

21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (USE THIS SPACE FOR OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OR TO SUPPLEMENT ANY OF THE ABOVE ANSWERS.)

22. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON THROUGH WHOM I CAN ALWAYS BE REACHED.

NAME..... STREET.....

CITY..... STATE.....

23. Additional INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY James R. Spraker (great-grandson).....

STREET ADDRESS 64 Dorchester Road.....

CITY AND STATE Buffalo, New York.....

DATE May 24, 1937

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He was universally recognized in the community as a man of perspicuous, commanding intellect. His mind was characterized by clearness, directness, definiteness, and sound common sense. He went directly to his object, and whatever his hearers may have thought of his public exhibitions, none could doubt the meaning of his remarks, and few could avoid their point. His style of composition was remarkably chaste and accurate, adorned at times by the happiest illustrations, drawn from his extensive reading. As a friend he was most affectionate and faithful, and while to the world that had often cruelly oppressed him he might sometimes appear to cover his heart under an iron mask, yet, to trusted friends, he was warm-hearted, confiding, and tender. It pleased God to try him sorely in various ways, yet he did not weep over his own trials; but he would shed tears of sympathy with others in their misfortunes. He commended himself highly while in Europe to the friends of truth, who spoke of him in terms of warm approbation. The exercises of his mind in his last illness were characterized by clear and sometimes awful views of the nature of sin, by great humility of spirit, and tender and ardent love to his Saviour, his hopes ever brightening as his end approached; his faith strengthening, and his conversation being peculiarly rich, solemn, and impressive.

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May 22, 1937

My dear Mrs. Spraker:

The enclosed record sheet contains all the information we have about Stephen N. Rowan of the class of 1804.

I trust you may find some facts there, of interest to you. Will you kindly add anything you can, particularly the names of his children, and return it to us? An envelope is enclosed.

We have items from a Salem paper and a Troy paper on his death; they make no mention of his having a pastorate in Schenectady. We think that if he had been pastor of any church here, that fact would certainly have been mentioned.

You might write to the First Presbyterian Church, Union St., which has a very old cemetery on its grounds. They might be able to tell you the dates, if Dr. or Mrs. Rowan are buried there. We tried to telephone there; but as they have no pastor at present, no one answered. There is also The State Street Presbyterian Church in Schenectady.

The college has treasurer's books back as far as 1806; but this date, of course, is not quite early enough for your question.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. James R. Spraker
64 Dorchester Road
Buffalo, N. Y.

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VIII

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Children of Stephen N. Rowan
(Additional data)

1. John Jacob Beekman Rowan, married Martha, youngest daughter of Dr. Douglas (MD.) of New York City.
2. James Henry Rowan, Commander, U.S.N. married Sarah, the eldest daughter of Dr. Douglas.
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She died Jan. 24, 1887, aged 65.
8. Margaretta Elizabeth Rowan, married John W. Hastings of Brooklyn, N.Y.
She died Oct. 24, 1897 in her 75th year.
9. Harriet Frances Rowan, born Jan. 20, 1826; married Aug. 21, 1845 at Schenectady, David Spraker (b. Feb. 23, 1801; d. Oct. 14, 1873) a graduate of UNION COLLEGE. She died Mar. 30, 1907 at Canajoharie, N.Y.



Abigail Fillmore Chapter

MES. JAMES R. SPRAKER, REGENT
64 DORCHESTER ROAD
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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June 7, 1937

Mr. C. N. Waldron,
Secretary, Graduate Council,
Union College,
Schenectady, New York.

My Dear Mr. Waldron:

Your letter of May 26th was received, with the biographical record chart of David Spraker, Sr. enclosed.

I have filled this out as completely as possible. It is fortunate that my husband has all the papers of both his father, David Spraker Jr. and his grandfather David Spraker Sr., including their diplomas from Union College. An old scrap-book contains clippings and papers concerning the careers of both these men; also obituaries of Stephen N. Rowan.

Among other things in the scrap-book is an old program of the graduating exercises of the Class of 1822. If you have no copy of this and would care for a copy of this one, we would be glad to have a photostat made.

We have also a paper bound book "The First Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Union College, Celebrated July 22, 1845" published by W. C. Little and Co., Albany.

Regarding the Rowan family, I have since hearing from you, communicated with the First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady. The church secretary has located the graves of both Rev. Stephen N. Rowan and his wife, Margaret (Beekman) Rowan. She died January 3, 1850, aged 63.

We have also heard from Mr. F. W. Spraker of Cooperstown, N.Y. (son of David Spraker Sr.) that he has the old Rowan family Bible in his possession, giving the following record of Stephen N. Rowan's wife: 1804

"Margaret Beekman was born at Schenectady January 14, 1787.

