

CLASS OF 1824

JOSIAH SUTHERLAND

Born in Stanford, Dutchess county, New York, in 1807.

Died in New York City, May 25, 1887.

Was graduated from Union College, studied law in Waterford and Hudson and commenced practice in Livingston. He was for twelve years district-attorney of Columbia county, was subsequently elected to the 32nd congress, and in 1857 came to New York City, where he entered into partnership with Claudius M. Monell. He was elected a justice of the Supreme Court of the 8th judicial district for six years, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Justice Whiting. In 1863 he was re-elected for the full term of eight years. In 1872 he succeeded Judge Bedford, and was for a number of years presiding judge of the Court of General Sessions. From 1879 until his retirement from active business he practiced law, associated with Francis M. Scott.

In all the positions held by Judge Sutherland he was characterized by the highest integrity and great force of character. Upon his retirement from the bench in 1878 a reception was given him by the members of the New York City bar, at which exceptionally marked tributes of praise were bestowed.

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1897.

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Memo to file:

Mr. Sherwood was on campus April 19 and 20,-- at Schaffer Library looking at the Stebbins material (Francis Lansing Stebbins Union 1927)

Ruth Anne Evans talked with him; Friday (20th) a.m. called to say that Mr. Sherwood was on his way to Lamont House to talk with us about the portrait and silver. The portrait, willed to Union by Mrs. Francis Lansing Stebbins, has been in the custody of a cousin, Frank Croll, now deceased, formerly of Rhinebeck, N.Y. The executors for Mr. Croll's estate are settling the details and MRS. Stebbins called Mr. Sherwood on April 18.

Mr. Sherwood has looked over the papers deposited at Schaffer by Mrs. Stebbins and has asked about borrowing some of the material. Ruth Anne has told him he must, in writing, present who he is, why he wants the material, what he proposes to do with it, etc.

Mr. Sherwood recommends that we call on Mrs. Stebbins soon. Since Mr. Rasmussen was involved all morning of the 20th of April with Trustee meetings, I introduced Mr. Johnston as the estate planning officer who was best qualified to talk with him and he and Mr. Sherwood talked for about a half an hour.

Mrs. Stebbins no longer travels about much due to an arthritic condition.

The portrait in question is of Judge Josiah Sutherland, Union AB 1824; honorary degree, LLD 1864 -- U. S. Rep. 1851-53; Judge of the Supreme Court 1851-1871=

He read law in the offices of Bushnell and Stebbins, NYC or Hudson, N.Y. (latter location I believe)

His son, John Lansing Sutherland, graduated Union AB 1849 and practiced law in Geneva, N.Y.

JOSIAH SUTHERLAND, 12A

Hon. Josiah Sutherland, who rose to high distinction in the legal profession was born at Stamford, New York was graduated from Union College in 1825, and finished his law studies in the office of Bushneal and Stebbins in this city.

Mr. Sutherland began the practice of law in the town of Livingston, and in 1831, was elected District Attorney of Columbia county, an office which he held twelve years.

In 1838, he removed to Hudson, and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law Robert McClellan. With the exception of two years spent in Washington as a Representative in Congress, Mr. Sutherland continued to reside in this city until his removal to New York, in 1851.

Judge Sutherland served two terms as a Justice of the Supreme Court, declining the office of United States District Attorney, proffered him by President Buchanan.

He was elected City Judge of the Court of General Sessions, which office he retained until his retirement from public life.

He died in 1887, deservedly esteemed and regretted by all who knew him.

From: History of Hudson
Bradbury
p. 152

SUTHERLAND, Josiah, a Representative from New York; born in the township of Stamford, near the village of Stissing, Dutchess County, N. Y., June 12, 1804; attended the district school, and was graduated from Union College, Schenecady, N. Y., in 1824; studied law in Waterford and Hudson, was admitted to the bar in 1828, and commenced practice in the village of Johnstown, Livingston Township, N. Y.; district attorney for Columbia County 1832-1843; moved to Hudson, N. Y., in 1838 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); was not a candidate for renomination; moved to New York City in 1857 and continued the practice of law; associate justice of the Supreme Court of New York 1857-1871; member and presiding judge of the court of general sessions 1872-1878; resumed the practice of law in New York City, and died there on May 25, 1887; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

*Congressional Biographical
Directory p. 1587.*

JOSIAS SUTHERLAND, 1824, of Stamford, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.
(Died: 1887)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830

JUDGE JOSIAH SUTHERLAND, '24,

was born at Stamford, N. Y., in 1807.

In college he was a Philomathean. After his admission to the bar he practiced in Johnston, Columbia County, was appointed District Attorney and held that office for twelve years. In 1838 he removed to Hudson, took an active part in the anti-rent troubles in Columbia County and acted as Attorney for the managers of the Livingston estate. He was subsequently elected to Congress and served one term. In 1851 he came to New York. In the fall of that year he was elected Supreme Court Judge for a term of six years. In 1863 he was re-elected for a full term of eight years. In 1872 he was elected City Judge for six years as a combination candidate. Just before the expiration of his term of service he was tendered a noteworthy reception by the Bar. Since his retirement from the bench Judge Sutherland has been engaged in private practice.

He died of paralysis, March 25th, 1887, in his 80th year, leaving a son and two daughters.

1824

Did the Republican party ever carry the city of New York by 21,000 plurality or more for either a Presidential, State or Municipal candidate? If so, please state at least one instance. B. R. S.

No Republican has ever been elected on a straight ticket by 21,000 plurality. In 1872 Josiah Sutherland, nominated by the Republicans and endorsed by the Apollo Hall Democrats, defeated Gunning S. Bedford, Tammany Democrat, by 25,127 votes.

N.Y. Sun - undated.

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JOSIAH SUTHERLAND

MARRIED:-At Livingston, Columbia Co., on the 12th inst. by the Rev. Edwin Holmes, J. Sutherland, esq., counsellor at law, to Jane, daughter of John McClellan, M. D., both of Livingston.

Albany Argus
May 26, 1834

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(date of birth questioned by the Congress Committee on printing)

From Miss Ely's records in the Registrar's office:

Graduated from Union College, July 27, 1824. Entered from Stanford, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Admitted May 18, 1821, was 16 years old at the time, cannot find exact date of birth; son of Josiah Sutherland.

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On account of the death of Judge Hamilton W. Robinson, all the courts in New York City were closed yesterday.

*Of 1832, died
April 1879.*



of 1824

NEW YORK CITY.-- EX-JUDGE JOSIAH SUTHERLAND.-- FROM A PHOTO BY SARONY.
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