

CLASS OF 1822

FINDLAY W. McNAUGHTON

The death of this distinguished minister of the Gospel, is announced as having occurred at Webster's Mills, in Franklin county, Pa., on April 3, 1889, aged 88 years. He was born in Argyle, Washington County, N. Y., was a son of Duncan McNaughton, and his wife Sarah Getty, and on his father's side, he was a grandson of Malcolm McNaughton and his wife Catharine Robertson, and a great-grandson of Duncan McNaughton, of Argyllshire, Scotland, and his wife Margaret Fisher, and he having deceased in Scotland, the latter came to this country with her children and settled in Pawlet, Vermont. On his mother's side, the Rev. Findlay McNaughton, was a grandson of James Getty and his wife Jane, who came to Salem in the company that came with the Rev. Thomas Clark, and were among the first settlers of that town.

He prepared for college at Washington Academy, in Salem, graduated at Union College in 1822, studied theology under the care of the Rev. John Banks, D. D., in Philadelphia, licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Cambridge, ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, on May 20, 1828, and called to the charge as pastor of Mercersburgh congregation in Franklin Co., Pa., in the same month. Here he remained pastor until 1857. In the meantime, in 1845, he and the Rev. C. Webster became dissatisfied with the negotiations and terms of the proposed union of the Associate and Associate Reformed Churches, and both thereupon withdrew from the Associate Synod, and organized and maintained a Presbytery until 1856, at which time Mr. Webster returned to the Synod, and Mr. McNaughton, in 1857, joined the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and subsequently the Presbyterian Church, and thence continued to reside on his farm where his death occurred. --Clipping dated April 12, 1889

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Rev. FINLAY WELLS McNAUGHTON, 1822, of Argyle, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.

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