Stephen N. Rowan married Margaret Beekman July 9, 1804 by the Rev. John Meyer

Margaret B. Rowan departed this life on Thursday morning at one o'clock January 3, 1850, aged 63 years."

This will allow you to fill in the missing dates on the biographical sheet of Stephen N. Rowan.

Thanking you for all your assistance,

Yours very truly,

Over-

Hazel A. Spraker

P.S. Mr. F. W. Spraker of Cooperstown, N.Y. writes that
he has a copy of a letter written to Rev. Stephen N. Rowan
by Marquis de Lafayette, and will send us a copy of this.
H.A.S.

1804 STEPHEN N. ROWAN

Married:-At Schenectady, on Monday the 9th inst
by the Rev. Mr. Myers, Mr. Stephen N. Rowan, of
this village, to Miss Margaret Beekman, daughter
of Col. Jacob Beekman, of the former place.

"Hail Wedlock! Hail, invariable tye!
Perpetual fountain of domestic joy! "

The Northern Post
Salem, N. Y.
July 17th, 1804.

Died:-In Schenectady, on the 9th inst. the Rev.
Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., aged about 47 years.

County Post & North Star
Salem, N. Y.
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Rowan, Stephen, b. at Salem, N.Y., 1787; U.C. 1804, studied under J. H. Meyer and Jer. Romeyn, 1. Cl. N.Y., 1806; Greenwich, N.Y.C., 1807-19, (8th Presbyt., Christopher St., N.Y.C.) 1819-25; Sec. of Soc. for Amel. Condition of the Jews, 1825-35, d. S.T.D. by C.C. 1822.

At the early age of six he had received deep impressions of religion, having been nurtured in truth by the kind and faithful instructions of a pious mother. At Greenwich his zealous and faithful labors were abundantly blessed, but at length an unhappy difference caused him to leave that church, and to found the Eighth Presbyterian Church in Christopher Street, in which many of his personal friends and converts of his ministry united. Here great success also attended his labors. For many years he was the efficient secretary for the society whose object was to ameliorate the condition of the Jews, visiting Europe in this behalf.

He was universally recognized in the community as a man of perspicuous, commanding intellect. His mind was characterized by clearness, directness, definiteness, and sound common sense. He went directly to his object, and whatever his hearers may have thought of his public exhibitions, none could doubt the meaning of his remarks, and few could avoid their point. His style of composition was remarkably chaste and accurate, adorned at times by the happiest illustrations, drawn from his extensive reading. As a friend he was most affectionate and faithful, and while to the world that had often cruelly oppressed him he might sometimes appear to cover his heart under an iron mask, yet, to trusted friends, he was warm-hearted, confiding, and tender. It pleased God to try him sorely in various ways, yet he did not weep over his own trials; but he would shed tears of sympathy with others in their misfortunes. He commended himself highly while in Europe to the friends of truth, who spoke of him in terms of warm approbation.

**STEPHEN ROWAN. From New Brunswick Theol Sem. - 1784-1911.*
Born at Salem, N. Y., 1787. A.B. (Union, 1804). Studied under J. H. Meyer and Jeremiah Romeyn. Licensed by Classis of New York, 1806. Greenwich, New York City, 1807-19. Eighth Presbyterian, Christopher St., New York City, 1819-25. Secretary of Society for Ameliorating Condition of Jews, 1825-35. S.T.D. (Columbia, 1822). Died, 1835. *Class of 15 - 8?*

CLASS OF 1804.

STEPHEN N. ROWAN.

DIED: In Schenectady on the 9th inst the Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., aged about 47 years.

The Trojan, Troy. N. Y.
Feb. 21, 1835.

1937- James R. Spraker, 64 Dorchester Road, Buffalo, N. Y.
is great-grandson.

Rev. STEPHEN N. ROWAN, A.M. D.D. Co. Coll., 1804, of New York City, was a member
of the Adelpic Society. (Died: 1835)
Adelpic Catalogue 1830

S. Rowan 1804

The exercises of his mind in his last illness were characterized by clear and sometimes awful views of the nature of sin, by great humility of spirit, and tender and ardent love to his Saviour, his hopes ever brightening as his end approached; his faith strengthening, and his conversation being peculiarly rich, solemn, and impressive.

PUBLICATIONS: Two Sermons on "Insensibility, under the Calls of God to Repentance." 1812. A Ser. at ord. of Rev. Richard V. Dey, at Greenfield, Ct., 1823.-- "Jacob's Address to Laban." A Sermon at Greenwich, N.Y.C., Aug. 9, 1818, at the announcement of his resignation. 1818. Including Appendix, containing several acts of the Consistory. See also "Reply to Rowan's Ser.," being a Report thereon by the Consistory. 8vo, pp. 44. 1818.-- "A Review of the Reply." 1819.-- "Rowan's Miscellany." See "Mag. R.D.C.," iv. 289. Also "Evang. Guardian and Rev.," May, 1817.-- Disc. on the death of Rev. Dr. J. B. Romeyn. 1825.-- "Obsequies of Adams and Jefferson," 1826.

