

TOLL/HILL FAMILY at UNION COLLEGE

REV. JOHN C. TOLL 1799

Grandsons: FRANK R. TOLL 1876  
ERASTUS D. HILL 1876

(Erastus married his granddaughter, Mary Grace Toll)

Great Grandsons: DUDLEY TOLL HILL 1907  
PHILIP TOLL HILL 1912

Great Great Grandsons: ALBERT KAREL HILL 1946  
PHILIP TOLL HILL, II 1940

Great Great Great Grandson: KAREL HANSEN TOLL HILL 1973

KAREL (Karl, Carel) HANSEN TOLL  
m. Elizabeth Ryley 1767

Children:

Philip Ryley U 1811 - Hester - Rebecca - Hannah - John C. U 1799
m. Nancy DeGraff 1817
dau. of Judge Isaac DeGraff
sister of John I. DeGraff U 1811
m. Nancy Mynderse 1802

Children:

Isaac - D. - Elizabeth - Susan - Jane Anna - Charles - Alfred - Sarah G.
m. Julia V. Moran

Children:

Charles P. - Julia J.
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Children:

Philip Ryley Toll - Nicholas - Charles - Jane Sarah
m. Maria DeGraff 1842
sister of Jesse D. DeGraff Union 1823
cousin of Isaac H. Toll Union 1870

Children:

Mary Grace Toll - Frank R. Toll U 1876
m. Erastus D. Hill U 1876
no surviving children

Children:

Dudley Toll Hill U 1907 - Phillip Toll Hill U 1912
m. Anna Scheurer

Children:

Philip Toll Hill II U 1942 - Albert Karel Hill U 1946 - Anita
m. Perrie Jane Jones 1950

Children:

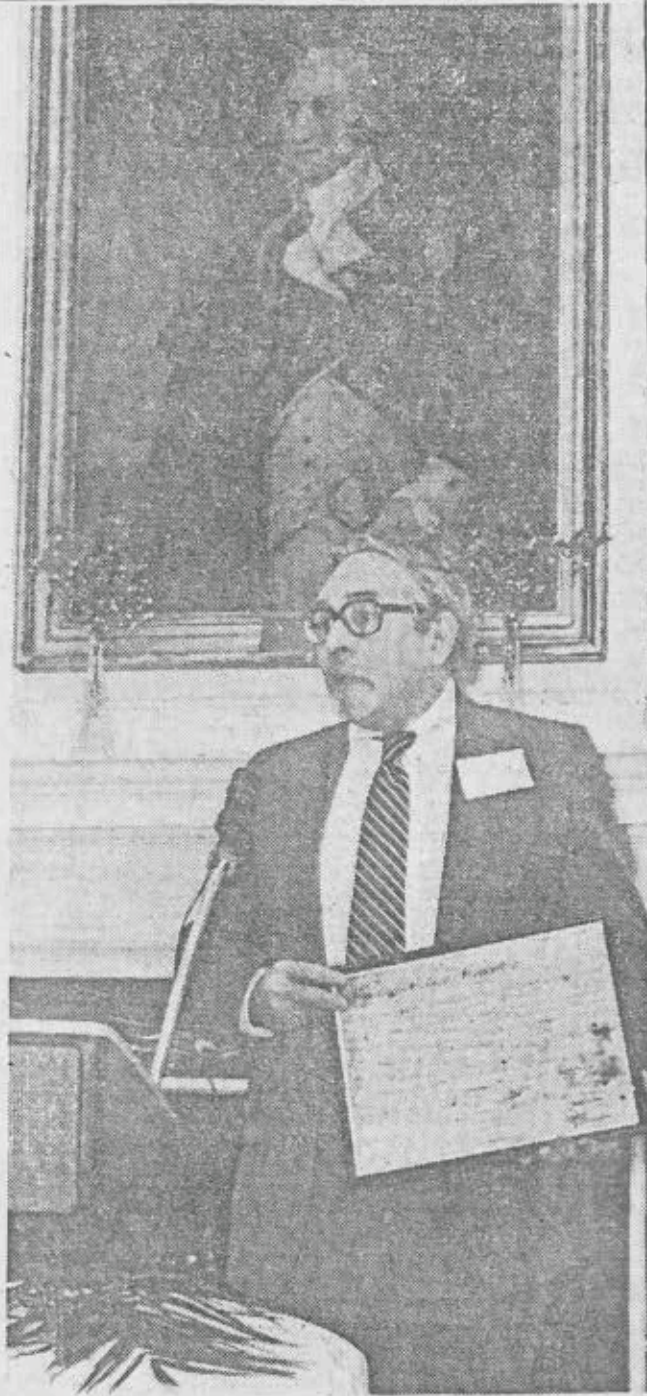
Karel Hansen Toll Hill U 1973 - David Dudley Toll Hill
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Several generations of the Toll/Hill families have been members of Union chapter Alpha Delta Phi. Mary Grace Toll was honored by the undergraduate members of the chapter at her death in 1941 for her long years of kindness to fraternity members. Alpha Deltas were pall bearers at her funeral and the College Chaplain Herbert Houghton officiated at the services.

