

CHARLES W. PARKER  
NINETEEN SOUTH STREET  
MORRISTOWN, N. J.

*Judge*

October 2, 1941.

Mr. P. L. Webster,  
c/o Graduate Council,  
Union College,  
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of September 30th in regard to my grandfather Richard Wayne Stites and take pleasure in returning herewith the questionnaire filled out as far as I have the particulars.

The following information may not be of any interest for your files, but it will do no harm to send it on.

Richard Montgomery Stites, the father of Richard Wayne Stites, was a graduate of Brown University. His widowed mother married a man named Noel of Savannah, Georgia, and Richard Montgomery Stites was brought up there and practiced law very successfully and died a rich man at the age of about thirty-eight. His will, which is recorded at the Court House in Savannah, gives directions as to the college education of his son Richard Wayne Stites, and directs that he complete his education in the North, but expressly forbids that he attend college at either Princeton, Harvard or Yale. Perhaps this had something to do with his entering Union.

I think one of your presidents was a Dr. Richmond who graduated from Princeton in 1883. I knew him fairly well as I was a graduate of that college of the Class of 1882.

I am quite sure that the reason my grandfather left Union was because of ill health. He was always a delicate man and a good deal of a valetudinarian.

Yours very truly,

*Chas W. Parker*

October 3, 1941

Dear Judge:

Thank you for the information you sent us on the life of your grandfather. I was glad to get the ideas about his father, too.

I began my work at the college under Doctor Richmond. He rendered Union a fine service and was a delightful person to know. He had a long and painful illness, which made a sad ending for his life, but he bore it with a courage that had been conspicuous always. His ashes lie in a little crypt in our College chapel which he built.

Sincerely yours,

C. N. Waldron, Secretary.

Judge Charles W. Parker,  
19 South Street,  
Morristown, New Jersey.

# UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI RECORD

PLEASE FILL IN COMPLETELY AND RETURN TO:  
THE GRADUATE COUNCIL, UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

UNION DEGREE ex  
CLASS OF 1822

1. NAME IN FULL Richard Wayne Stites
2. SON OF (A) FATHER Richard Montgomery Stites of Savannah, Ga. d. 1/15/1813  
(B) MOTHER (MAIDEN NAME) Mary Wayne, d. Oct. 21, 1809 (sister of James M. Wayne)
3. BORN (DATE) Nov. 24, 1802 (PLACE) Savannah, Ga.
4. DIED (DATE) July 7, 1877 (PLACE) Morristown, N. J.
5. MARRIED (HER NAME) Elizabeth Cooke (DATE) Aug. 31, 1824  
(1807?)  
(A) WIFE WAS BORN (DATE) Apr. 24 1806 (PLACE) I think Danbury, Conn.  
(B) WIFE DIED (DATE) Feb. 29, 1896 (PLACE) Morristown, N. J.

6. CHILDREN; NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
<u>Elizabeth Wolcott</u>	<u>April 11, 1827</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 1907</u>
<u>Mary Wayne</u>	<u>Sept. 15, 1829</u>	<u>d. unm. Feb. 17, 1848</u>
<u>Frances Bartow</u>	<u>Dec. 29, 1832</u>	<u>Jan. 11, 1889</u>
<u>Richard Montgomery</u>	<u>July 31, 1837</u>	<u>Mar. 11, 1896</u>

7. PREPARED FOR COLLEGE AT: entered Union Jan. 15, 1819 at age of 16
8. DATE OF WITHDRAWAL: left college during latter part of 1820
9. COLLEGE LIFE: (A) FRATERNITY MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_  
(B) LITERARY OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_  
(C) CLASS OFFICES \_\_\_\_\_  
(D) COLLEGE PRIZES AND HONORS \_\_\_\_\_

10. OTHER COLLEGES ATTENDED WITH DATES \_\_\_\_\_
11. DEGREES Attended law school at Litchfield, Conn. & graduated in 1823, according to family memoranda.
12. PROFESSION Lawyer. Practiced at Savannah in early life, 1824-32, finally moved to Morristown, N.J. about 1835, and died there July 7, 1877.
13. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD WITH DATES \_\_\_\_\_  
Was a judge of Morris County, N.J. Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions for a term beginning in 1843.

14. MILITARY HISTORY AND TITLES \_\_\_\_\_

(OVER)

15. PUBLIC OFFICES HELD WITH DATES.....

Member of Georgia legislature at some time from 1824 to 1832.

*See also No. 13, supra.*

16. MEMBER OF PROFESSIONAL, LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC, SOCIETIES.....

17. LITERARY PRODUCTIONS, DATE AND PUBLISHER.....

18. RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION. Presbyterian. Many years a trustee of First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J.

19. POLITICAL PREFERENCE.....

20. BROTHERS AND SISTERS. Sister Eliza Clifford, b. Aug. 28, 1804, m. Geo. W. Anderson of Savannah.  
Sister Sarah Anderson, b. Nov. 3, 1808, m. William W. Gordon of Savannah.

21. RELATIVES OF SELF OR WIFE WHO HAVE ATTENDED UNION.....

22. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (USE THIS SPACE FOR OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OR TO SUPPLEMENT ANY OF THE ABOVE ANSWERS.)

23. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON THROUGH WHOM I CAN ALWAYS BE REACHED.

NAME..... STREET.....

CITY..... STATE.....

24. INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY. Grandson Charles W. Parker, 63 Macculloch Ave., Morristown, N.J.

STREET ADDRESS.....

CITY AND STATE..... DATE.....

Oct. 1, 1941

JUSTICE CHARLES W. PARKER  
19 SOUTH STREET  
MORRISTOWN

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHAMBERS

September 20, 1941.

1822  
make file

The Secretary,

Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.

or Stiles

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If, convenient, will you oblige me by checking up these dates and advising accordingly? Return postage is enclosed; and any reasonable charge for service will be willingly met.

Yours very truly,

Chas W. Parker

Copied from a letter from JUSTICE CHARLES W. PARKER dated September 20, 1941

"I gather from some family records, that my grandfather RICHARD WAYNE STITES, who was born in Savannah, Georgia in 1802, graduated from Union College, but we have no date nor any verification of this. I find a statement drawn up by his son, that "in 1820, while in the senior class, his health broke down, and he went to Europe for a year. Upon his return, he entered the law school of Judges Gould and Reed at Litchfield, Conn, and graduated in 1823. This seems to put him in the class of 1820."

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Sept. 30, 1941

My dear Judge Parker:

Richard Stites, a ward of James M. Wayne, of Savannah, Ga., entered Union College Jan. 15, 1819, at the age of 16, and withdrew from college during the latter part of 1820.

This is all we know of him. He did not graduate and in the college catalogue is listed as a non-graduate in the class of 1822.

If you can supply any part of the data called for on the enclosed Record Sheet, we should be very glad to place it in the alumni files.

Sincerely yours,

for the Graduate Council

Justice Charles W. Parker  
63 Macculloch Avenue  
Morristown, N. J.

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