

CLASS OF 1828

DAVID H. LITTLE

An elder (Presbyterian Church, Cherry Valley) from 1832 to 1870, when he removed to Rochester, was identified with the religious concerns of this region till his death, in 1873.

History of Otsego Co., N. Y. p. 129 Hurd 1878

DAVID F. LITTLE, 1828, of Springfield, was a member of the Philomathean Society.
Philomathean Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1874)

1828

Ap. 6, 1855

To David H. Little

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1828

(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 Quinnspeck, 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 Marletown, N. Y. ; and 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 Camerville ; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. 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*.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

I. Name.

David Hervev Little

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

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

David and Alice (Soomis) Little

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

III. Birth Place.

Springfield Stego Co. N. Y. Birth Day and Year. Aug. 3rd 1807

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]

Chung Valley N. Y.

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]

Hartwick Seminary Stego Co. Rev. G. S. Hazelius D. D.
Principal —

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Union Coll. Graduated 1828

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.]

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.]

Saw in Chung Valley N. Y. with Isaac Sully Esq. 1829 &
with Nath. W. Howell Esq. at Canandaigua & Hon Walter
Hutbill 1830-31

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.]

Admitted to the Bar 1831. Commenced practice in Chung Valley
with Isaac Sully. Continued with Amos D. Hammond
& afterward with Amos D. Beardsley. Still resides in Chung Valley.

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Geneseo, 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.]

President of the Central Bank at Chung Valley for 14 Years
up to Jan. 1855 when the charter expired — State Senator
1848-9. — Elected a corporate member of the Am. Board of Commis-
sioners for Foreign Missions in 1849 — Elected Trustee of Union College.

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.

Delos White M. D.
William S. Little, Son class of 1853.
David Little Son " " 1855

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

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

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.]

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

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

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.]

LITTLE, DAVID H.

Graduated from Union College 1828 with A.B. Degree

The following information regarding David H. Little (listed as No. 11) was taken from Union College Student Records, First Term 1827-1828 to Second Term 1828-1829:

Academic Year 1827-1828 - Senior Year

	<u>First Term</u> <u>Ending December</u>	<u>Second Term</u> <u>Ending April</u>
Attendance	94%	100%
Conduct	100	100
Blair	80	
Trigonometry	85	
Natural History	80	
Natural Philosophy		98
Chemistry		90
Elements of Criticism		98

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FIRST FAMILIES of ROCHESTER

By Ruth B. Chamberlain

FOR SEVERAL generations the name of Little has been one prominent in the annals of Rochester's first families.

This family has contributed much to the early history of this city and records show the lasting influence which its various members had in the fields of banking, horticulture and medical science.

ROCHESTER, the Flower City, has had as one of its most flourishing industries, the nursery business. In fact a whole volume could be written on the pioneers in this field of endeavor, men like David H. Little, Hiram W. Sibley and George Ellwanger, who made Rochester famous for their extensive nurseries and beautiful specimens.

The present generation of Littles has every right to be proud of their family lineage and accomplishments, for they are direct descendants of two

famous families which may be traced back many years both in this country and England.

The first Little to come to America was Thomas, who arrived from England about 1630 and settled in Plymouth, Mass. It was here, in 1633, that he married Ann Warren, the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Warren. Richard Warren it will be remembered was one of the signers of the Mayflower compact. Thomas Little was a lawyer of note and the family coat of arms is still at his family homestead, now owned by Luther Little at Sea View, Mass., formerly known as Littletown.

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THE SON of Thomas and Ann Little was Ephraim, who in 1672, married Mary Sturtevant, daughter of another renowned pioneer family. Ephraim Little's children all were born in Scituate, Mass., where he was a deputy to the General Court. In 1708 his son, John, married Miss Constance Fobes, great-granddaughter of John and Priscilla Alden. All of their children, but one, married descendants of Mayflower passengers.

One of their children, John, the second, settled in Columbia, Conn., which was then known as Lebanon Crank, about 1740. There he married Miss Mary Sampson, and from this union sprang eleven children, one of them, Gamaliel, serving during the Revolution in a regiment of the Light Horse. In 1765 Gamaliel married Miss Sarah Phelps.

Among their children was David, born in 1769, who moved later to Cherry Valley, N. Y. In 1792 he married Miss Alice Loomis. He became a prominent physician, holding a place of love and respect in that community.

His son, David Harvey Little, served as president of the bank of Cherry Valley for a number of years before moving to Rochester. He was married in 1831 to Julia Elizabeth Seelye and came here about 1860. Of him we will have more to say later.

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THE LITTLE family is also descended from another famous early American family, namely the Livingstons. It is of interest to note these various branches of the family, because certain members of the family today still carry names of the Beekmans, the Livingstons, the De Peysters and the like.

