To Sir M. Paine Hunt of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1816

(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best.)

Sir:—

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College;—of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow. Of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all: still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their farness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed. The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned:—Obituary Notices; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Addresses, Essays, Newspapers, engravings Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in the [proper] place, to be set apart for "Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the matters which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time; especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices of funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, Librarian.

UNION COLLEGE.
Schenectady, N. Y.

SPENCEMEN OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinipiack, Conn., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Hebron High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Stephen B. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Aliquippa, with James S. Van Hoosen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1823-5; State Senator 1825-6; Member of Congress 1827-1831; Judge of Superior Court 1832-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions, he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henslaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 7, 1799; parents, Joseph and Matilda (Henshaw) Luther: prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Allen, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1815-20, in East Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Milltown, N. J.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Hasbrouck, Conn., 1825-30; Professor of Rhetoric in Erie College 1831-40; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the "Carmeniad's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y.; parents, John Harmon and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Harover Kelton, Principal, entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1796; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Phryse and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camerelle; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Roche, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1824-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gastroscatana."

N. B. 1. Let the answer to the following questions be as full and authentic as possible; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?). 2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge; if he have but one fact, let that be sent. 3. Let no part be omitted which may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more. 4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, all another of the same size, if possible, bearing an inner margin of not less than half an inch for binding. 5. In cases where no answer to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information gathered from other sources, and, therefore, will always authentic.

[Signature and date: E. F. May 1, 1838.]
Jonathan Pearson Esq.

I return to you the Circular you sent some time since, with a reply to most of the questions put in it. I should have replied at an earlier day, but for the conditions I am in and have been since May last, from injuries received on a Railroad. I am mainly confined to my house and able to do very little in the way of business or labor.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. H. Hunt

May 30, 1835
XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Note: a list of offices held with dates follows]

XII. The literary or scientific works he has written or edited.

[Note: a list of works follows]

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M.D. from Albany Medical College (1845), etc.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him? (One of two subjects, matched with his autobiography, is selected for College Library.)

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Note: a list of dates and circumstances follow]
XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family: its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c. — My paternal grandfather came to Peninsula County from which is now Loudoun Co. at the close of the Revolutionary War. He was an ardent Whig and actively engaged in various civil and military capacities in that troubled section of our State. The war and Continental Money, having its effects here, and at all, when he came East, his family into which my particular ancestry (now a gentleman) and purchased a tract of land (now in Westmore). He died upon this purchase, until his death in 1809. The property was never restored to him. He was a Baptist preacher or elder, but I believe he had always of any particular society of that order.

My maternal grandfather, Harrold, Pain or, was a physician, living in the County of Botetourt —

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus: —

March 1, 1933

Mr. Frank C. Barnes
Secretary of Union College
Schenectady, New York

Dear Sir:

We are making inquiry for certain data regarding Hiram P. Hunt, A.B., 1816, Union College, who was a Representative in Congress from New York 1835-1837 and 1839-1843. The information is to be used in connection with a new edition of the Biographical Congressional Directory. Will you be good enough to answer the following questions as far as you can?

What was his full name? What does the P. stand for? Paine
Was he born in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, N. Y.? Yes
Date of birth? May 23, 1796
Date he received the A.M. from Union? Was it honorary?
Where did he study law?
Date when he was admitted to the bar?
Where did he first practice law?
He died in 1865, - what was the exact date?
Name of cemetery in which he was buried?

We should be glad to welcome any other data you may have that should find a place in a biographical sketch.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director
Legislative Reference Service
March 10, 1933

Mr. H. H. B. Meyer, Director
Legislative Reference Service
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In re: your inquiry concerning Hiram P. Hunt

His full name was Hiram Peaine Hunt
He was born in Pittstown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., May 23, 1796.

The trustees' minutes of 1816 say that he was the valedictorian and that he was recommended for the 'first degree in arts.' The degree A. M. is given after his name in every list, including Phi Beta Kappa records. At that period it was usually an earned degree and was even earned during the four years residence at the College. Unlike many of the graduates of that day, Mr. Hunt was at Union four years, 1812-1816.

The record in his own writing says: "Law at Poughkeepsie with Genl. (?) James Tallmadge from spring of 1816 to spring of 1817— from spring of 1817 to spring of 1818 at Litchfield Law School, under charge of Judge Reeve and Gould— from spring of 1818 to May term 1819 (when admitted as attorney) with Hon. Philip S. Parlin and Gideon Hawley in city of Albany. Commenced practice of Law in Pittstown in May 1819— removed to Lansingburgh in in 1825 and to city of Troy in spring of 1831.

We have no record of the date of his death nor of the cemetery in which he was buried.

Sincerely yours,

for the Graduate Council, Union College
CLASS OF 1816

HIRAM HUNT

Son of Hiram of Pittstown
Graduate of Union College
Studied law
Was chosen to Congress for 1835 to 1837; 1839; 1843

FROM Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt p. 338
T. B. Wyman, Jr., compiler
John Wilson & Son
Boston 1862-3

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Twenty-Seventh Congresses (Mar. 4, 1839-Mar. 3, 1843;
declined a re-election; died in Troy, N. Y.

FROM Biographical Congressional Directory p. 747
Washington, D. C.
1913.

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unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1836 to the Twenty-fifth
Congress; elected to the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh
Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1843); declined to be a
candidate for renomination in 1842; resumed the practice of
his profession in Troy, Rensselaer County, N. Y.
Congressional Digest, 1831.

Hiram P. Hunt, A.M., 1816, a resident of Pittstown, N.Y., was a member of the
Philomathean Society.* (Died 1865)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.