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Woodruff, Hezekiah
From: Albany, N.Y.
Lastresidence: Erin, N.Y.

Records show one
Hezekiah Woodruff
Pvt. in Capt. Moses Hayden's Co.,
Shepard's Regt., Conn. State Troops.

Commencement of service: Aug/ 13, 1813
Expiration of service: Sept 16, 1813

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Erie, Chemung Co. New York

To Hezekiah Woodruff of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1810

(~~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,
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SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinnipeck, 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 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 foot*, let that be sent.
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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

I. Name. Hezekiah Woodruff

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

II. Names of both Parents; ~~thus~~:— Hezekiah North & Sarah (Bartlett) Woodruff

[~~John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.~~]

III. Birth Place. Stonington Connecticut Birth Day and Year. Febr 7th 1787

IV. Various residences and dates; ~~thus~~:— Connecticut 1787–1805: Elmira N.Y. 1805–44. ~~Erie N.Y. 1844,~~ and onward to the present time

[~~Binghamton, N.Y. 1814–20; Auburn, N.Y. 1820–44, New York City, 1820–54.~~]

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; ~~thus~~:— With the Revd Samuel Nott of Franklin & Revd M. Benedict of Plainfield, Con. Once at the Academy in Stonington Connecticut 1803–5.

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

VI. At what College he graduated, and when. Union College in Schenectady 1810.

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.~~] Teaching an Academy, in Catskill N.Y. 1810–11

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; ~~thus~~:— Divinity at Andover Mass.

[~~Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822–5 or Law in Albany, N.Y., with Hon. Hermanus Bleecker, 1849–2.~~]

1811–13. Physic At Elmira, with Dr White. 1823–23 — And Law with Baldwin & Maxwell 1827–30.

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; ~~thus~~:— ~~Presbyterian~~ A Minister at Elmira N.Y. 1814–20 — Missionary in Astabula Co Ohio 1821 — A practitioner of law at Elmira N.Y. 1830–35. At Dundee N.Y. 1836–38. At Spencer N.Y. 1841–2: At Erie N.Y. 1844–10 Of Physic at Elmira N.Y. 1823 — and onward.

[~~Episcopal, Somerville, N.J., 1827–30; Presbyterian, Albany, N.Y., 1830–44.~~]

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

[~~Merchant, Rochester, N.Y., 1833–35; or Farmer, Geneseo, N.Y., 1835–54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N.Y., 1841–48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.~~]

A teacher of district schools occasionally 1820–50. — during 20 winters. — Farming at Aurora, Cayuga Co N.Y. 1805–7 — At Erie Chemung Co 1844, — and onward.

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

[~~Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N.Y., 1839–42 and 1845–7; Member of Congress, 29th district, N.Y., 1841–43; Member of Assembly, of N.Y., 1821–4, &c., &c.~~]

I have taken the oath of office, as Attorney of the Court of Common Pleas, and of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y; and as Attorney and Proctor of the United States Court.

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

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

Author of Une traduction des contiques divins de Dr Watts & anglais en francais, I have printed by Mark Andrews and Woodruff ~~was~~ An exposition and versification of the psalms of David Elmira printed by T. G. Fasman — Familiar Discourses on the way of salvation Ithaca, printed by Mack, Andrews & Woodruff — An exposition of the New Testament, or the New Covenant of our Sovereign Saviour the Anointed Auburn, printed by Henry Oliphant

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

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; ~~thus~~:— A B & A M from Union College. M D from medical Society of Tioga N.Y. 1833. Attorney the Court of C P 1830 — Of the supreme Court of N.Y. 1835 — Attorney 1841. — Of the United States Court, and Proctor of the same

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him? There is, accompanied with his autograph.

[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.]

Correct as nearly as memory and record will serve

Attest

Hezekiah Woodruff

Dated Apl 1853. —

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

Of these things, I can only say "My record is on high"

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c. The ancestors of my father were english, with a little mixture of dutch; and resided, in Farmington and vicinity, in Connecticut: those of my mother were Scottish, and resided on Nantucket, Isl. and in Goshen and vicinity, in Connecticut.

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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