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church in your city, may I trouble you to send me the names and locations of these churches? I should like to obtain from the church records the date of death of Stephen Rowan's wife.

Thanking you for any information you can give me,

Yours very truly,

Hazel A. Spraker

MRS. JAMES R. SPRAKER
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May 18, 1937

Union College,
Schenectady, New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am trying to trace the ancestry of my husband's great-grandfather, Rev. Stephen Rowan of Schenectady. We have just discovered in some old papers the statement that Rev. Rowan was a graduate of Union College in 1805.

Would your records of the students of that early date show the names of the parents and the residence of student and parents at the time of enrollment? If so, would you kindly send me a copy of such data concerning Stephen Rowan of the Class of 1805?

We will be glad to pay charges of the work of searching for and copying the record.

Stephen Rowan was born in Salem, Washington County, New York in 1787, and is said to have been the son of James Rowan, but we have not been able to find the name of James' wife, nor when or where either of them died.

Stephen Rowan was the minister of a Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, and died there in 1835. If there is more than one Presbyterian

rec'd January 18, 1943

64 Dorchester Road,
Buffalo, New York

Mr. C. N. Waldron, Secretary,
Graduate Council, Union College,
Schenectady, New York.

My Dear Mr. Waldron:

Your letter of the 13th was received, and Mr. Spraker is pleased to send you herewith the following:

1. A Catalogue of Officers and Students of Union College, June, 1822;
2. A Catalogue of Officers and Students and Register of Societies, Union College, 1867-8;
3. The Songs of Union, 1865;
4. Typewritten copy of "Order of Commencement in Union College", July 24, 1822.

This last is pasted in the family scrap-book and would be very difficult to remove.

This family scrap-book, which was started by David Spraker, Sr. (Class of 1822, Union) also contains numerous programs, invitations, etc. pertaining to Union College of that period, including an invitation to the Commencement Ball, July 24, 1822 and bills for student's expenses, 1822. For the 1865-69 period there are several term reports enumerating fees and student expenses and the student's attainments and merits; an "Order of Commencement Exercises," July 24, 1867, and one for July 1, 1868; a program of "Prize Oratory" July 23, 1867 and one of "Prize Speakers" dated June 30, 1868.

Mr. Spraker's father, David Spraker, Jr. delivered the Latin Salutatory in the 1868 program.

You are correct in assuming that my husband, James R. Spraker, is a descendant of a graduate of Union College, in fact of three early graduates.

1. His father, David Spraker Jr., Canajoharie, N.Y. Class of 1868.
2. His grandfather, David Spraker, Sr. " " " 1822.
3. His great-grandfather Stephen N. Rowan, Salem, N.Y. " 1804.

(The latter was father-in-law of David Spraker, Sr.)

All of these men were members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

In 1937 I had some correspondence with you regarding the above Stephen N. Rowan, D.D. You kindly sent us some data from the Union College Alumni Record, and we sent you some biographical data of Stephen N. Rowan and his son-in-law, David Spraker, Jr. (Class of 1822). I think you will find these in your files.

Our letters you will find under dates of May and June, 1937. I intended to send you a copy of the 1822 commencement program at that time, but neglected to do so, and our correspondence was so carefully filed away with family records that I did not refer to it again when I wrote you on January 3 of this year.

In your letter of May 22, 1937 you said you had clippings from a Salem, N.Y. and a Troy paper on the death of Rev. Stephen N. Rowan. We would greatly appreciate having typed copies of these.

Very sincerely yours,

Hazel A. Spraker

(Mrs. James R. Spraker)

January 18, 1943

Dear Mrs. Spraker:

The items on Union College you sent arrived this morning, and I am much pleased to have them. I thank both you and your husband for your kindness in sending them. The scrapbook you mention I should like to have should you at some future date decide this was the best place to place it. We have a few scrapbooks sent us by families of alumni who kept them, but none that go back as far as the one you mention.

I am sending you today a pamphlet containing pictures of the College. It is really a nice piece of printing and was given us a few years ago by an alumnus who was also a trustee of the College. It will give you an impression of the campus as it is today. I wish that you and your husband might visit us sometime. The campus is really beautiful in the summer and fall as its charm comes largely from the grounds and gardens. It does not take on its full beauty until late in May. From that time until early October it is really worth seeing.

Hoping I am to meet you here, and again thanking you for your thought of us, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. N. Waldron, Secretary

P.S. I am enclosing the items you wish. You will note that they are extremely brief.

Mrs. James R. Spraker
64 Dorchester Road
Buffalo, New York

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