

CLASS OF 1824

ABEL PACKARD

Son of Adam and Abigail (Porter) Packard.  
Born in Cummington, Mass., Sept. 20, 1802  
Fitted for college with Rev. Moses Hallock of  
Plainfield;

Williams College, 1820-21;

Amherst College, 1821-24;

Studied medicine one year with Dr. Robertson in  
Cummington, and two years in the Yale Medical School  
receiving the degree of M. D. in 1827; practised medicine  
two years in Cummington in company with Dr. Robertson, and  
one year in Wolcott, Conn.

Died of consumption of the spleen and diseased stomach,  
at Cummington, Dec. 10, 1830.

Married, Nov. 5, 1826, Maria, daughter of Dea. James W.  
Briggs, of Cummington.

Two sons.

Biog. Record Alumni  
Amherst College  
1883.

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Joseph R. Brown, Jr.  
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July 22, 1950

Dear Mrs. Webster:

In "Amherst Academy", p. 56, by Frederick Tuckerman, published at Amherst in 1929, reference is made to the granting of the A.B. degree to seven Amherst men, and also the reason, at the Union commencement of 1824.

The seven Amherst men were:

Edwards A. Beach  
\*Elisha Lord Fuller  
Richard Fuller  
Joseph A. Hall  
Freeman Howland  
Abel Packard  
George A. Shepherd.

\*Our alumni catalogue gives "Elijah", but it is Elisha" in the Amherst Alumni catalogue.

In future Union Alumni catalogues, I think these men should not be listed as Union graduates, but listed under an appropriate heading.

I seem to have recovered my usual good health, for the time being, but I have lost so much time this year and am so far behind in my work that I have had little time for the alumni work or any other outside interest. Thanks for your interest, and also for the news about Miss Peterson and Mr. Bantham.

From letter of Joseph R. Brown, Jr., July 22, 1950.