Team 319-81



SCHENECTADY GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1981



—( Gazette Photo — Ed Schultz )  
**A FAMILY AFFAIR** — Albert K. Hill, a 1946 graduate of Union College, holds up one of the first four diplomas awarded by the college, to his great-great-grandfather, the Rev. John C. Toll, in 1799. Toll was a member of Union's first graduating class. In all, at least eight members of the Toll and Hill families have graduated from Union, including Hill's grandfather, father, uncle, brother and daughter. Hill, a Buffalo attorney and son of the late Dudley Toll Hill of Glenville, was one of 24 persons named as first life members of the college's Terrace Council during weekend ceremonies. The Terrace Council is a group of Union alumni, parents and friends who have given some \$2.56 million to the college's annual fund and \$7.25 million for endowment and capital programs since the group was founded 10 years ago.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1929

Dear Mr. Brown,

I owe you an explanation for not answering your letter of Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, I regret the mistake on account of Union College and for myself - I realized it all when your article in the College paper appeared in January on the "College men who served in the war of 1812". Regardless of the report which



I could have given I cannot  
understand why you did not  
find a report on the Reverend  
John Calvin Toll who was  
graduated in the Class of  
1799. The College sent for a  
report with details of ancestors  
and descendants of my grand-  
father some years ago, & I  
took a great deal of time an-  
swering all the questions and gave  
additional facts: as the Rev.  
J. C. Toll was Chaplain and  
records placed him where  
it was an honor to Schenectady  
County to have a Chapter  
bear his name: hence, so  
the name is "National Society"  
United States Daughters of the  
War of 1812—John Calvin Toll Ch.  
Schenectady County No 16 "

3 Also the first "1812 marker"  
in Sah-dy County was placed on  
my grandfather's grave.  
The Philip R. Toll you speak of was  
the only brother of my grandfather.  
You can from the above see  
easily see, why I was disturbed  
over my grandfather, being left  
out of your article.

Soon after yours of Sept. was  
delivered I left suddenly for  
California where I remained  
until a week or so ago, and your  
letter has now been fully under-  
stood and I regret so much, that  
I failed to repeat what was  
given to the College years ago.  
I will be so glad to have you  
drop in and have a talk, and if  
possible have my grand parent  
properly listed & represented



My Chapter was founded four  
years ago.

My home will soon be opened -  
after being closed all these  
months. I shall then hope to have

you call very sincerely

Mary Grace Toll Hill

Mrs. Eastus D.

1528 Union St

Schenectady N. Y.

June 10, 1937

Memorandum to Mr. Webb:

The Graduate Council  
is turning over to you for safekeeping  
the enclosed badge.

