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Rev. Samuel Van Vechten was a nephew of Abram Van Vechten, the father of the Bar of the State of New York.

Descendants of Cornelius Barentse Van Wyck
Anne Van Wyck
New York 1912.

The Genealogical Records of the Van Vechten's from 1638 to 1896 by Peter Van Vechten, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis. - says:--

SAMUEL VAN VECHTEN, the eighth son of Samuel Van Vechten and Sarah Van Orden, born in the old stone house near the village of Catskill, August 4, 1796. Married Louisa Van Wyck, Sept. 24, 1824. He died Nov. 3, 1882.

Their children--
A.V.W. Van Vechten, born March 24, 1828. Married Mary Van Zandt Lane, June 1, 1853. She died Feb. 11, 1864.


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CLASS OF 1818

SAMUEL VAN VECHTEN

b. 1796, at Catskill, N. Y.; U.C. 1818, N.B.S. 22, 1. Cl. N.B.; Miss. to Princetown and Guilderland, 22-3, to Ovid, Johnstown, Westerlo and Mapletown, Mayfield, Fonda's Bush, and Union, 23-4, Bloomingburg and Rome, or Mamakating, 24-9, Bloomingburgh, 29-41, Fort Plain, 41-4, w. c.--- Died Nov. 2, 1832. D.D.

Manual of the Reformed Church in America p. 860
Corwin
1628-1902
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Albany Argus
Oct. 5, 1824.
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1818

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The late Bishop Potter, of Pennsylvania, was one of his classmates. After his graduation at Rutgers’s Theological Seminary, in 1822 he became pastor of a church in Bloomingburg, and subsequently in Fort Plain, in this State.

C. Feb. 1883.

Reverend Samuel Van Vechten, 1818, a resident of Catskill, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830
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FROM Genealogical Records of the Van Vechtens p. 27
Peter Van Vechten, Jr.
Milwaukee 1896

Reverend Samuel Van Vechten of the class of 1818 at Union graduated here in 1821. He was born at Catskill, New York in 1796. I wish to know the month and day of his birth. The last pastorate which I have is Fort Plain, New York, 1841-44. Have you any record of his occupation after that time? He died November 2, 1882. I wish to know the place of his death. I have the record that he had the degree of D.D., but I do not know what college gave it to him, can you tell me this?
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