

WELLS S. HAMMOND, B.A., '33, ϕ . B. K.

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From: Kappa Alpha in Union College
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We are called to the painful duty of announcing the sudden death of Wells S. Hammond, of Cherry Valley, son of the Hon. Jabez D. Hammond, whilst on a professional visit to this city. He expired on Sunday morning at Stanwix Hall, under a paralytic attack, with which he was seized early in the morning, whilst in his bed--or immediately on rising--which left him in a partial state of insensibility, from which no attention or treatment could avail to relieve him. He survived but a few hours. (Albany Argus)

FROM: Schoharie Republican
Feb. 6, 1849.

Wells S. Hammond, the son of the Hon. Jabez D. Hammond, of Cherry Valley, was long an intimate friend and associate of mine; we were law students together in his father's office, and our intimacy was not broken when he entered upon the duties of his arduous profession. He was an only child, and every advantage which wealth could give was afforded him for storing his mind with knowledge.

He was a ripe scholar and a good one, deeply learned in ancient lore and familiar with modern literature. He combined in an eminent degree a sound judgment with a playful fancy and a brilliant imagination.

He had gone through the prescribed course of legal study and entered upon the practical duties of his profession, in which he was fast rising to distinction when he was summoned to bid adieu to the scenes of earth.

He died suddenly at Albany, where he had gone to argue an important cause, having left home in perfect health.

The First Quarta-Centennial Celebration
of the Kappa Alpha Society, held at
Schenectady, Tuesday, July 22, 1851.

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From Oration by Dan Marvin, Class of 1831.

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Wells S. Hammond was born at Cherry Valley, N.Y., Dec. 15, 1814, the son of Jabez D. and Miranda Hammond. He was prepared for college at the Albany Academy. He entered the junior class at Union College in the Summer of 1830 and graduated in 1832. He sustained a good reputation while at College as a diligent and faithful student. He was appointed to deliver an address written by himself at the commencement in 1832. ~~He sustained a good reputation while at College & the address.~~

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Immediately on leaving College he began the law in the office of Amos Dean, Esquire, of Albany, but completed his study in the office of Hammond and Little of Cherry Valley. He was admitted an attorney of the Supreme Court some time in the year 1855. Soon after was received a partnership in his professional business with De Witt C. Bates, Esquire, who was also beginning a practice of the law. They continued to practice in Cherry Valley successfully until the Winter of 1849, when W. Hammond, while in Albany attending a Conference died in a room at the Hotel "Stannix Hall," Albany, in a

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fit of folly or apoplexy. He never was married. He was strictly moral and rigidly temperate. In his practice at the Bar he stood high, by reason of his modesty and diffidence. He was a good lawyer and a careful and excellent writer, and wrote much for the newspapers and other periodicals. He was an Examiner of the Court of Chancery, until that office was abolished.

Wells S. Hammond died January 28, 1849

From: a letter from his father, Jobes D. Hammond, received March 30, 1855.

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Wells S. Hammond

Rec'd Mar. 30/55

was born at Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego and State of New York Dec. 15. 1814 ~~(the day of the)~~ a day undated memorable by the meeting of the Hartford Convention on that day. He was the son of Jacob D. and ~~the~~ Miranda Hammond. He was prepared for College at the Academy where Doct. T. P. Bush was Principal of that Institution. He entered the junior Class in Union College in the summer of 1830 and graduated in 1832. He sustained a good reputation while at College as a diligent & successful student. He was appointed ~~candidate~~ ^{candidate} to ~~and deliver an~~ ^{and deliver an} address written by himself at the commencement which was well received ~~in 1832~~. The address was in ~~training~~ ^{training} College he began the study of the office of Asses ^{of Albany} Dean of ^{of Albany} but completed his studies in the Office of Hammond & Lathrop Cherry Valley. He was admitted an attorney of the Supreme Court some time in the year ~~1835~~ ¹⁸³⁵. He ~~forthwith~~ ^{soon after} commenced a partnership in his professional business with De Witt C. Bates who was also beginning the practice of the Law. They continued to practice in Cherry Valley successfully until the winter of ~~1869~~ ¹⁸⁶⁹ when W. Hammond while in Albany attending a Re-union

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The following notice of his death among
 many others which appeared in the various
 newspapers of that ~~of~~ day is taken
 from the Albany ~~at~~ Atlas of Jan 29th
 January 1869 - one of the editors of that
 paper (Mr Caspary) was his classmate at
 the Albany academy -

Sudden and Melancholy Death.

Yesterday morning WELLS S. HAMMOND, of
 Cherry Valley, died suddenly in his room at Stanwix
 Hall. He had complained the previous evening
 of an oppression of the brain, obscuring his sight,
 without, however, appearing to regard it as of
 consequence enough to require medical advice. -
 In the morning, Mr. HARD, the Canal Appraiser,
 whose room was adjoining, heard groans and a
 faint cry for help in the apartment of Mr. HAM-
 MOND. The door, which was closed and bolted,
 was broken open, and the occupant of the room
 was found struggling in the agonies of death. -
 His right side was paralyzed and medical aid was
 ineffectual to relieve him. He died in about an
 hour. In the afternoon, the few friends who had
 heard of the sad calamity, accompanied his re-
 mains to the cars, whence they were born, under
 charge of Mr. ROGERS, of Stanwix Hall, to the
 residence of his father, the Hon. JABEZ D. HAM-
 MOND, Cherry Valley.

Mr. HAMMOND resided, during his boyhood, in
 this city, and was a pupil at the Albany Academy.
 After graduating at Union College, he returned

here to commence the study of the law - which
 profession he afterwards successfully pursued in
 Otsego co. He was a young man whose solid
 talents and rare and unobtrusive worth and pure
 unspotted character, won him the love of all who
 knew him. He was the pride and hope of his
 venerable father, on whom the tidings of this un-
 expected death, must have fallen with an over-
 whelming shock.

I received the Albany
 from Union College I believed in 1860.
 I doubt whether it is worth while to retain
 it for I am sure it was very undesired.
 I never attended any academy or college.
 Jabez D. Hammond

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