It is given by  
Dudley T. Hill, class of 1907. The  
initials on the badge are J. C. T.,  
which stand for John Calvin Toll.  
He was class of 1798.

The Thesaur Society  
is unknown to us and we should be  
glad to have any information about  
it.

*Philip Waldron*  
Secretary to Mr. Waldron



CLASS OF 1799

JOHN C. TOLL

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Manual of the Reformed Church in America      p. 804  
Corwin  
1628-1902

CLASS OF 1799

JOHN CALVIN TOLL

Born September 13, 1780.

Married January 31, 1802, Nancy, daughter of  
Barent Mynderse, Esq.

He graduated at Union College in 1799, and  
entered the ministry of the Reformed Dutch Church,  
and died on his farm, the old Carel Hansen homestead,  
October 21, 1849, leaving surviving him a son, Philip  
Riley Toll, born February 8, 1811, and a daughter,  
Sarah Jane, born September 8, 1815.

Early History of Schenectady p. 124  
John Sanders  
1879.



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Reformed Dutch Church.

He lost his health in 1821, and removed to  
his farm, where he died October 21, 1849. His  
wife survived him until October.

History of the County of Schenectady    p. 190  
Howell & Munsell  
W. W. Munsell & Co.  
New York    1886.

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From: New Brunswick Theological Seminary Catalogue  
1784-1911 p. 62



Toll, John C. U.C. 1799, studied under Livingston, I. Cl. Albany, 1801; Canajoharie, Middletown, Mapletown, Westerlo, (and Bowman's Kill?) 1803-15, Middletown and Westerlo, 1815-22, suspended, seceded, [Westerlo and Middletown, Sec.; 1822-5, these united churches were then called Canajoharie,] 1825-42, d. 1848. *of Dailey "Montgomery Classis" p. 71.*

1799

The Rev. JOHN CALVIN TOLL made a fair copy of the rules of Greek accident, entitling it "Greek Grammar." This was probably current custom at Union College when Greek grammars were printed in Latin. John Toll's Greek grammar is now the property of Union College, having been handed to the Graduate Council by the Rev. W. N. P. Dailey, '84, as a gift from Mrs. James (Toll) Thomson of Beukendaal.

U. A. M.

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*new Brunswick  
Theological  
Seminary*

JOHN C. TOLL

### Biographical Record.

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Rev. JOHN C. TOLL, 1799, of Caghawaga, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpic Society. Adelpic Catalogue 1850 (Died: 1848)

JOHN CALVIN TOLL, 1799, and PRESTON KING, 1827, have been brought to mind by recent gifts. Textbooks belonging to the former have been presented to the college by his great grandson, Dudley T. Hill '07. James E. Gilmour '06 and John H. Gilmour '38 have presented a platre-of-paris portrait of Preston King, U. S. Senator from New York, and two letters from him to John Bigelow, 1835, Ambassador to France.

Appreciation is due to all who contribute such valued items to the archives of their College.

