

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

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Records show one
Zachariah Schoonmaker
1st Lieut. and Paymaster, 2nd Regt. Artillery,
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To *J. Schoonmaker* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 18

(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 Physis 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. *Zachariah Schommaker*
[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]
- II. Names of both Parents; thus:— *Cornelius C & Sarah (Hoffman) Schom
 maker*
[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]
- III. Birth Place. *Shawangunk Ulster Co. N.Y.* Birth Day and Year. *July 2, 1785*
- IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—
[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]
Kingston Ulster Co
- V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—
[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]
*prepared for College at Shawangunk under private instruction of
 Rev Mr Holaday*
- VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *at Union College*
- VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—
[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-49, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]
None
- VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—
[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1829-35 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]
*Law with Abraham Van Kechten at Albany, Gardiner
 & Auther at New York & Samuel Hawkins at Kingston N.Y.*
- IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs;
 thus:—
[Eps. Somerville, N. J., 1837-39; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1836-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]
*at Kingston from term of license in 1808 until death in
 1818*
- 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, Scholastic, N.Y., 1841-49; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]
*None - He was a paymaster in Col Hawkins' regiment
 in the war of 1812*

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—
[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1838-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-42; 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 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 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him? *No - but there is a painted portrait & miniature*
[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.]

August 16th 1818 at Kingston after a short illness

*at New York -
 Z Schommaker*

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

Nothing particular to relate during a part of the
year of 1812 he was paymaster in Col Hawks
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 Cornelius C Schomwaker who died when
his son Zachariah was quite young. The father Cornelius -
was for several successive years a ~~member~~ distinguished
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 Cornelia Madus
Groom of Kingston Ulster Co. N.Y. and at his death left
his widow & two children him surviving - one of the children died
a few weeks after the father - The other child Maria Schomwaker the
present Superintendent of the Banking department of the State New York

~~XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known; their residences, professions, dates of death, &c.; the name and residence
also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus -
John Oates Smith, Danvers, Chispeen, Mass. died 1817. His brother Joseph H. Smith resides in Springfield Mass.~~

together with his widow are still living and now reside
at Albany N.Y.

I have above given all the information
demanded
W Schomwaker

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 Groen, who was a great-grandson of Jacob Marius Groen, 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. Groen 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 Schoon-
maker 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.

CLASS OF 1805

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" 1888. 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

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Commenced the practice of law in Ulster County in the year 1807. He was a man of considerable ability, and died in 1818. page 105

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