

CLASS OF 1824

FREEMAN PARKER HOWLAND

Entered from New Bedford, Mass.

Son of William and Aurelia (Yost) Howland

Born in Sandwich, Mass., Sept. 3, 1797

Fitted for college with Rev. Thomas Andros of Berkley

Brown University, 1820-21

Amherst College, 1821-24

Studied theology with Rev. Calvin Hitchcock of Randolph  
one year

Labored as a home missionary under the Massachusetts  
Domestic Missionary Society

Ordained at Hanson, Oct. 25, 1826 and pastor there  
1826-34, resigning on account of ill-health; engaged in  
farming, 1834-43

Pastor Halifax, Mass., 1843-46; returned to his former  
home in Hanson;

Since 1852, in the Fire Insurance business in Abington,  
Mass.

Published a sermon delivered at the annual meeting of the  
Palestine Missionary Society.

In 1851, was made Justice of the Peace of Plymouth Co.

Married, (1) Jan. 5, 1826, Eliza, daughter of Dea. Abner  
Bartlett, of Plymouth, who died April 23, 1828; (2) March 12,  
1829, Deborah, daughter of Edward Cushing, of Hanson.

Seven children.

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Freeman P. was educated in the public schools and the academy at Sandwich, and early learned the shoemaker's trade of Isaac Manchester, of New Bedford, whose wife was a Bartlett. Subsequently he felt called to preach the Gospel, and fitted for college with Rev. Thomas Andros, of Berkley. He was a year in Brown University, and graduated at Amherst College, August, 1824. He then studied theology with Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, of Randolph, and October 25, 1825, was ordained pastor of a Congregational church in Hanson. He resigned there, December 18, 1834, on account of ill health. Recovering some what, he was installed December 13, 1843, over the Congregational church at Halifax, where he remained about three years. He was obliged, however, to permanently withdraw from the ministry, and December 18, 1849, he removed to Abington, where he was engaged in life and fire business of late years under the firm of F. P. Howland & Sons, until his death, which was caused by Bright's disease. He was secretary and treasurer of the Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Co., for twenty years. In a published obituary of him is the following:

"In the death of Mr. Howland, Abington has lost a noble citizen, the church a venerable minister, one of our most esteemed families a revered and devoted head."

Children:

1. Eliza Bartlett--born July 7, 1830
2. Deborah Cushing--born Oct. 17, 1831;m.Dr.Albion P.Man
3. Freeman Parker--born Sept. 29, 1833  
m. May.15,1855, Virginia I. Cash
4. Edward Cushing--born Apr. 22, 1836  
m. Dec.7,1871, Betsey E.Robbins
5. Charles William--Born Dec.5,1838
6. Caroline Frances--born July 24,1840  
m.May 8,1884, George Willis Wilder
7. Isaac Cushing--born May 16,1843
8. John Sawin--born Nov.14,1845;died Aug.25,1846

(Full page portrait accompanies this sketch)

Howland Family  
Franklyn Howland  
New Bedford, Mass  
1885

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HOWLAND, FREEMAN PARKER, A.M. Amherst college 1824. Student 1820-21. Home missionary Mass. domestic missionary society; ordained minister 1826; pastor Hanson, Mass., 1826-34; farmer 1834-43; pastor Halifax, Mass., 1843-46; resident Hanson 1846-52; insurance agent Abington, Mass. Born Sandwich, Mass., Sept. 3, 1797; deceased. Amherst

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Joseph R. Brown, Jr.  
27 West Erie St.  
Albany 3, N.Y.

July 22, 1950

Dear Mrs. Webster:

In "Amherst Academy", p. 56, by Frederick Tuckerman, published at Amherst in 1929, reference is made to the granting of the A.B. degree to seven Amherst men, and also the reason, at the Union commencement of 1824.

The seven Amherst men were:

Edwards A. Beach  
\*Elisha Lord Fuller  
Richard Fuller  
Joseph A. Hall  
Freeman Howland  
Abel Packard  
George A. Shepherd.

\*Our alumni catalogue gives "Elijah", but it is Elisha" in the Amherst Alumni catalogue.

In future Union Alumni catalogues, I think these men should not be listed as Union graduates, but listed under an appropriate heading.

I seem to have recovered my usual good health, for the time being, but I have lost so much time this year and am so far behind in my work that I have had little time for the alumni work or any other outside interest. Thanks for your interest, and also for the news about Miss Peterson and Mr. Bantham.

From letter of Joseph R. Brown, Jr., July 22, 1950.

April 28, 1934

My dear Mrs. Wheeler:

We are compiling an alumni Biographical Catalog which will contain a brief sketch about each alumnus of Union College. There was a Freeman Howland in the Class of 1824 who entered from Bedford, Massachusetts, and I believe he was your grandfather.

Our material concerning him is complete but for the date and place of his death. We would appreciate it if you could send us this information which would help us complete our records.

Very truly yours,

For the Committee on  
Alumni Records

Mrs. Edith Wheeler  
Abington  
Massachusetts

Class of 1824

Freeman Parker Howland.

**Isaac C. Howland of Abington  
Was 92 Years Old**

~~March 15, 1934~~  
Isaac C. Howland, one of the oldest residents of Abington, died Wednesday at his home after a long sickness. He was ninety-two years old. Mr. Howland had been for many years identified with the business interests of the town, and was well known throughout the Old Colony district. He was a descendant of an old Colonial family.

He was president for many years of the Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the Howland-Nash and Cole, Inc., Insurance Company. He was deacon in the Congregational Church and active in Masonic circles, being a member of John Cutler Lodge, Pilgrim Chapter, Abington Council and Old Colony Commandery. Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Edith Wheeler of Abington. *Boston Evening Transcript.*

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