ABRAHAM MAUS SCHERMERHORN

Son of Maus and Catharine (Swits) Schermerhorn, was born December 11, 1791 in Schenectady and died August 22, 1855, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, N. Y.

Married Mary Kent Adams.

Abraham Maus Schermerhorn was graduated from Union College with high standing. He received the degrees of A. B. and A. M., and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1818 he removed to Cherry Valley and was appointed cashier of the Cherry Valley Bank, a new institution. Banking in the State, west of Albany, was then in its infancy. He had the entire management of the business, discharged the various duties of bookkeeper, teller, cashier, president and director and so conducted the affairs of the bank as to secure a high reputation as a successful banker. He remained there until 1824, when the charter of the Bank of Rochester was obtained and then removed, upon invitation, to the (then) Village of Rochester, and became the first cashier of the new bank, which position he occupied with distinctive ability until 1829, when the Bank of Monroe was chartered (an institution of much larger capital than the Bank of Rochester), and became its president. He presided over it several years and was regarded, if not the foremost banker, at least one of the foremost bankers in Western New York.

In 1834, he was one of the three Supervisors of Rochester, when the city charter was granted. In 1836, he was elected Mayor of the city, but served only three months. In 1848, he was elected to the United States Congress and was re-elected in 1850, continuing to represent the district for four years. He was regarded at Washington as a clear-headed business member.

Extract from "Reminiscences of Levi Beardsley", 1852, N. Y.: "The bank (Central Bank of Cherry Valley) went into operation in the autumn of that year (1818) under the auspices of Abraham Maus Schermerhorn as cashier, who is a member of the present Congress from Rochester, Monroe Co., and was also a member of the last. Mr. Schermerhorn was a man of decided talents, managed the bank with great ability, and finally went to Rochester, six years afterwards, where for many years he was the leading and most popular financier in Western New York. He is shrewd, kind-hearted, sincere and ardent in his friendships, and I have always regarded him as a high-minded, honorable and honest man."

1810  Abraham Maus Schermerhorn

Married:—On Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Van Vechten, Abraham Maus Schermerhorn, esq., to Miss Mary Adams, daughter of the late Dr. James Adams, of this city.

The Cabinet
Schenectady
May 17, 1815
ABRAHAM M. SCHEMERHORN '10

At a meeting of the Directors of the Bank of Monroe, on the 18th of March inst. the Hon. A. M. Schermerhorn resigned his office of President and Director, and Jacob M. Schermerhorn, Esq. was chosen President in his place.

Resolved, That the thanks of this board be tendered to Mr. A. M. Schermerhorn, for his unmerited attention to the interests of this Bank, and that he retire carrying with him their fullest confidence as an able financier, a gentleman and valuable citizen.

From: Albany Evening Journal
March 24, 1837
Prof. Pearson’s Scrap Book p. 7
ABRAHAM M. SCHERMERHORN

Hon. Abraham M. Schermerhorn died at New Haven, Conn., on Wednesday morning last, the 22d inst., after an illness of several months. Mr. Schermerhorn was a native of Schenectady, where he graduated at Union College, studied law, and was admitted to the bar. Soon, however, he engaged in banking in which business he afterwards became eminent. After a connection of some years with a moneyed institution in Schenectady, he went to Cherry Valley, where he was cashier of a bank. From thence he came to Rochester, about twenty-five years ago, and became President of the Bank of Monroe. In 1848 he was elected to Congress from this district and re-elected in 1850.

N. Y. Herald August 28, 1855

Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 411
ABRAHAM M. SCHERMERHORN

A. M. Schermerhorn, Esq., of Rochester, died in New Haven, on the 22 of August 1855, aged 64. Mr. S. was one of the early settlers of Rochester, for many years President of the Bank of Monroe, a Member of Assembly in 1848, and from '49 to '53 a Representative in Congress.

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CLASS OF 1810

ABRAHAM M. SCHERMERHORN

I had assisted in obtaining the charter of the Central Bank at Cherry Valley, at the legislative session of 1818, and was one of the commissioners to receive subscription for stock. The stock being taken, the bank went into operation the autumn of that year, under the auspices of Hon. Abraham M. Schermerhorn, as cashier, who is member of the present congress from Rochester, Monroe county, and was also a member of the last. Mr. Schermerhorn is a man of decided talents, managed the bank with great ability, and finally went to Rochester six years afterwards, where for many years he was the leading and most popular financier in Western New York. He is shrewd, kind-hearted, sincere and ardent in his friendships; and I have always regarded him as high-minded, honorable, and honest man.

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SCHERMERHORN, Abraham Mauns, a Representative from New York; born in Schenectady, N.Y., December 11, 1791; completed preparatory studies, and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1810; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1812; moved to Rochester, N.Y., in 1813; engaged in banking; supervisor of Rochester in 1834; mayor of Rochester in 1837; member of the State assembly in 1845; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1853); died at Savin Rock near New Haven, Conn., August 22, 1853; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, N.Y.

Congressional Register, Dec. 2, 1892.

(Hon.) Abraham M. Schermerhorn, Trustee Hotel City, 1844-1856-1844.


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