

Minerva, N.Y.
Sept. 14, 1950

Mr. Henry J. Swanker
Director Alumni Relations
Wells House, Union Avenue
Schenectady, New York

Dear Sir:

On Friday and Saturday of last week I attended a Historical meeting in Schenectady, which was held at Union College. While there I learned that the Alumni Association of Union has biographical sketches of many of its graduates.

My husband's great-grandfather, Rev. John Eisenlord, graduated there, I think it was in 1827. If you have a sketch of his life I would be very much pleased to receive a copy of it, as I am writing up my husband's ancestors as well as my own. Rev. Eisenlord also had two or three sons who graduated from Union in the next generation but I am not sure of the dates.

Thank you very much for any information you may be able to give us.

Sincerely,

Mabel Jones.

Mrs. Clarence Jones.

John Eisenlord was from St. Plain or near there. I am especially eager to find out which Fox family his wife, Maria Fox, belonged to. Peter Eisenlord graduated from Medical College about 1847.

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

BARCLAY AND MONTGOMERY STS.,

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E I S E N L O R D

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GRADUATE COUNCIL
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SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Feb. 15, 1935.

Dear Dan:

Do the registration or treasurer's
books show the father of John Eisenlord,
Class of 1822?

He was the founder and first pastor
of St. John's Lutheran Church of Canajoharie as
I have just learned but I have no other in-
formation about him, except that he died in
1880.

Fraturnally

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John Eisenlord, Jr.
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Pastor of Geisenberg Lutheran Church
St. Paul's Church in Minden: May 9, 1830 to
April 24, 1836.

He was born in the town of Palatine, Montgomery Co., N. Y. in 1795; he was educated for the ministry at Hartwick Seminary, having previously graduated from Union College in 1830 (should be 1822).

He was licensed to preach by the New York Synod in September 16, 1828; and ordained in 1830. While still a student at Hartwick Seminary, in his senior year, Mr. Eisenlord preached in 1828 to the vacant congregations of Durlach and Sharon. In October, 1828, he was engaged as a Missionary to labor in the vacant Congregations in Herkimer County, such as Manheim and Danube. The last charge of the Rev. John Eisenlord was the German Lutheran Congregation at Canajoharie. He appears to have organized this church, when he found that his support was failing at Minden. A few baptisms of children of German emigrants at Canajoharie will be found recorded in the Geisenberg church record as early as 1834.

In Nicum's History of New York Ministerium, p. 483:

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Records of the Lutheran St. Paul's Church
in the Town of Minden p. xxiv
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As he was the founder and first pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, Canajoharie, N. Y., which is planning to observe its centennial in October I would like to know where this man was born and where he is buried and what he did after 1835 and until his death at the age of 85 years.

What relation was he to Major John Eisenlord, an officer in Col. Jacob Klock's regiment, second Tryon County Militia? This patriot fought and died at Oriskany in 1777, eighteen years before the minister was born. The major came to America in 1765 and resided in Palatine. He married a daughter or granddaughter of John Krembs (Gramps). Who were their children?

A picture of the Rev. John Eisenlord is also desired and any information concerning such a likeness in addition to the other facts requested, will be most sincerely and gratefully appreciated.

REV. HERMAN F. VESPER,
Canajoharie, N. Y.

St. Johnsville Enterprise & News
February 13, 1935

Rev. JOHN EISENLORD, 1822, of Palatine, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
Adelpic Catalogue 1830

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Hist. of Montgomery Co.
p. 99
F. W. Beers & Co. Pub.
1878.

John Eisenlohr (grandfather) was secretary of the tryon County Committee of Safety, a major in the Palatine District Regiment and a man of education and ability. He was one of the many patriot leaders who were slain at the battle of Oriskany.

Hist. of the Mohawk Valley
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Class 1822

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I have just looked John H. Ford, class of 1822, up in the registration book and find that he paid his bills himself. To sur, this appears to be a Junior after his name, so undoubtedly his father's name was also John. He entered from Palatine, Montgomery County, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

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