Reverend Jefferson Wynkoop was in the class of 1819 at Union but did not graduate. He graduated from this Seminary in 1824. He died August 21, 1885.

I have no record about him from 1854 until his death, except that he was Secretary of the Society for Ameliorating the Condition of the Jews. Can you tell me anything more about this period of his life? Can you also tell me the place of his death?


JEFFERSON WYNKOOP, non-graduate of 1819, of New York City, was a member of the Adelphé Society. (Died: 1855)

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JEFFERSON WYNKOOP

Eighth child of Peter and Margaret (Quackenbos) Wynkoop, was born Sept. 11, 1810. He received a collegiate education, partly at Union College and partly at Columbia. He studied law with John Anthon, and had completed the course when his ardent desire for the ministry prevailed, and he studied theology at the Seminary at New Brunswick, receiving his license in 1824. He was pastor of the Reformed Dutch church at Hempstead, Rockland Co., Ramapo, 1825-36; Athens, 1838-40; Subsequently pastor of the Presbyterian church at Gilbertsville, Delhi and Cuba, Alleghany Co., N. Y., and had successful pastorates. He was also well-known for his advocacy of the "Society for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Jews."

He married Sept. 15, 1824, Jane Scott Shaw, daughter of James Shaw, Sheriff of New York. They had three children:

1. Sarah Fulton m. Charles H. Sherrill
2. Julia Anna m. Russell Smith

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JEFFERSON WYNKOOP

Son of Peter and Margaret Wynkoop
Born September 11, 1801
Died August 21, 1888, Cuba, N. Y.
Married September 15, 1824, Jane Scott Shaw, daughter
of James Shaw, Sheriff N. Y. She died August, 1884.
Graduate of Union College, 1819.
Studied law
Graduate New Brunswick Seminary, 1824.
W. New Hempstead and Ramapo, 1835-36; Athens, 1836-40;
Presbyterian Church, Gilbertsville, Delhi and Cuba, 1840-51.
Retired from pastoral duty, because of exhaustion in
temperance and revival work.
Secretary of Society for the Amelioration of the Condition
of the Jews.

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1819 JEFFERSON WYNKOOP.

DIED: In Elmira, Chemung Co., on the 5th inst.,
Miss Margaret E. Wynkoop, daughter of the Rev.
Jefferson Wynkoop, of Gilbertsville, Otsego Co.,
in the 19th year of her age. This amiable and
accomplished young lady at the time of her decease
was an instructress in the Elmira Female Academy,
and was endeared to a large circle of friends, who
sincerely lament her early death.--Daily Albany
Argus, Dec. 29, 1845.


After preaching very acceptably at Somerville, he received the offer of a call, but declined it on account of his deep interest in the temperance cause, which was just then greatly revived in his own congregation, and in the region around. In temperance work and religious revivals Mr. Wynkoop was particularly active and zealous. While at Athens a large number were added to the church. The revival extended to several churches across the Hudson, among them a Lutheran church, whose pastor was so thoroughly roused and anxious to save souls that he died from excessive labor. Mr. Wynkoop himself felt his health giving way under the pressure of his ardor for revival work, and was compelled to retire from the active duties of the ministry.

His residence in Otsego County, N. Y., was determined by the fact that his family held property there. This he managed with judgment, and for years lived comfortably on his income from such sources. This income was used with conscientious and unostentatious benevolence. The recipients of his generosity did not always know to whom they were indebted for relief. The writer of these lines was repeatedly made his almoner, and cherished the memory of the kind and hearty Christian words which accompanied his gifts. One of the chief enjoyments of his last years was found in keeping pace with the advance of knowledge. Having received a broad and thorough education at the outset, it was his pleasure to continue familiar with the discoveries and thought of these fruitful years.


He pursued the study of the law, and began to practice his profession in 1810, but about this time his heart was touched by grace, and he promptly and cheerfully relinquished the prospect of worldly honor and emolument, and gave himself to the ministry. His labors were largely blessed. His views of divine truth were clear and discriminating; his faith was the result of intelligent conviction, and he was firm in his adherence to it. There was no tendency in his mind to indulge in novel speculations. Intent on the great objects of the ministry, realizing that he watched for souls, as one
that must give account, his talents and time were not wasted on questions of doubtful disputation, which minister strife but do not edify. He practically adopted the resolution of the apostle to know nothing but Christ. His discourses were constructed with a constant regard to the spiritual interests of his flock. As a vigilant observer of circumstances which aid the impression of truth, he exhibited skill in giving to each his portion in due season. His earnestness of manner indicated that it was the utterance of truth which had its residence in the heart, and that, as he believed, he spoke. His hearers were regarded as hastening to the retribution of the eternal state, and his aim was, by the manifestation of truth, to commend himself to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. He was faithful and diligent in the cultivation of personal piety; he was accustomed to a strict scrutiny of his heart, bringing himself to the oracles of God, as a standard by which his spiritual character was to be determined. He was a man of prayer. He was accustomed to retire and seek at his Father’s throne the anointings of the Spirit, which invigorated his own soul, and infused a spiritual fragrance through his ministry and life. His walk was close with God. His meditations of him were sweet, filling up many of his hours. At noon, as well as at evening and morning, he bowed at the family altar. He was strictly conscientious, even to personal sacrifices. His time, his powers, his influence, were unreservedly and fully consecrated to God. No motives of personal ambition or advancement found place in his heart.

—Memorial Sermon by Rev. E. Holmes.


Nearly his whole ministry was spent in the Presbyterian Church. The church at Hagerstown returned to the Assoc. Ref. Ch. during his pastorate there in 1838.

He was the son of Peter Wynkoop and Margaret Quackenbos. He married, August 10, 1825, Catharine, daughter of Jas. Schureman and Eleanor Williamson, of New Brunswick, N. J., and sister of Rev. Dr. John Schureman. (Schureman, John.) In his youth he was fond of active exercise and manly sports, and acquired a vigorous constitution. He was tall, muscular and athletic, formed for labor and endurance, and the movements of his body, like the operations of his mind, were quick and agile. In the ministry, truth was the object of all his investigations, and to his researches he brought a mind quick, penetrating, strong and logical. He would seize upon the points of inquiry with the rapidity of lightning, and trace them through mazes of difficulty with the care and quickness of intuition. Ever on the alert to detect error, he was sure to expose it on every proper occasion, often using the weapons of sarcasm and ridicule, which he wielded with great skill, and sometimes with prodigious effect. In the distinctive faith of the Presbyterian Church, he could clearly, ably and satisfactorily expound its mooted points. He possessed the reasoning faculty in uncommon power. His sermons were among the finest specimens of logic; and