Schoonmaker, Zachariah
From: Shawangunk, N.Y.
Last residence: Kingston, N.Y.

Records show one
Zachariah Schoonmaker

Commencement of service: Dec 9, 1812
Expiration of service: Feb 28, 1813
Envelope with wax seal
To 

Schoonmaker of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1886

(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best.)

Subject: 

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 fogginess.

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 Gildden Brown was born in Quinqueque, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Eepson, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderberg 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 Hoosen, 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 1826-8; Member of Congress 1829-31; 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 J. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1816.

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 Marlborough, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haslett, 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 Benyon, N. Y.; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holmes School, Rev. Hannah Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Saneok, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Pectar, of Cambridge; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhune, 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, 1890-5, 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."

1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and authentic as possible; but when doubtful let them be marked (d). 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. It must be admitted the subscriber will not be sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, and another of the same size, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.

To ensure 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:—

[(President of J.C. Farnum Co., N.Y., 1860-61 and 1865-77; Member of Congress, 1872-75; N.Y., 1881-83; Member of Assembly, of N.Y., 1883-84, etc., etc.)]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited. (Copies may be attached for the "Graduates Above" 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, 1844, or LL.D., Amherst College, 1852, etc.)]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him? No. There is a painted portrait. (Draw or make a sketch from the portrait and send it to the University in time to be published in this work.)

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death. (Send copy of obituary, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, etc. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case an additional sheet.)

August 16, 1878, at Kingston after a short illness.
XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

Nothing particular to relate during a part of the time of 1812 he was appointed as Col Hawking Regiment of Volunteers.

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

His father was Casullus C. Schommaker, who died when his Conflagration was quite young. The father Casullus was for several years a member of the legislature of this State in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and a member of the 2nd Congress of the United States under the Constitution from 1791 to 1793.

On the 30th November 1808 he married Casullus Marquis Grove of Kingston Utica N.Y. and on his death left his widow two children here surviving — one of the children died a few years after the father. The other child Marquis Schommaker the surviving individual of the Banking Department of the State of New York.

The list of such gentility as may not be widely known — their residence, profession, dates of death, &c.; the same and residence of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for.


Together with his widow are still living and now reside at Albury N.Y.

There are going are the constant demand.

William Schommaker
ZACHARIAH SCHOONMAKER '05

Zachariah, youngest child of Cornelius C. and Arriantje (Terwilliger) Schoonmaker, was born about 1782, in Shawangunk and became a prominent citizen of Kingston, New York. He graduated from Union College, read law, was admitted to the bar, and practised his profession in Kingston, New York, until his death in 1818. He married, November 29, 1808, at Kingston, Cornelia Marius, daughter of Peter Marius Green, who was a great-grandson of Jacob Marius Green, who went from Holland to England in 1670 and there married Letitia, daughter of Admiral, the Earl of Salisbury. He returned to Holland and between 1725 and 1735 came to America. Peter M. Green married Catharina Louw, and their daughter, Cornelia, was baptized at Kingston, April 20, 1783. No record of her children appears at Kingston Dutch Church.

From: Zachariah Schoonmaker Family Genealogy
There is a portrait of Zachariah Schoonmaker in the Thomas B. Clarke collection of portraits. (New York City)

From a letter to Frederick E. W. Darrow of Saugerties-on-Hudson from C. C. Goodman on June 18, 1931.
ZACHARIAH SCHOONMAKER

of Kingston, New York, was born at Shawangunk, New York, July 8, 1785. Died at Kingston, August 16, 1818. He was an attorney. Married November 30, 1808, Cornelia Marius Groen, descendant of Jacob Marius Groen, the emigrant. He was the son of Cornelius Schoonmaker.

Marius Schoonmaker, a son, was born at Kingston, April 24, 1811. He was the author of "History of Kingston" 1868. He was State Senator, 1850-51; Congressman, 1851-53; auditor of Canal Department, 1854; Superintendent of Banking Department, 1855; member of Constitutional Convention, 1867.

FROM American Ancestry Vol. 4 p. 199
CLASS OF 1805

ZACHARIAH SCOCNMAKER

Commenced the practice of law in Ulster County in the year 1807. He was a man of considerable ability, and died in 1818.

Born in 1784, was graduated at Union College, read law, and practiced his profession in Kingston, N. Y., until his death in 1818.

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