CLASS OF 1799

JOHN CALVIN TOLL



# UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI RECORD

1. Name in full John Calvin Toll (Jol) Class 1799
2. Born on Sept 13, 1780 at Town of Glenville, State of New York  
(Give date and place in full)
3. Residences before entering college Toll Homestead, Glenville, Schenectady Co., N.Y.
4. Prepared for college at \_\_\_\_\_  
(If entering from another college, so state.)
5. Entered \_\_\_\_\_ (Give year, month and class if not freshman) Course \_\_\_\_\_
6. Left college Graduation, 1799 (Give approximate time of leaving.)
7. College life. Under each head state kind of activity, any office held, and college year in which active or held office, thus (1) freshman, (2) sophomore, (3) junior, (4) senior.
  - a. Athletic teams (class or varsity) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Other activities (member or officer debating team, musical or dramatic association, press club, Concordiensis or Garnet boards, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Fraternity, literary or social organizations of which a member Calliopean
  - d. Class offices \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. College prizes and honors \_\_\_\_\_
8. Study at other institutions after leaving Union (how long and where) New Brunswick Theo. Sem. (1801)
9. Degrees (with institutions granting them and dates) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Class reunions attended \_\_\_\_\_
11. Commencements attended \_\_\_\_\_
12. College reunions and dinners attended \_\_\_\_\_
13. Member of \_\_\_\_\_ alumni association (if officer state office and date held)
14. Postgraduate office held in class or college organization (member or officer Graduate Council, Trustee of Union, class president or secretary, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
15. Relatives (own or wife's) at Union (name, relationship, and class) Philip Ryley Toll, brother, 1811  
Franklin R. Toll, grandson, class 1876  
Erastus Dudley Hill, grandson-in-law, class of 1876  
Dudley Toll Hill, great-grandson, class of 1907  
Philip Toll Hill, Great-grandson, class of 1912
16. Parents' names in full (with country of ancestry, college, occupation, residence, date of birth and death, and other important facts.)
  - a. Father Adjutant Karl (Carl) Hansen Toll, Holland descent; farmer; Town of Glenville. born Feb 10, 1746; died August 26, 1837; Was in Revolutionary War
  - b. Mother Elizabeth Ryley, daughter of Philip Ryley, Irish descent, born 1749, died 1839.
17. Brothers and sisters: (name, date of birth and death, college if other than Union)
 

Philip Ryley Toll  
Hester Toll married John Teller  
Rebecca Toll married David Prime  
Hannah Toll married Simon Van Patten
18. Married Nancy Mynderse of Albany Co. N.Y. on January 31, 1802  
(name of wife, date and place of marriage; if wife dead, date of death) May 16, 1879, died October 9, 1889
19. Children (name, date of birth, college, if other than Union)
 

Philip Ryley Toll, born Feb 8, 1811; died April 7, 1883  
Nicholas Toll  
Charles Toll, born 1804; died  
John Sarah, born 1815; died 1863



20. Business and professional career, business or professional connections and positions held. (Give each in order with dates when held and place.)

John Calvin Toll, after graduation, prepared for the ministry with The Rev. in New Brunswick, N. J.; was licensed to preach in 1801. In October 1803, he was ordained and became the first pastor of the Mapletown Dutch Reformed church where he served 18 years. Then he organized the Free Reformed church in Westerlo and Middletown where he served another 18 years. These two churches are in Montgomery Co. N. Y. In 1839 he retired because of failing strength and lived at the Toll homestead in Glenville until his death in 1849.

21. Public positions held in civil life (with dates.) (Include such positions as trustee, director, vestryman, etc.) John C. Toll was chaplain in 1808 in Lieut Col. John Ruffs Regiment in Montgomery Co. N. Y. during the war of 1812

22. Military history and titles (with dates). (If in army or navy, enter under 20.)

23. Professional and scientific organizations of which a member

24. Social, civic, and literary organizations of which a member

25. Literary productions (with date of publication and name of publisher)

26. Religious denomination Dutch Reformed 27. Political preference

28. Recreations Study of literature

29. Other facts or remarks Philip Ryley Toll son of the Rev. John Calvin Toll on the 13th day of September 1842 married Maria, Dr. Ruffs at Amsterdam, N. Y. grand daughter of Capt Dr. Ruffs (Rev. record)

30. Addresses; residential, (a), business (b), with (c) dates when occupied. (Check the address to which mail should be sent.)

a. _____	b. _____	c. _____
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Forwarding address, by which can always be reached

31. Sources of information. A—self; B \_\_\_\_\_; C \_\_\_\_\_; D \_\_\_\_\_; E \_\_\_\_\_

Use these reference letters in checking any information given above and add date; thus A 1/19/20—information furnished by self Jan. 19, 1920. Use extra pages if necessary, numbering answers to correspond with numbers of questions on sheets. Answer all questions noting any you might not wish published.



