

CLASS OF 1811

JOHN L. VIELE

Born in Washington county, New York, June 6, 1788.

Died in Albany, New York, October 19, 1832.

Was admitted to the bar in 1812 and became a leading practitioner of the counties of Washington, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Albany. As a member of the state senate he actively supported the Erie canal measures, and, becoming a judge of the Court of Errors, delivered a series of noteworthy opinions, which may be found in Cowen's Reports.

History of the Bench and Bar of New York Vol. 1. p. 511
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Oct. 19, 1832. JOHN L. VIELE died, aged 45. He represented Saratoga county in the Senate two terms, and was an intimate friend of De Witt Clinton.

Munsell's Annals of Albany p. 258

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JOHN L. VIELE

Born June 6, 1788 at Pittstown, N.Y.

Married Cathalyntje Knickerbocker, Nov. 18, 1810.

She was born August 23, 1792.

He was the son of Ludovicus and Effie (Toll) Viele.

John L. Viele, of Waterford, N.Y., was educated at Union College, served in the War of 1812, became an attorney-at-law in 1808, counsellor in the Chancery Court in 1814, was New York Senator in 1822, '26, and '29. Judge of the Court of Errors and Regent of the University of New York. Their son, Gen. Egbert L. Viele, born June 17, 1825, at Waterford; died April 22, 1902, at New York City; married there June 3, 1850, Teresa, daughter of Francis Giffin and Mary Sands.

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JOHN LUDOVICUS VIELE

Bap. June 6, 1788; wit. Johannes Viele and Heffie Viele.

Married Kathlyne Knickerbacker of Schaghticoke, Nov. 16, 1810.

He died October 19, 1832.

Kathlyne Knickerbacker was born Aug. 23 (bap. Aug. 26), 1792, and died September 16, 1837, "at two o'clock in the morning."

The Hon. John Ludovicus Viele entered Union College, Schenectady, in 1808, but did not remain to graduate. He received from the faculty an honorable discharge in the shape of a certificate, which is in the possession of one of his granddaughters. On November 10, 1810, he married Kathlyne Knickerbacker, youngest daughter of Johannes K. Jr., and Elizabeth Winne.

Report has it that he served in the War of 1812. If so it must have been as a private, for it is not until 1818 that he has a commission as Quartermaster in Saratoga County Militia (144th Regiment of Infantry, Col. Stewart in Command). In 1819 (March 29), he was appointed Inspector in Saratoga for the 15th Division of Infantry.

In 1814, he was practicing law in Albany. From 1822-1829 he was a New York Senator and at the same time a Judge of the Court of Errors. On February 6, 1832, he was appointed Regent for the University of New York. He was at one time counsel for the Court of Chancery. He was a man of much mental vigor and was cut off on the midst of his usefulness at the comparatively early age of 44 years. Personally he was a fine looking and of a social disposition.

John Ludovicus Viele and Kathlyne Knickerbacker are justly held by their descendants in affectionate respect.

FROM Viele Records pp 220-221.
 Kathlyne Knickerbacker Viele
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JOHN L. VIELE

DIED-Suddenly, yesterday at his residence in this city, of an apoplectic fit, the Hon. John L. Viele, late a Member of the Senate of this State, and a Regent of the University. Mr. Viele was a gentleman possessed of fine legal acquirements, of an amiable disposition, and was esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom his sudden death will be much regretted.

The relatives, friends and acquaintances of John L. Viele, deceased, and of the family, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, 151 North Market St., this afternoon at 4 O'clock.

Albany Evening Journal
October 20, 1832.

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JOHN L. VIELE

DEATHS: Suddenly, on Friday, the 19th inst. at his residence in this city, of an apoplectic fit, the Hon. John L. Viele, late a member of the Senate of this State, and a Regent of the University.

Journal and Telegraph
Albany, N. Y.
October 27, 1832.

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JOHN LUDOVICUS VIELE

A distinguished lawyer and statesman, was born at Pittstown, N. Y., June 6, 1788, and died at Albany, October 19, 1832. Entering Union College in the Class of 1811, John L. Viele remained one year, when he retired with an honorable dismissal at his own request, and then pursued a classical course of fourteen months under a private tutor at New Paltz. He was admitted as attorney and counselor in the Court of Common Pleas of Rensselaer county, October 2, 1812, as counselor-at-law in the Supreme Court August 13, 1817, and as counselor in the Court of Chancery January 22, 1822. He was State Senator from the middle district under the first State Constitution in 1822 and from the fourth district under the second constitution from 1826 to 1829, and as senator sat in the Court for the Correction of Errors. His opinions are found in the reports for those years and show great judicial ability. He was a leading advocate of his section and when La Fayette revisited this country in 1825 he was chosen the orator to receive the distinguished guest on the battlefield of Saratoga. February 6, 1832, he was elected a regent of the University of the State of New York. In 1810 he married Catalina Knickerbacker, a granddaughter of Col. John Knickerbacker of Schaghticoke. (Col. Knickerbacker served in the French war, was commissioned a colonel of New York militia October 20, 1775, was present at the battle of Saratoga and served in the Legislature of 1792. He was descended from John van Berghen, called Knickerbacker, the third son of Godfrey van Berghen, Count van Grimbergen. John van Berghen was a captain in the Netherland navy, and afterward came to the New Netherlands and died here in 1656)

Henry Knickerbacker Viele, a son, was born at Waterford, N. Y., April 29, 1819, was graduated from the Albany Academy in the collegiate course, and when eighteen years old came to Buffalo. He was a lawyer. He was colonel of the 94th N. Y. Vols., in the Civil war. He died in St. Paul, Minn., August 8, 1881. He married Laetitia Porter Thompson, daughter of Sheldon Thompson, the first mayor of Buffalo elected by the people (1840).

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Pittstown June 6. 1788, died at Albany. N.Y., Oct.
19, 1832, educated at Union College 1808, atty. at
law, 1814, Counselor in Court of Chancery, served
in War of 1812, N.Y. Senator 1822-1826-9, judge of
Court of Errors, Regent of University of N.Y.,
N. Nov. 18, 1810 Catalina Schuyler Knickerbocker
born Aug. 23, 1792, dau. of Johannes Knickerbocker
of Schaghticoke N.Y.

(American Ancestry, v. 4, p. 16, 1889)

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