Voorhees, Samuel

Records show one Samuel Voorhees Pvt. in Capt. James Newell's Co., 3rd Regt. (Frelinghuysen's) N.J. Militia

Commencement of service: Sept 19, 1814
Expiration of service: Dec. 6, 1814
Dear Sir or Madam:

In the course of researching the Reynolds-Voorhees family of Montgomery County, I have discovered three family members who attended your college in the early 19th century.

Is it possible that you would have any information on the following persons:

Marcus T. Reynolds, attended from 1805-1808; reportedly graduated second in his class

Samuel Voorhees, date of graduation not known, though a bill from 1807 survives

James Lesley Voorhees, who was a junior first term in 1833.

I would appreciate any help you would be able to provide. Enclosed find a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Bevington

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Born Nov. 1, 1787, graduate of Union, 1811. He studied medicine with Stephen Reynolds, died at Amsterdam, 1870, and had: 1. Marcus Tullius, b. May 19, 1812; d. in Puebla, Mexico, Dec. 13, 1844, and buried there. 2. James Leslie, b. July 22, 1815, Union College, 1835, died unmarried at Amsterdam, 1891; 3. Stephen Reynolds, b. in Amsterdam, July 13, 1818, died there Nov. 15, 1801; 4. George Maxwell, born in Amsterdam, March 16, 1826; died there, Sept. 14, 1909; married in Northampton, N.Y., Oct. 5, 1852, Hannah Alexander Slocum, b. in Pawling, N.Y., June 5, 1832; died Apr. 3, 1871, three children. No descendants.

Samuel Voorhees married Betsey Reynolds, April 24, 1811. She was born Dec. 9, 1790; died Feb. 8, 1858 in Amsterdam and buried there.

Gen. & Fam. Hist. of Southern N.Y. v. 1 p. 412
Cuyler Reynolds, Ed.
New York 1914.
CLASS OF 1811

SAMUEL VOORHEES

Born Amsterdam, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1789.
Married Betsey Reynolds at Amsterdam, April 24, 1811.
She was born at Minaville, Montgomery Co., N. Y., Dec. 9, 1790; died at Amsterdam, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1858; buried there. She was educated at Mrs. Pierce’s Boarding School at Litchfield, Conn.

He died at Amsterdam, N. Y., in 1870.
Graduated at Union College, 1808.
Studied medicine under Betsey’s father, who was president of the Montgomery County Medical Society, signed his degree Oct. 10, 1810.
Samuel was the son of Henry Voorhees, a Revolutionary soldier. Samuel, Betsey and their three children are all buried in the Reynolds-Voorhees lot at Amsterdam, N. Y.

Children:


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   (a) George Dexter, b. July 11, 1853; d. Apr. 29, 1855.
   (b) Josephine Louisa, b. July 25, 1856; m. 1st Robert Topping; 2nd. Frank J. Wilder.
   (c) Samuel, who lives “out West.”

History & Descendants of John & Sarah Reynolds p. 298
Mation H. Reynolds
Brooklyn 1924.
The Voorhees family, which includes the Amsterdam and the Florida branches, are descendants of Steven Coerte Van Voorhees, born in 1600 at Hees, Holland, and came to this country "from before" the village in April, 1660, and settled at Flatlands, L. I.

The meaning in English of the Holländ name, Van Voorhees, is "from before the Hees"; "Van" meaning "from," "Voor" meaning before or in front of, and Hees being a small village about five miles from Ruinen, Holland, which contained in 1600 nine houses and about fifty inhabitants.

Dr. Samuel Voorhees was a man of great individuality, and is remembered as a man of ability in his profession. His appearance in his latter years was such as to attract attention. A spare man of medium height and a slight bend forward when walking, snow-white hair and whiskers, which he wore in long fringe around the edge of the jaw, his short, quick steps, and the ever-present cane was a familiar sight on Main Street for a great many years. He died November 1, 1870. This brief account of the Voorhees family would not be complete if I failed to mention another member of the family—Mrs. Betsey Voorhees. She was a sister of the well-known lawyer, Marcus T. Reynolds, (Union 1808) and was a woman of great intelligence and marked force of character, who kept in advance of all the projects of reform advocated by her co-workers, Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, and Mrs. Bloomer. She died February 8, 1866.

FROM The Mohawk Valley p. 292-293
W. Max Reid
New York 1907
G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Note—On Page 294 "Among those present (to see Gen. Lafayette when he passed through Fort Jackson in 1826) "was Mrs. Samuel Voorhees, who transmitted to him a pair of fine worsted stockings knitted by her self of one hundred stitches to the needle. Afterwards Mrs. Voorhees received a letter from Lafayette acknowledging their receipt and expressing thanks for the gift. To-day this letter is one of the most valued possessions of the Voorhees family."
CLASS OF 1811

SAMUEL VOORHEES

Born and reared in this town (Florida), Samuel Voorhees and John Watts Cady (Union 1808) were school-mates together at the old stone manse at Fort Hunter, were fitted for college, entered and graduated at Union College.

Doctor Voorhees studied medicine with Doctor Reynolds, married his daughter and settled early at Amsterdam, where he resided until his death, full of years. He was always happy to tell his boyhood pranks and live over again his earliest years.

New York 1878.