Dear Mr. Brown:-

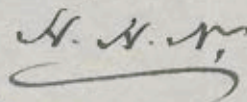
\*Endorsement of The Adjutant General at Washington under date of May 17, 1929, received to day reads:

"It does not appear from the records of this office that a man named John Calvin Toll or similarly named, served as a commissioned officer in the War of 1812, nor has the name of John Calvin Toll or similar name been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of New York soldiers in the service of the United States in that war."

This is certainly one on the U.S.D. 1812.

5/20/29.

Yours,



\*Original in my possession.



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To all to whome these presents may come  
The Classes of Albany send Greeting

These do certify that Mr. John C. Toll  
Student in Sacred Theology, after having produced  
his proper credentials was admitted to his preparatory  
Examination. That he after having delivered a discourse  
on a given subject, was examined in the sacred Lan  
guages, as well as Didactic & Polemic Theology, in all  
which sciences he has given full satisfaction to this  
Revd body, and having subscribed the usual Formula  
was admitted a candidate for the sacred ministry and  
accordingly licensed. And he is hereby licensed to  
preach the everlasting Gospel of our Lord saviour  
Jesus Christ. As such the Revd. Classis recommend  
said Toll to the attention of the Churches, and pray  
The great King of Zion to bless him, and make him  
an instrument of bringing many precious souls to  
Jesus.

(Done in Classis at the Bought this 29th  
day of September 1801.

Q.T.

Harm<sup>s</sup>. V<sup>n</sup> Huysen T.T. Prossis

John Demarest T.T. Secretary

(The original of this is in the Union College Library and was a gift of  
Dudley T. Hill May, 1941)

Copy

To the Elders and Deacons of the Vacant  
Congregations professing to belong to the  
dutch Reformed Church in America

Gentlemen and Brethren

The bearer <sup>1797</sup> John C. Toll candidate of the Sacred Ministry in our Said Church, after completing his preparatory study and obtaining the honour of a Degree in Union College in the City of Schenectady, He devoted himself to the Study of Theology and applied himself with diligence in that Important branch together with Ecclesiastical History the Hebrew language and Sermonising with other parts of study which pertain to a suitable preparation for the Gospel Ministry for the space of two years and more than three months and was thereupon Examined and admitted as a Candidate aforesaid by the Classis of Albany on the 28th day of September 1802 as his License will shew, during all which time of preparation, He has applied himself with every delligence as aforesaid and deportet himself at all times as becomes a candidate for so important an office. Since his admittance and Licensure his Tallents as a preacher and zeal for the Interest of the Redeemers interest has been such as I conceive which intitles him to praise in the Churches. I hope therefore that the Brethren unto whome this shall be shewen will receive and treat him as such, given under my hand this 18th day of January 1803

D. Romeyn Minister and Teacher  
of Theology residing  
in Schenectady

For the Rev. Jn C Toll C.S.P.M.

(The original of this is in the Union College Library and was a gift of  
Dudley T. Hill, May, 1941)



that the 1799 was the year of ~~his~~ graduation of John Calvin Toll. And looking in the work I cited, I find that he was commissioned Chaplain in Lt. Col. John Roff's Montgomery County, New York Militia Regiment June 15, 1808; there being no subsequent record of his resignation or vacation of his commission.

BUT! This by no means proves that he saw actual service in the War of 1812, simply that he may, the termination of his commission not appearing, have held such a commission in the militia during the 1812 period, and that he may have served under it, or may not have. And I have become sufficiently interested in the matter that I am going to find out of Chaplain Toll was in U.S. service in the war of 1812. Of which I will advise you.

u That work, although I helped to compile and edit it, I purposely omitted from my Bibliography of Service Records, as it is a dangerous thing in the hands of a novice, and the U.S.D. 1812 have used it I know with deadly effect, establishing, to their satisfaction anyway, a lot of what I call "Non-existent" service records.

5/7/29.

Yours,

*Henry Harmon Noble*



John Calvin Toll AB 1799

John Calvin Toll

A. B.  
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