

Teunis A. Van Vechten

Class of 180⁴

Teunis was the son of Abraham and Catharina (Schuyler) Van Vechten. He was born December 17 1787 and died April 3 1811. He was not married. He was a brother of Philip Van Vechten of the class of 1804.

Above information taken from "Genealogical Records of the Van Vechtens"

DIED:-In this city, of the consumption, on the 3rd instant, Teunis A. Van Vechten, son of Abraham Van Vechten, Esq., aged 23 years.

By the death of the meritorious young man, an afflicted family have sustained the loss of an affectionate son, and society has been bereaved of one of its brightest ornaments. Tho' his character requires no decoration from the pen of eulogy, or his conduct the slightest veil to conceal its errors from the penetrating eye of scrutiny; exalted virtue cannot be forgotten, nor departed worth cease to receive the tribute of a tear.

After acquiring a competent knowledge of those studies requisite for admission to Union College, our deceased friend became one of its members, and in the summer of 1807 received his first degree. With the reputation, which native talents united with close application never fail to bestow, he left Schenectady and commenced the study of Divinity, under the instruction of Doct. Mason. Ill health soon preyed upon his frame, and at length, in the fall of 1809, compelled him to relinquish a pursuit of which he was passionately fond, and to return home to his family and friends. After languishing, for a long time under the effects of a lingering but flattering disease, his prospects appeared to brighten, and it was fondly anticipated by anxious friends that he would soon recover. The seeds of dissolution were, however, sown; death had marked him, as its victim, and no medical aid, no parental solicitude or fraternal affection, could avert its progress.

To a graceful person and the purest heart, he united an improved and exalted mind. Unaffected modesty concealed superior talents from the public view; while the broad mantle of Christian charity screened a great part of human conduct from those censures which his rigid virtue would otherwise have bestowed. Vice found in him a decaded enemy, and virtue a determined friend. Such were the qualities of him whose loss we now deplore; once destined to adorn a pulpit--now consigned to the silent tomb; once destined to disseminate the influence of a benign religion to an apostate world--now summoned to the bar of Jehovah, to receive the reward of a short, but useful life, in the arms of his Redeemer, in the mansions of rest.

The Balance
Albany, N. Y.
April 9, 1811.

TEUNIS VANVECHTEN, A M., 1806, a resident of Albany, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. He died in 1811.

Teunis A. Van Vechten - AB-1806

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1886