

CLASS OF 1816

HENRY BOOTH COWLES

Son of Elias and Lydia (Adams) Cowles.  
Born March 18, 1798, in Hartford, Conn.  
Graduate of Union College.

Member of the New York Legislature from Putnam Co.,  
1826-28; and in 1829-31 he was a representative from  
New York State to the Twenty-First Congress.

He was a distinguished lawyer in New York City, and  
died there unmarried May 17, 1873 (tombstone, Rhinebeck  
N. Y.).

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the Twenty-first Congress (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1831);  
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death there on May 17, 1873; interment in Rhinebeck Cemetery,  
Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y.

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Hon. HENRY B. COWLES, 1816, a resident of Rhinebeck, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.  
(Died: 1873)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.



Son of Elias and Lydia (Adams) Cowles, was born in Litchfield, Conn., March 18, 1798. His maternal grandfather, Andrew Adams, was a member of the Continental Congress in 1778, and was chief justice of the Superior Court of Connecticut from 1793 to the time of his death.

The parents of Mr. Cowles removed to Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y., about the year 1804. Mr. Cowles was graduated at Union College in 1816, and while in college was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He studied law under Judge Reeves of Litchfield, and after practicing for a few months at Beekman, in Dutchess County, removed to Carmel in 1820, where he formed a partnership with Jeremiah Hine under the firm name of Cowles & Hine, and continued in practice there until the year 1834, when he opened an office in the city of New York where he continued in the active practice of his profession until 1860. From that time he undertook no new cases and about the year 1865 retired from law practice entirely. In 1870 he removed to Farmington, Conn., where he continued to reside until his death which occurred in New York while on a temporary visit, May 17, 1873.

While residing in Putnam County, Mr. Cowles was for three consecutive years elected to the Assembly, serving in the sessions of 1826, 1827 and 1828. While in the Legislature he took an active and efficient part in the settlement of the Astor claim, securing the passage of several acts under which the State of New York assumed the payment to John Jacob Astor of \$450,000 in satisfaction of his claim as purchaser to the lands in Putnam County belonging to the heirs of Roger Morris, which were confiscated by the State through deeds executed by commissioners of forfeiture. In the celebrated suits brought to establish Mr. Astor's claim, Mr. Cowles was one of the counsel on the part of the State. In 1828 Mr. Cowles was elected to Congress from the district composed of Westchester and Putnam counties. He was never married.

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