

CLASS OF 1819

HORATIO GATES TORBERT

Was born in New York City, January 27, 1802

Died in Camden, N. Y., October 4, 1869, in his 68th year.

His father, Samuel Torbert, was a physician of long practice. In 1804 he bought a tract of land in Williamstown and built the first grist mill, which was in operation until burned February 20, 1897.

Dr. Horatio Gates Torbert turned his study to medicine; he read with Dr. Harrison, Health Officer of the port of New York, and was graduated from the Medical University of that city in 1822. A visit to his father in Williamstown in 1824 became the occasion of his settling in Camden. In 1828 he married Clarissa, daughter of Dr. Joshua Ransom. She died in 1839, leaving three children. In 1841 he married Louisa, his first wife's sister. She survived him 26 years, dying August 25, 1895, aged 76. She was the mother of three children, Willard H. Torbert of Dubuque, Iowa, the only one living. Clarence D. Torbert died in 1866, aged 18; Theodore Torbert, died in Dubuque, Iowa, September, 1876, aged 24; George Torbert, died April 3, 1895, aged 65; Maria Torbert Bickford died March 22, 1893, aged 60.

Dr. Torbert was a faithful husband and father and a beloved physician. He was an efficient deacon in the Union Congregational Church for many years. After the organization of the Presbyterian church, he was a leading member and a prominent ruling elder. Portrait accompanies this sketch.

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