Historians tell us that John Livingston was a Scottish clergyman, residing in Linthwaite,

corner of his bedroom in this thick-walled Colonial House, Robert Livingston, the first Lord of

the Manor, kept his wealth of ready money—a heap of Spanish coins which visitors, children and servants could see through the open door.

He kept therein sometimes as \$30,000 and he is said never to have lost a dollar through the dishonesty of those who might easily have robbed him.

His son, Philip, succeeded him as second Lord of the Manor, and Phillip's son,

Robert, who married Mary Tong, became the third Lord of the Manor.

Robert Jr., grandson of the first Lord of the Manor, was known as Chancellor Livingston and was a contemporary of George Washington.

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IT IS SAID that life at Oak Hill under the last Lord of the Manor, John Livingston, son of Robert Jr., was similar to English country life, with many gay parties in the scheme.

John Livingston married Mary LeRoy, and their son, Jacob, was wed to Catherine Augusta DePeyster, also of a prominent early family. Among their children was John, who married Ann Eliza Owens. It was their daughter, Catherine Augusta Livingston, who married Dr. David Little in 1863.

As I mentioned before, David H. Little, having retired from the banking business in Cherry Valley, Otsego, N. Y., turned his attention to the fertile lands of the Genesee Valley, and moved with his family to Rochester about 1860. He built a house in East Avenue, on property later known as the Little Nurseries.

This house is still standing, although extensively remodeled, at the southeast corner of Buckingham Street and East Avenue. Its present owners are, I believe, the George C. Gordons.

The David H. Littles had three sons, William S., David and Francis Little. After his graduation from Union College, Schenectady, William settled in Rochester, entered the nursery business and established the Little Nurseries. This nursery property extended along East Avenue from what is now Berkeley Street to Culver road, and south to Park Avenue.

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THE OTHER SONS, David and Francis, upon their graduation from Union College, also took up residences in Rochester, David as a physician, and Francis joining the firm of Little and Rowe, iron founders.

David H. Little also had one daughter, who was married to Frederick Whittlesey, a well known lawyer of Rochester of that period. They had one daughter, Alice, who married Samuel Campbell McKown. Both now reside in Barrington Street.

William S. Little also married and had one son and four daughters. The son died a number of years ago. The daughters were

chance, Mrs. Frank Koch, Mrs. Joseph
nan Zimlich, Mrs. Fred Boyer,
owe, Mrs. Carl Popp, Mrs. Her-
William McFarland, Mrs. S. P.
sons, Mrs. William Kipp, Mrs.
Mrs. John Garrison, Mrs. James
ang, Mrs. E. Moissant.
William Sutherland, Mrs. J. A.

Katherine, one of Dr. David Little's daughters, died when she was a child. The other daughter, Alice, and the three sons, Sellye W., Beekman Cox and Francis, are now residing in Rochester, holding important and respected places in the life of the community.

After the war he established his profession as a physician with offices in Plymouth Avenue. He was, by the way, a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University.

Dr. Little once served health officer, and, at the close of the Civil War, became United States medical examiner for prisoners in this district, a position which he held up to the time of his death, March 1, 1912.

Francis, another of Dr. Little's sons, was for several years associated with the Roby Company, and lately been engaged in the insurance business. He is unmarried.

For twenty-three years Little was head of the Bureau, and during his connection with the department second and third conduits constructed and Cobbs Hill reservoir was built and put in commission.

The first tree planting on the extensive scale on the shores of Hemlock Lake was effected under his administration. Now there is a planted area of more than a million pine and spruce, belonging to the province, upon the slopes of Hemlock and Canadice Lakes.

Under Mr. Little's guidance Rochester was one of the first cities to apply the sodium copper sulphate treatment for the elimination of bad taste in water due to algae.

Upon the advice and Dr. George Goler, M gave to the world, it is the first intimation that might be prevented or in a prophylactic manner treating the city water with iodine.

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IN 1926, Mr. Little
from the Water De
and since then has bee
secretary of the Americ
Works Association, an
tion composed of cons
gineers, managers of
partments, chemists,
gists and others inte
public water supply.

In 1894, Mr. Little married Lois Gaffney, a member of the other pioneer Rochesters which had been prominent with social activities in the Third Ward as well as civic, artistic and advancement of the city. Mrs. Little has two daughters, Helen De Peyster Little, who resides with her parents in Minster Road, and Irene Little who married Eleanor Clements of Street. The latter has three children, Eleanor E.

Joan Beekman Little, Mr. Little is now the manager of the Rochester office of the A. F. Wright & Co.

IT IS INTERESTING to know that the Little family was long been identified with Union College. In the alumni catalog there can be found listed in the classes of the last ten years of the eighteenth century, when Union College was first founded, the names of David Little and Jacob Livingston. This David Little was the father of the David H. Little who first came to Rochester.

His three sons, four grandsons and three great-grandsons also were educated there. Jacob Livingston in that early class at Union (through the Livingston branch of the family) was a great-great-grandfather of the three great-grandsons of David H. Little.

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