

June 17, 1935

My dear Mr. Adsit:

Your inquiry, addressed to Miss Ely, has been referred to me.

The Rev. Samuel Luckey received the degree of M. A. from Union College in 1824. We have no biographical material on his life, and we should be indebted to you if you would send us whatever you may collect.

The Rev. Job Hiram Champion was born in Clifton Park in 1828. He received the degree of M. A. at Union in 1852. We have quite an account of his life taken from the Champion Genealogy; but his parents are not named. We shall be glad to send you a copy of what we have, if you wish it. The Champion Genealogy says that his son Stephen resides with a sister, Sarah M., at Durham, N. Y.

There is no charge for this information. We hope that it may be of help to you. In return, as we have stated above, we should be glad to get information about Mr. Luckey, if you have more than you state in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

for the Committee on
Alumni Records

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June 11, 1935

Miss Esther G. Ely, Registrar,
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Dear Madam:

1824

Rev. Samuel Luckey (1791-1869), a gifted and prominent Methodist Clergyman, received the degrees of "M. A." and "D.D." from Union College in 1821. I believe he preached in your city about that period.

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May I inquire if you have any data about him, and especially about his family. I believe his first wife was a Miss Jacob of Clifton Park. I would deeply appreciate any data you may have about Dr. Luckey's family,- that is, his first wife and children.

Rev. Job Hiram Champion (1828-1893)- a Methodist Clergyman, was graduated from Union College in 1852. He was born in Clifton Park. I am anxious to learn about his parents and just where he was born. Would your records give such data, and if so, I would deeply appreciate the information.

The above information is to be used in the preparation of a history of the Grooms M. E. Church, Saratoga County.

I will gladly pay you or the College a fee if you will advise me of the amount.

Yours very truly,

Newman W. Adsit

NWA:s

1824

1884

Hon. A. M. Samuel Luckey

Self-educated to a degree that surpassed the culture of many of his college educated contemporaries, Samuel Luckey, who occupied the last of the three consecutive pastorates under consideration (1820, 1821), was a man that reflected honor upon every church he served, and, wherever he labored, there Methodism was given additional dignity and influence in the community. He filled many prominent positions in both church and state. When only twenty years of age, Mr. Luckey was thrown on the heroic tests of the early itinerancy in Montgomery circuit. He had lectured between thirty and forty appointments in schoolhouses, barns, cottages, and workshops, requiring about three hundred miles ride in four weeks, and almost daily preaching. He carried with him a few text-books in theology and in Latin and Greek languages, and there began that course of faithful public service, which identified his name with the history of the Church for more than half a century. As circuit preacher, presiding elder, principal of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., editor of the "Christian Advocate" from 1836 to 1840, regent of the University of New York for many years, a participant in many General Conferences, and, in his vigorous old age, chaplain to the charitable institutions of Rochester, he performed an amount of public labor hardly surpassed by any of his contemporaries. pp. 41-

Footnote p. 41. Simpsons Cyclopaedia of Methodism says of his studious habits: "It was his custom to read the Bible through annually which he had done critically and prayerfully since 1800. He read it through several times in Greek and the Old Testament in the Hebrew."

From Minutes of the Official Board
Oct. 16, 1820:

The pastor, the Rev. Samuel Luckey, afterwards the distinguished Dr. Luckey of Rochester, had notified the trustees that he had no need of part of the parsonage barn and that they might rent it if they wished. The trustees met in extra meeting called for the special purpose of considering the pastor's communication. After due deliberation they took action, and their action was embodied in ponderous preamble and resolution:

"Whereas the board has been informed by Samuel Luckey, the preacher in charge, that he should, for the future, relinquish all use of the barn belonging to the premises which he has occupied for some time past (except that part which is used for a woodhouse and the department ~~where~~ where he keeps his harness, etc..

"Resolved that John N. Vrooman constitute a committee to take charge of that part of said barn which said Luckey has relinquished to use of for the future.....

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Centennial History of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
of Senectady, N. Y.

Portrait faces p. 40

1824 Rev. Samuel Luckey (1791-1869) received M. A. at Union in 1824.
He is supposed to have preached in Schenectady about that time,
and he subsequently received a D. D. (place unknown). His first
wife may have been Miss Jacob of Clifton Park.

Apparently he later preached in the Grooms M. E. Church in Saratoga Co.

from letter of Newman W. Adsit, 317 East Sidney Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
who is writing a history of Grooms Church

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