

Son of Wheeler Watson and Abigail Peckham his wife. Born at Rensselaerville, Albany County, N. Y. Died at New Orleans, La., April 1, 1857. Was graduated 1822. Studied law in office of Judge Samuel A. Foote at Albany. Admitted as attorney in 1825, as counselor in 1828. Practiced at Durham but soon removed to Catskill, which was his residence for the rest of his life. He was district attorney of Greene County, 1832 to 1837; surrogate of Greene County 1838 to 1847, judge of supreme court 1847 to April 1, 1857. President John Tyler tendered him the nomination for the Supreme Court of the U. S. which he declined. Married Mary Hickok of Greenville, N. Y. Their children were : Major Malbone F. Watson, U. S. Mil. Academy, class of 1861, wounded at Gettysburg, was professor at West Point and secretary of National Military Home at Dayton, O., and died there in December 1891; Lieut. John W. Watson, of Co. H 5th Iowa Cavalry, killed in command of his company at Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 15, 1864. Daughter, Harriet, married William Graham, Union College, 1851. Daughter Julia P. married James B. Olney of Catskill, N. Y., Yale 1853. Four daughters died unmarried. Grandsons: Rev. Malbone Watson Graham, A. B., Princeton 1869, Princeton Seminary 1894, ordained minister by Presbytery of Dubuque 1894, foreign missionary Colombia 1894 to 1908, pastor at Williams, Iowa, 1909 to 1912, Ukiah, Cal, 1912 to 1915, professor University of California since 1915; Lenox College, Iowa, conferred degree of D. D. in 1904, University of California A. M. in 1920 and Ph. D. in 1922, William Graham, Jr. merchant, St. Louis, Mo. Jesse Olney, Yale 1894, lawyer and planter in California. Great grandson: Malbone Watson Graham, Jr., University of California 1917, A. B., instructor in history and philosophy in University of Baune, France, 1918; A. M. from University of California, 1920 and Ph. D. in 1921; instructor in Leland Stanford University 1920-1921, instructor in history and international law University of Missouri, 1921-1922. Now professor of international law, University of Texas.

graduate of the Emma Willard School at Troy.

Information given by Wm. Graham, '51, July 1922.

The Catskill Recorder in giving the list of casualties among the soldiers from that place in the recent fight at Gettysburg, says that Capt. Malbone F. Watson, (eldest son of the late Judge Watson) commanding a battery of Regular Artillery, formerly under Gen. Weed, was so severely wounded in the knee that amputation had to be resorted to.

Schoharie Republican
July 16, 1863.

MALBONE WATSON, 1822, of Rensselaerville, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean
Society. (Died: 1857)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830

The remains of the Hon. Malbone Watson were brought on from New Orleans, in charge of his brother-in-law, Major Sanford, and arrived here on Tuesday last. Notice of their expected arrival had been forwarded and the funeral ceremonies were appointed for Wednesday at 2 o'clock P. M.

A large collection of people ~~wax~~ assembled to pay their last respects to the deceased, among whom we noticed a number of lawyers and other gentlemen from the neighboring cities and villages.

The funeral ceremony took place at the Presbyterian Church and an eloquent and impressive address upon the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Howard.

The disease of which Judge Watson died was inflammation of the lungs. He had a severe attack something over a year ago from which he never entirely recovered.

Thus has passed away another of our talented and distinguished men. He has been an inhabitant of this village for over 25 years, and during the whole of that period he has held some important office to the time of his death. He was appointed District Attorney in 1831, and held the office for about nine years, and until the appointment of Surrogate of Greene County was conferred on him by Gov. Marcy, which he held until his elevation to the Bench of the Supreme Court in 1847. He was also a successful and distinguished lawyer, and stood at the head of the legal profession in Greene County at the time he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court. (Greene County Whig).--

FROM: Schoharie Republican.
May 7, 1857.

A handsome monument of Groton Granite, 13 feet high with 3 shields, has been erected in the Cemetery in Catskill by Hon. Zadock Pratt, to the memory of the late Malbone Watson, a Judge of the Supreme Court. A good jurist, a devoted friend, and one of nature's noblemen in character. On which is the following inscription:

MALBONE WATSON
DIED
April 1, 1857
Aged 62 Years
One of the Justices
of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
An upright Judge.

FROM: Schoharie Republican
Sept. 3, 1857