

1805
Robert R. Tillotson should, I think, be described as Robert L. Tillotson, who is buried in the Rhinebeck cemetery, I believe he was a prominent lawyer in New York City, but retired from practice after the death of his wife who was a Miss Gouverneur. I do not think that there was any other brother and have never heard of a Howard Tillotson of that generation, although both John C. and Robert had sons named Howard.

From General John Ross Delafield
Through Nelson Coon, Rhinebeck, N. Y.
March 16, 1931

DesChamps, Marlane J.

From: DesChamps, Marlane J.
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 1:56 PM
To: 'Thunder, James M.'
Cc: Fladger, Ellen
Subject: RE: Robert L Tillotson (1786-1878), Class of 1805

Dear Jim Thunder,

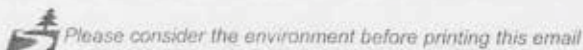
Thank you for your recent messages regarding Robert L. Tillotson.

We have checked our collections here in the archives and unfortunately, we do not have any images of Robert Tillotson.

I'm sorry that we were unable to help you. Please let us know if you need any other information.

Sincerely,
Marlane

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From: Thunder, James M. [<mailto:jthunder@khhte.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 9:18 AM
To: specialcollections
Subject: RE: Robert L Tillotson (1786-1878), Class of 1805

Dear Ms Flager:

I just saw an email I received in March 2009 from
Marlane DesChamps
Archives Specialist - Schaffer Library

At that time, my inquiry was simply the year that Tillotson had graduated. Apparently, I did not know at that time that we had no image of Tillotson. If I had known, I would have inquired at that time.

Cordially,
Jim Thunder

From: Thunder, James M.
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 5:24 PM
To: 'specialcollections@union.edu'
Subject: RE: Robert L Tillotson (1786-1878), Class of 1805

Dear Ms Fladger:

I wanted to advise you that we have found the remains of Robert, his wife Emily, several of their children, and members of Emily's family at Rhinebeck Cemetery.

Jim thunder

From: Thunder, James M.
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 12:11 PM
To: 'specialcollections@union.edu'
Subject: Robert L Tillotson (1786-1878), Class of 1805

Ellen Fladger
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Dear Ms. Fladger:

I am a member of a team of lawyers who are researching and writing a book consisting of biographies of each U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Robert L Tillotson, an alumnus of Union, was one of these individuals.

We hope to include at least one image of each U.S. Attorney, but we have been unable to find any for Tillotson. Hence our inquiry to you. It could be an image of Tillotson at any time of his life, perhaps with others in the image.

We're also looking for the location of Tillotson's remains.

We would be most appreciative of any help you may offer us, including the names of other organizations that may be of help.

Here is the most salient information we have found on him.

Very truly yours,
Jim Thunder

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TILLOTSON, ROBERT LIVINGSTON (1786-1878)

Another gentleman for whom we have no image.

We have a portrait of his father – famous enough for a portrait. And his father married a woman who was a member of a prominent family, the Livingstons. Thus, Robert's uncles included the famous Chancellor Robert Livingston and Edward Livingston.

The father, Thomas Tillotson, was a doctor who served with Maryland in the Revolutionary War, after which he relocated to New York, the home state of his wife. He served in the New York Assembly and New York Senate from 1788 to 1799. He also served as Secretary of State of New York from 1801 to 1806 and 1807 to 1808. So father and son both served as Secretary of State of New York.

Our subject graduated from Union College, Schenectady, in 1805.

In a court-martial lasting the first three months of 1814, he defended General William Hull on charges relating to his surrender of Detroit in 1812. Martin Van Buren was the prosecutor.

He served as Secretary of State of New York (1816-1817), U.S. Attorney (1819-1828) (a long term in office), and judge in Sullivan County (1854-?)

From 1828 to 1860, he owned the "Callendar House." He purchased the house, built in 1773, from Philip Henry Livingston (b. 1769) and sold it to John Henry Livingston.

We know the identities of his siblings and children.

Tillotson married Emily Gouverneur – and his marriage into her family resulted in having his name placed on the burial marker for the deceased President James Monroe. A *New York Times* editorial of September 24, 1856, decried the facts that Monroe, who had died on July 4, 1831, was buried in New York's Marble Cemetery on Second Street rather than in his native Virginia and had remained in New York for 25 years, that his remains had no monument but simply a plain marker that lay flat on the ground, and that his burial plot was not his own but shared with another, namely, Robert Tillotson whose name also appeared on the burial marker. Of course, since Tillotson did not die until 1878, his remains were not under the marker upon which his (and Monroe's) name were engraved as of 1856. [I have more information about how this occurred.]

In another oddity, his remains were removed from the Marble Cemetery in 1894, but we do not know to where.

He died well after photography had become routine.

From: Thomas, James M [mailto:jtom@...]
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2010 2:12 AM
To: ...
Subject: RE: Robert L. Tillotson (1776-1878), Sec of NY

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I just saw on your website that you died in 1878. I was
born in 1878. I was
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At the time, my father was in the army and I was in the army. Apparently, I did not know that
my father was the brother of Tillotson. I had never heard of him before.

Conrad
for Thomas

From: Thomas, James M [mailto:jtom@...]
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2010 5:29 PM
To: ...
Subject: RE: Robert L. Tillotson (1776-1878), Sec of NY

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Robert R. Tillotson

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