

CLASS OF 1824

ROBERT P. LEE

b. 1803, at Yorktown, N. Y.; Dick. Col. 1824, N.B.S. 1828, l. S.  
Cl. N. Y. 1828; Miss. in N.Y.C., 1828-9, Montgomery, 1829-58, d.  
Elected trustee R.C., 1851. D.D. by R.C., 1854. See Manual of  
1879.

Manual of the Reformed Church in America p. 567  
Corwin  
1628-1902

ROBERT P. LEE, '24

The son of Robert P., and Caroline (Hawkins) Lee, was born at Yorktown, N. Y., Sep. 27, 1803. He entered Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1821, and the following year removed to Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., then under the Presidency of Dr. J. M. Mason, here he graduated in 1824, and entered his father's office to study law. Having experienced a change of heart during his College course, his thoughts were turned towards the ministry, and in 1825 he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church at New Brunswick, N. J., graduating in 1828. He was licensed by the South Classis of New York, and laboured as a missionary in New York city. In 1829 he was called to the Church at Montgomery, N. Y., where he was ordained and installed by the Classis of Orange. Here he laboured faithfully until his death, which took place at Fishkill, New York, and was caused by an abscess of the liver, Sept. 30, 1858. He married Miss Elizabeth Wiltsie, daughter of John Wiltsie, Esq., of Fishkill Landing, N. Y., who with a family of five sons and two daughters, survives him. He was much beloved by his brothers, and they always manifested great regard for his opinions and views, being remarkable for wisdom and prudence. He was a zealous labourer in the cause of his Master, spending much of his time in doing good.

From: Wilson's Presbyterian Historical Almanac  
Vol. 2 p. 203

From: <sup>1828</sup> New Brunswick Theol. Sem. Cat.  
\*ROBERT PERINE LEE. 1784-1911.

Born at Yorktown, N. Y., 1803. A.B. (Dickinson, 1824). Licensed by South Classis of New York, 1828. Missionary in New York City, 1828-29. Montgomery, 1829-58. Trustee, Rutgers, 1851-58. Died, 1858.

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\*Lee, Robert P.—Born 1803, at Yorktown, N. Y.; studied at New Brunswick theological seminary; 1828, licensed to preach by Reformed Dutch church; 1829-58, pastor at Montgomery, N. Y. (?); D. D., Rutgers college, 1854. Died 1858.

*Union - nu - grad. 1824 # 74*

*Record of Dickinson College*

*appt. trustee in 1851*

1851 REV. ROBERT PERINE LEE, D.D., Montgomery, N. Y. . . . . \*1858  
D.D. (Rutgers, 1854). *Union - nu - grad. 1824*

*Rutgers cat. no. 17*

ROBERT P. LEE, non-graduate of 1824, of Yorktown, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.  
(Died: 1858)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830

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ROBERT P. LEE

Robert P. Lee, D. D., Montgomery, N. Y., ---- --, age.----.  
The consistory of the church say,--

"Whereas it has pleased the great Head of the church to remove from us by death our highly-esteemed pastor, the Rev. Robert P. Lee, D.D., we desire to express our high appreciation of his worth as a man, and of his services in the relation which he has sustained to us as our pastor. Therefore

"Resolved, that, with sentiments of unfeigned gratitude to God, we cherish a sense of his great goodness in allowing us for nearly 30 years to enjoy the inestimable blessing of the wise counsels, the consistent Christian example, and faithful labors of his servant whose loss we are now called to mourn. By his dignified and exemplary deportment he secured the respect, not merely of the members of his own flock, but of all who knew him, and did honor to the sacred office with which he was invested. With great fidelity and diligence he preached the doctrines of the gospel, and urged the performance of the duties which it enjoins, thereby making it manifest to the consciences of his hearers that his governing aim was to preach 'Jesus Christ, and him crucified,' as the only ground of hope to fallen men, and the principal means of promoting the sanctification of his followers. With him the religious training of the children and youth of his charge was an object of deep and abiding interest. In labors to impart to them biblical and catechetical instruction he was diligent and untiring. With mournful satisfaction we cherish the remembrance of his kind, sympathizing visits to our families in seasons of affliction, his words of counsel and consolation, his fervent prayers to God for us, and his services of pastoral fidelity and love, when we were called to follow endeared friends and kindred to the grave. Under the sorrows produced by the thought that we are to see his face and hear his voice no more, we are comforted by the firm belief that his spirit is now among the glorified in heaven, enjoying the blessed recompense secured by divine promise to the faithful servant of the Lord Jesus."

