Saltonstall, Gurdon
From: N.Y. City
Last residence: Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Records show one
Gurdon Saltonstall
Pvt. in Capt. Samuel Swartwout's Co.,
2nd Artillery Regt., New York.

Commencement of service: Sept. 6, 1814
Expiration of service: Dec. 2, 1814
GRADUATE COUNCIL
UNION COLLEGE
Schenectady, N. Y.

27 W. Erie St., Albany, N.Y.

May 8, 1928.

Alumni Secretary,
University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Sir:—

In the "Ancestry and Descendants of Sir Richard Saltonstall" I find that Gurdon Saltonstall, graduate of Union College in the Class of 1812, "was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Alabama where he died." Our Alumni Catalogue records his death at Tuscaloosa in 1834. Other than this we have no record.

If you can give us any further information about Mr. Saltonstall, or refer us to any records, I shall appreciate your help.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

I regret to say that we have no other information regarding Gurdon Saltonstall than you have.

Yours,

[Signature]

Tom Garner
editor Alumni News
CLASS OF 1812  GURDON SALTONSTALL

Professor of Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and Astronomy at the University of Alabama from 1831-1833.

Public Reminiscences of Public Men in Alabama  p. 792
William Garrett
Atlanta, Ga.,  1872.
I have been able to get a little information about Mr. Saltonstall. My landlord introduced me to the postmaster at University, a Mr. Anderson. When the university celebrated its 100th birthday in 1931 Mr. Anderson wrote an article for the Centennial Magazine, The Crimson--White, entitled Silhouettes of a Century. In it he mentioned Mr. Saltonstall as the first Professor of Mathematics here, and that he resigned in 1833, mainly as the result of personal differences between the President and the Faculty. Here in Tuscaloosa we have a Bryce Memorial Hospital, an institution for the insane. Mr. Anderson claims that Saltonstall originally came to Alabama in the interests of the Connecticut Insane Asylum Association of Hartford. This organization was endeavoring to have asylums established in various states, and their work here was a forerunner of Bryce. Mr. Anderson mentioned that Saltonstall had a brother who came here with him. He was also kind enough to refer me to another local gentleman who may give me some clues.

In a few days I will send you a copy of the magazine mentioned; Mr. Anderson wished you to have a complimentary copy.
CLASS OF 1812

GURDON SALTONSTALL

Son of Gilbert, graduate of Harvard 1770, and Captain of U. S. Marines, and Harriet Babcock. He was Professor of Mathematics in the University of Alabama, where he died s. p. p. 41.

His brother Gilbert, b. in 1791; married July 3, 1814, Elizabeth, daughter of J. Starr of New London; died at Tuscaloosa, Ala., February 6, 1833.

Children:

Harriet, d. unmarried
George, died in infancy.
Mary, died in infancy.
Gurdon, died unmarried. p. 41
Gilbert D. Physician; married Sarah, daughter of John Marseilles; lived in Jersey City Heights, N. J., Medical Inspector Hudson County Board of Health. Their Children were:

Florence, married Dr. Henry Allers
Louisa Seabury.
Gilbert Dudley
Laura. p. 44

Captain Gilbert Saltonstall, the father of Gurdon, was connected with the marine service on the Trumbull, which sailed on her first cruise in April, 1880, and on June 2, fought the English ship Watt off Bermuda. An account of this battle is given on pp. 234-235.

Ancestry and Descendants of
Sir Richard Saltonstall,
Leverett Saltonstall
1897.

CLASS OF 1812

GURDON SALTONSTALL

DIED: September 11, 1834, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Dr. Gurdon Saltonstall, aged 37.

American Almanac
vol. 7 p. 309
1836.
The first faculty (University of Alabama) consisted of-------------, Gurdon Saltonstall, M. A., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. p. 5

The administration of Dr. Alva Woods, the first president, was marked by numerous personal conflicts between the president and certain members of his faculty; in fact, most of them were involved in p. 3

Prof. Saltonstall resigned in 1833,-----

The two resignations, that of Profs. Wallis and Saltonstall came about mainly as a result of the personal differences between the President and the Faculty that were so marked in the first years of the institution's history. p. 5

The Crimson-White
Centennial Number
University of Alabama.
1931-1931

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We have the authority of Judge Smith (Wm. R. Smith's Reminiscences) for the fact that Henry Tutwiler and Gurdon Saltonstall were the only officers of the institution present at the opening, and that "it was not until several weeks after the organization of the classes that Dr. Woods made his appearance in Tuscaloosa." p. 96.

After his formal inauguration Dr. Woods returned to Lexington----thus leaving the examination and classification of students--the actual settling on foot, so to speak, of the new university--to Prof. Tutwiler and Saltonstall. p. 97

Trans. of the Alabama Hist. Socy. vol. 5.