

Goodwin, Daniel

Class of 1819.

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Dani~~aa~~ Goodwin, son of Dr. Daniel and Lucretia (Collins) Goodwin, was born Nov. 24 1799 at Geneva, N.Y. He graduated at Union College in 1819, and was a lawyer. He married, July 10 1845, Julia Merrill, born Dec. 15 1813 at Portland, Me., daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Bradford) Merrill. They were living in Detroit in 1858. He had been United States' attorney for the district of Michigan, and president of the constitutional convention, and was one of the judges of the supreme court of Michigan. They had two children:

1. Lucretia Collins (b. August 8 1846.
2. Joshua Merrill (b. Jan. 19 1848.

DANIEL GOODWIN, Jun. 1819, a resident of Geneva, N.Y., was a member of the
Philomathean Society. (Died: 1887)

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DANIEL GOODWIN.

A prominent resident here in 1827, and some years after, whom I have omitted to mention, and who influenced the advent here of two individuals who became distinguished citizens of Detroit, was John Collins. He came here in 1820, bringing with him his cousin, Daniel Goodwin, etc.

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Collins had a partner by the name of Woolsey (another cousin of his). They continued in business quite a while, until disaster overtook them, and failure was the result. This happened in 1830. Woolsey left two sons. One was adopted by Lawyer Daniel Goodwin, and was known in the family as "little Dan." "Little Dan" took the name of Daniel Goodwin, adopted the law as a profession and became a distinguished member of the Chicago bar. He died only two or three years ago.

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Daniel Goodwin was for many years United States District attorney for Michigan, was subsequently appointed district judge, and served repeatedly in the Legislature. He was president of the constitutional convention of 1850. He appeared for the people in 1851 in the great trial known as the railroad conspiracy case. He was judge of the Circuit Court for the northern peninsula of Michigan, and I think he held this office at the time of his death.

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Friend Palmer
Detroit, Mich.
1906.

Judge Daniel Goodwin, the Nestor of the Michigan bench, died during the summer in Detroit. He was born in Geneva, N.Y., Nov. 14, 1799. Judge Goodwin graduated from Union College in 1819,.... He studied law with John C. Spencer at Canandaigua, then regarded the ablest lawyer in the state. Not long after, in 1825, Judge Goodwin went to Detroit.. He was United States district attorney under Jackson and Van Buren..... In 1843 Judge Goodwin was appointed judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan. In 1851 he was elected judge of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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DANIEL GOODWIN, '19, Feb 7 '21

was born in Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 24th, 1799. After being graduated with the honor of the Greek Salutatory, he studied law and began practice in Indiana. In 1825 he settled in Detroit, Mich., where, on admission of the Territory to the Union, he was appointed U. S. District Judge on the almost unanimous petition of the State Bar. This appointment was declined, and he accepted the position of U. S. District Attorney, which he retained through the terms of Jackson and Van Buren. His prosecutions of Americans who violated treaty obligations in the Patriot War of Canada were conducted without favor or fear. In the Toledo outbreak he was made Quartermaster-General. In 1843 he became a Judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan, dispatching its accumulated business with great diligence. From 1846 to 1850 he was Counsel for the Michigan Central Railroad, and conducted many important suits. In 1850 he was elected President of the first Michigan Constitutional Convention; also of the second; in 1851, Judge of the Upper Peninsula, but practicing law at Detroit in winter. He was again elected Judge in 1857, and for three terms following, of seven years each; in two of these contests, being the only Democrat elected. In 1881 he retired from public and professional labor. The community and the Bar honored him as a high-minded man, a conscientious, able lawyer and judge. He died in Detroit, Aug. 25th, 1887, leaving a son. In Memoriam 1889-90

DANIEL GOODWIN, '19,

was born in Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 14th, 1799. In College he was a Philomathean. He entered the Law and removing to Michigan he became U. S. Attorney for Michigan from 1843 to 1846; President of the Constitutional Convention 1850; Judge for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan from 1857 to 1881. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. His political sentiments were Democratic, his churchmembership Presbyterian. He died August 25th, 1887, leaving a widow and one son.

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Daniel Goodwin, b. Geneva, N.Y. Nov. 24, 1799;
a lawyer.

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Phi. and was elected to Phi. Beta Kappa in graduation. Except during a European tour, he always resided in Baltimore, where he practiced law to the time of his death. His political sentiments were Democratic. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. His professional learning and integrity were recognized by the community. He kept up his classical studies, making Homer and Horace the companions of travel. He died of typhoid pneumonia, March 15th, 1889, leaving a widow, four sons and three daughters.

JOHN C. FERGUSON, '51.

was born at Fort Covington, Franklin county, N. Y., January 1st, 1838. He became Principal of the New York Conference Seminary at Charlotteville, N. Y., where he resided from 1859 to 1866. He then moved to Cleveland, O., where he was graduated at the Medical College. He entered the Army as Assistant Surgeon in 1862, and remained in service till the

business. An Overland route agent on the Western Transportation system. He was an active Republican, and in 1883 was a Delegate to the State Convention. His death occurred suddenly from heart failure, October 17th, 1889. He left two sons.

WM. M. CRISWOLD, '42.

was born in Salisbury, Rockland county, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1832. In College he was a Sigma Phi and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. The

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Delegate from Wayne County to the Second Convention of Assent, 1836; Justice of the Supreme Court, 1843-6; Delegate from Wayne County to the Constitutional Convention of 1850 and to the Constitutional Convention of 1867. Was born in Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1799. He was the seventh in descent from Ozias Goodwin, who settled at Hartford, Conn., in 1635. His mother Lucretia Collins, was grand-daughter of Timothy Collins, the first pastor of Litchfield, Conn. He graduated at Union College in 1819, and was a classmate of Wm. H. Seward and of Bishops Doane and Potter. He took one of the honors of the class, and studied law with John C. Spencer, at Canandaigua, N. Y. After practicing a short time at Geneva, N. Y., he removed to Indiana, where he was stricken with consumption, and entirely lost the use of one lung. On account of the death of his father at Detroit in 1825, he removed to that city, entered into practice, and acquired so high a standing as a lawyer that he was endorsed by the Michigan bar for United States District Judge when the State was admitted to the Union. This was declined on account of small salary, but he accepted the position of district attorney and held it several years. In 1843 he was Judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan, which he resigned in 1846. In 1851 he was Judge of the circuit comprising the Upper Peninsula, and held it until 1881, residing at Detroit and practicing law in court vacations, also officiating at times in other circuits, and in the recorder's court of Detroit. In two elections he was the only Democrat holding a State office. Twice he lacked but one or two votes of being elected United States Senator. He was a model judge and lived a spotless life. He was president of the Constitutional Convention of 1850. He died at Detroit, Aug. 25, 1887.

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Judge Daniel Goodwin was born in Geneva, N. Y., in 1799, and graduated at Union College in 1819. William H. Seward and Bishops Potter and Doane were among his fellow students. He came to Detroit in 1825, where he served as United States district attorney during the administrations of Jackson and Van Buren. While the patriot war was in progress he prosecuted the Americans who violated the neutrality laws within the jurisdiction of the United States district, of which he was attorney. His life was frequently threatened, and he was sometimes guarded on the streets of Detroit by Gen. Brady, Robert Stuart and other personal friends. He served as justice of the supreme court of Michigan from 1843 to 1846. In 1850 he was elected president of the Michigan constitutional convention. He served as circuit judge of the Lake Superior peninsula for many years and died on August 25, 1887. He was an able, upright judge, and an honest man.

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