Minerva, N.Y. Sent. 14, 1950

Mr. Jenry J. Swanker Director Alumni Relations Tells 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. Thile there I learned that the Alumni Association of Union has biographical stetches of many of its graduates.

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

Sincerely,

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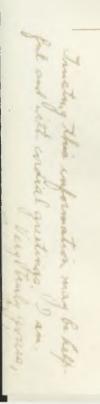
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Member of Assembly
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May 22,1935

Mr. J. R. Brown, 27 West Erie St., Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brown: -

My delay in answering your esteemed communication of March 26th was due to my desire to gather a number of facts and to locate the grave of the Rev. John Eisenlord, an alumnus of Union College, and so I want first to apologize for the long interval between your letter and mine.

I have been on the trail of this man for some time and can now write that I have collected a number of facts which I wanted for the history of my congregation whose founder he was. I am glad for this opportunity of sharing them with you.

The Reverend John Eisenlord, or Eisenlohr as he sometimes spelled it, was born on the old Eisenlord farm about two miles West of Fort Plain, on the river road, on August 23, 1795. He was the son of John Eisenlord and Catharine Strayer, and a grandson of Major John Eisenlord, the Revolutionary patriot.

John III attended Union College at Schenectady and was graduated in the class of 1822. Being a Lutheran he probably attended Hartwick Theological Seminary near Cooperstown, the only Lutheran school for ministers in existence at that time. He was licensed to preach in 1829, and he was ordained the next year by the New York Ministerium, a Lutheran Synod founded in 1786. Rev. Eisenlord was pastor at the Geissenberg church at Hallsville. In 1835 he organized St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church at Canajoharie, The following year he resigned as pastor, the Ministerium records even stating that he demitted the ministry in 1835. However, as his father died in February of 1836 he probably retired after that to take charge of the farm. In this farmhouse he had installed a platform, three steps high, from which he addressed his neighbors on religious subjects. I visited this old house, now the modernized home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ehle, and saw this platform on the second floor. I am told that he conducted a general store in Palatine Bridge in later years. He was known to contemporaries as the "old dominie".

Eisenlord married Maria Fox. She died December 12,1847, aged 52 years. They had five sons and one daughter. Their sons, Alonzo, Ambrose, and Peter, were surgeons and physicians. John and James were farmers with good educations. This generation was active in and around Stone Arabia. One daughter, Mary Elizabeth, died December 7,1859, aged thirty years.

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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 Camajoharie. 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 Ministeruim, p. 483:

"Canajoharie, N. Y. The German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Canajohatie was founded in 1835 by Pastor John Eisenlord, who having been Pastor of the Congregation at Geisenberg. The following is written in the record book at Canajogarie: 'This is to certify that January 18, February 1st and 15th, 1835, I have given notice to the Germans of Canajoharie and the surrounding neighborhood, that they shall assemble at the place set aside for divine service, the last Sunday in February, punctually at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to take counsel if it would not be advisable to form themselves into a Congregation , give it a name, and to choose Elders and Deacons for it, for the purpose of encouraging divine worship and for the maintenance of a preacher. At the appointed time, they assembled and decided to unite in the name of the Holy Trinity.' The Congregation was called the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Congregation. This name was for unknown reasons changed about ten years later. John Eisenlord served the Congregation and also the Congregation of Geisenberg at Fort Plain.""

Records of the Lutheran St. Paul's Church in the Town of Minden p. xxiv Transcribed by the N.Y. en. & Biog. Society Edited by Royden Woodward Vosburgh. New York City 1914.

EISENLORD

The Rev. John Eisenlord was born in 1795, was licensed to preach in 1829, was ordained in 1830, demitted the ministry in 1835 and died at Fort Plain, November 17, 1880.

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 Adelphic Society. Adelphic 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 Vol. 1 p. 693 Greene.

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