

20. Owen Munson

A.B. 1835 Union

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Attended Fairfield, session 1837-38 from Auburn

b. ? , May 4, 1809

d. Washington, D.C. 1868 July 23, 1868

Want place, day, month, & year of birth

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You say M.D. Have you the institution & year? No

Was also a dentist. - from F.C. Waite of Western Reserve

CLASS OF 1835

OWEN MUNSON

Born March 4, 1809

Married May 1, 1838 Cornelia Pruyn of Albany, N. Y., born December 12, 1811 and died July 23, 1868.

Died May 19, 1868.

Dentist, Physician,

Residence Canandaigua, N. Y., Augusta, Ga., and Washington, D. C.

Owen is reputed as having been a student at Union and Yale Colleges. He practiced dentistry as well as medicine in his earlier years, e. g., at Augusta. He was a resident of Canandaigua perhaps three years, as, e.g., 1 April 1845; he was in Augusta a number of years, say, 10 or 15; and his final residence was Washington.

During the War he was Surgeon of the 108th N. Y. Volunteers; and he was in Libby prison. He was a church-member; indeed he began studying for the ministry, but on account of a throat difficulty, turned to medicine. He is said to have been a fine singer and composer; the music which he composed for the Lord's Prayer, is especially commended by Eva Munson Smith.

Children:

1. Cornelia Sophia, born October 23, 1840 in Auburn, N. Y.
2. Adelaide Maria, born October 16, 1842 at Honeoye Falls, N. Y.; married in Chicago August 12, 1874, Russell Rich Markle of Ancosta, Ont. No children. They are State agents Edison Light Co. Residence Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Markle "ranked for many years as one of the first of American singers, singing often on the stage with Ferranti during his engagements in Chicago and other cities, and during one season of the Chicago Exposition she was the star singer. Her voice was clear and of great compass and strength, and her trilling was unusually fine. She was a leading soprano in Washington choirs for years. She yet sings, but not often in public." State Register, Springfield, Ills., Sept. 8, 1887. At the age of 18 she was unquestionably the greatest singer in the world,--weighing 300. She is social, genial, merry, and has uncommon faculty for business.
3. Sarah Agnes, born Nov. 10, 1843 at Honeoye Falls.

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"...Ogdensgurgh. Poor Owen! He was a singing master, and contrived by teaching school in the vivinity to replentish his pocket. Unfortunately, however, by taking cold he lost entirely the use of his voice, so that he could scarcely be heard in a whisper. The last I heard of him he was going as a teacher in some deaf and dumb asylum...a scholar of respectability, a gentleman, a christian, and a gentleman. I feel for his unfortunate case and not only I but the whole class." Pearson Diaries V.2, p.245.

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Pearson Diaries V.4, p.737.

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