CLASS OF 1807.

NICHOLAS VAN VRANKEN.

MARRIED: In this city on Thursday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Van Vechten, Mr. Nicholas Van Vranken, to Miss Jennet M'Clelland, daughter of the late Dr. William M'Clelland, of Albany.

The Cabinet
Schenectady
December 22, 1819.
1807 Nicholas Van Vranken is the grandson of Nicholas Van Vranken 1875 who almost to able to fill out that name

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NICHOLAS VAN VRANKEN

Son of Maas and Ariantje (Van der Volgen) Van Vranken
Born April 7, 1791
Was a graduate of Union College, and a practicing physician; but disliking the profession, he became first a distinguished teacher, and subsequently a much-esteemed merchant of Schenectady. He filled many offices of trust, and married Jennet, daughter of William McClellan, M. D., of Albany.
He died January 29, 1864.
Mrs. Richard Franchet is one of his children, and Mrs. John Hillhouse is another.

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John Sanders p. 145

Van Vranken, Nicholas, 1807
entered college at 12, graduated at 16. Pearson calls on him for recollections;
"When entered college, he said, "I had read but one book outside of my regular text books and that was 'Robinson Crusoe.'" His tender age and inexperience and diffidence prevented him from realizing the advantages that usually follow a collegiate education and when he left college he confesses he was only fitted to enter again, with any hopes to profit to himself..."
Pearson diaries V.4-a

4/19/1855
The long typewritten page is the life of a different N. Van Wykhuizen, not the one who was in the class of 1807. 1807 Nicholas Van Wykhuizen born in 1762 to just starting college in the 1800s.

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NICHOLAS VAN VRANKEN

b. at Schenectady, 1762; studied under Dirck Romeyn and Livingston,
l. by the Synod of R.D. Chs. 1790; Fishkill, Hopewell, and New Hackensack, 1791-1804, d.

He was a man of fine attainments, literary and theological, a
servant and eloquent speaker, and a most devoted servant of God. After
completing his preparatory studies, he became principal of a flourishing
academy in his native city, continuing in that position for six years.
This academy was the germ of Union College. The records of his church,
so far as preserved, show numerous additions, evidencing that his
labors were blessed. He was possessed of strong affections, ardently
attached to his charges, no inducement prevailing with him to sever
his connection with them. He declined calls from Albany and Schenec-
tady. The change of language, from the Dutch to the English, took
place in his charges during his ministry. His knowledge of his people
was so complete, and his tact so great, that when, according to an-
cient custom, the communicants stood around the pulpit to receive
the sacramental elements from the hands of their pastor, he adapted
his remarks to the circumstances of each. His quick eye took in in
a moment individual peculiarities, and he also spoke to them in
Dutch or English, as they were best able to comprehend the one or
the other. Tradition represents him as a most faithful, devoted, and
dearly beloved pastor. One of his elders in Poughkeepsie once said
to him, "Domine, I hear that a great woe has been pronounced against
you, a woe upon the very highest authority—woe unto the man of whom
all speak well." His personal appearance was very prepossessing; he
was gentlemanly in his manners; his conversational talent was finely
developed, enabling him to make the best possible use of a large fund
of chaste anecdotes, and rendering him a most agreeable and instructive
associate to all classes. He never lowered his ministerial character,
though he richly enjoyed a jest. Tradition also tells a story, illus-
trative of his humor. Having visited one of his parishioners, as he
was about leaving, the latter said, "Domine, the next time you come
bring a bag and I will fill it with oats." On his next visit he did
take a bag, but it was of unusual dimensions, two large sheets having
been sewed together for the purpose. His friend took the sack, and
saying the Domine in his own coin, filled it with oats in the sheaf.
His final sickness was very violent and rapid. Most of his people
had not heard of it until, on Sabbath, when waiting for his entrance
as usual into the church, the messenger brought tidings of his death.---
"Kip's Hist. Des. at Fishkill."

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Corwin
1528-1902
Van Vranken, Nicholas
From: Schenectady, N.Y.
Last residence: Schenectady, N.Y.

Records show one
Nicholas Van Vrankin
Surgeon's Mate, 2nd Regt. (Van Hook's) N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Sept 7, 1814
Expiration of service: Dec. 3, 1814