Annual Obituary Notices p. 196  
Crosby Vol. II 1858  
Boston

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ROBERT P. LEE, JR.

In the year 1829 the Rev. Robert P. Lee, jr., was settled, and remains the present pastor of the congregation.

Hist. of Orange Co. p. 310  
Samuel W. Eager  
Newburgh, N.Y.  
1846-7.

1824

Rec. Mar. 28 1855

To *Rev Robert P. Lee*

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1824

(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 ready 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 :—some 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 fewness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first 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, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c. ; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Alcove of the College Library, to be set apart for “ Graduates’ Works.”

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time :—especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or 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. }

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinnepeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800 ; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls ; was admitted to the bar in 1821 ; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-5 ; State Senator 1836-8 ; Member of Congress 1839-41 ; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. 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 Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798 ; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther ; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, Esq., Principal ; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School ; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823 ; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y. ; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, 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 “ Communicant’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 Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway ; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal ; entered Union College Sept. 1795 ; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799 ; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camermile ; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1800. 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, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the “ Functions of the Brain,” and on “ Gunshot Wounds.”

- N. B. 1. Let the answers 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 as much time be taken as 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, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.  
 5. In cases where no answers 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, not always authentic.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES

I. Name. *Robert Perine Lee*

[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents ; thus :— *Robert Perine and Caroline*  
 [John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.] *(Hawkins) Lee.*

III. Birth Place. *Zooktown Westchester Co. N.Y.* Birth Day and Year. *Sept. 27. 1803.*

IV. Various residences and dates ; thus :—  
 [Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24 ; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30 ; New-York City, 1830-54.]

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates ; thus :—  
 [Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.] *Prepared for College at home.*

VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *Durkinton College Penn. 1824.*

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession ; thus :—  
 [Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.] *Studied Law one year.*

VIII. The profession he studied ; where ; with whom ; when ; thus :—  
 [Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.] *Theology at Theological Seminary at New Brunswick N.J. from 28-28.*

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates ; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs ; thus :—  
 [Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30 ; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5 ; New-York City, 1835-54.] *Ordained to the gospel ministry at Montgomery Orange Co. N.Y. July 15. 1829 and settled as Pastor of the Ref. Dutch chh. there, and continued in that office up to the present time.*

X. The other occupations he has followed ; when and where ; thus :—  
 [Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35 ; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54 ; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48 ; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c]

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

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821-4, &c., &c.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

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

Thomas R. Lee of Croton  
Falls West Chester Co. N. Y.  
a Brother - Edward B. Rath -  
Cone ~~Brother~~ of Cortlandt town

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

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

D. D. Rutgers College 1854—

West Chester Co.  
N. Y. a cousin, now  
dead—

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

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

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

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XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

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XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

Both Paternal, and maternal Ancestry english. The Lee's came to this country in the early period of its settlement, and located at or near Hempstead in N.Y. My Grand Father John Lee removed to Westchester Co. N.Y. sometime before the Revolution, where he ~~lived~~ died 1816. aged 91 years. My Father Robt. P. Lee was a Lawyer, who practiced his profession many years in the city of N.Y. Some years before his death he took up his residence on the farm of his Father in Yorktown, where he died in the year 1848. Aged 83.

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:—

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

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