CLASS OF 1810

ABRAHAM PAYNE

Son of Elisha and Mary (Polly) Brooks Payne.

He was born at Northeast, Dutchess Co., N. Y.,
January 7, 1789.

He died May 7, 1854 at Etna, Indiana.

He married March 2, 1820, Polly Betsey Barnum, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Doane) Barnum. She was born July 9, 1799, in Dutchess Co., N. Y., and died March 4, 1866 at Dayton, Ohio.

Children:

1. Laura Eliza, b. Feb. 26, 1821 at DeRuyter, N. Y.
3. Stephen Barnum, b. July 18, 1826 at Seneca Falls, N. Y.
5. Abraham Howard, b. May 9, 1831 at Seneca Falls, N. Y.; d. Feb. 9, 1906 at Dayton, Ohio.
9. Adah Cornelia, b. Apr. 5, 1840, at DeRuyter; d. May 30, 1841, at DeRuyter, N. Y.

Abraham Payne, the eldest child of Judge Elisha and Polly (Brooks) Payne, came with his parents from Northeast, Dutchess Co., N. Y., to Hamilton, N. Y., in 1795, when about six years of age. He graduated from Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., in 1810, with the degree of A. B. Then he studied law with Gen. Nathaniel King at Hamilton. In 1813 he was licensed as an attorney-at-law in the State of New York and in 1823, was admitted to the Court of Chancery and authorized to practice as a solicitor by James Kent, then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of New York. He practiced law at DeRuyter, N. Y., where he was also Postmaster and an officer in the militia. He sometimes delivered the Fourth of July address in the village. One of these addresses is now in the possession of his granddaughter, Miss Laura Birge. He was a great lover of books, a fine conversationist and fluent writer. He was greatly interested in his church, his town and his country, and was said by his friends to be one hundred years ahead of his time in ideas and views. He was a deacon in the Baptist
church at Seneca Falls, and a strong abolitionist, it being
reputed that his house was a so-called station of the
underground railroad.

Mr. Payne was very fond of Robert Burns and could
repeat his poems so perfectly that at the time while
traveling in a stage-coach he was taken by a Scotchman
opposite him to be a fellow-countryman. The confine-
m ent of an office told upon his health, so with his family,
he removed to Seneca Falls, N.Y., sometime between 1823
and 1826. About this time also he made a fishing trip
of long duration to the coast of Newfoundland. In Seneca
Falls, he owned and operated large flour and oil mills
and greatly prospered. His brother, John, was associated
with him in this business. The financial crash of 1837
broke up the business. About 1847, he decided to go West
and stopped at Dayton, Ohio, where his younger brother,
Edwin, was located. There he lived for several years and
later, with the assistance of his brother opened a book-
store in Winchester, Ind. Ill-health overtook him again
and he passed away in his 65th year.

Mrs. Abraham Payne, with her six remaining children,
continued to live in Dayton after her husband's death as
her permanent home. She was a daughter of Stephen Barnum,
who had been a member of the New York Legislature and with
his father had served in the Revolutionary war. The
latter assisted DeWitt Clinton in putting through the Erie
Canal. Her mother, Sarah (Doane) Barnum, b. Aug. 16, 1768,
was a daughter of Reuben and Ruth Doane. Mrs. Payne was
a sister of Adah Barnum, wife of Joseph C. Payne. She was
a quiet woman but one of sterling Yankee character, who
made friends with all who knew her.

The Paynes of Hamilton
Augusta Francescia Payne White
New York 1912.

Elisha Payne was instrumental in founding Colgate University.

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Abraham Payne was First Lieutenant in the 18th Regiment of
Artillery, Madison County Militia in 1818.

Captain 15th Regiment Artillery, Madison
County Militia, 1820.

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ABRAHAM PAINE, Esq., 1810, a resident of Hamilton, N.Y., was a member of the
Philomathean Society.

Philomathean Catalogue 1880.
Paine, Abraham
From: ---
Last residence: Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Records show one
Abraham Paine
Pvt. in Capt Joseph Manzy's Co.,

Commencement of service: Mch 1, 1814
Expiration of service : Mch 24 1814