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Ed Fuller 1826

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Chittenango has had many doctors in its history and the house in the right hand corner of this picture, surrounded by a picket fence, has housed several of them. The house, on Chittenango's main street, was built in the early 1870s by Dr. Sylvanus D. Hanchett.

Doctors Vital To Village

By Clara M. Houck

It seemed like a good idea, while everyone is busy planning the memorial for Dr. West, to try to get a list together of all the doctors who have served our area. No doubt some will be omitted, but this is a start. These doctors saw us through cholera, small pox, diphtheria, whooping cough and polio epidemics. They lived with us and many of them spent their whole lives here.

The first one recorded was a Dr. Weed who left for Manlius after a brief period.

There were three men who practiced medicine in Canaseraga, Drs. John P. Kennedy, Tilden and Amsden. Dr. Amsden was from Massachusetts and he arrived about 1808. Dr. Tilden came a little later. Dr. Kennedy was a native of Coleraine, Mass. and came here about 1815, staying for several years. After he left to go to Tompkins County in about 1825 his brothers, Samuel, Isaac and James Kennedy, all physicians, came here from Herkimer County and engaged in medical practice.

Samuel Kennedy continued on here until his death, February 1, 1849, at age 59. Isaac stayed several years and then moved to Tioga County where he died. James went west between 1840 and 1850.

Drs. Samuel and Edward Fuller who were brothers and natives of Schenectady, came to Chittenango in 1822 and 1827 respectively. Both were graduates of Union College, both graduated in medicine in New York City, and both commenced their medical practice in this village.

Samuel continued until 1868 when he moved to New York where he died soon after. Edward continued to reside here until his death on January 22, 1877 but did not practice for some 20 years that time.

Isaac Thomson Teller was born in Tioga County, October 14, 1798 and graduated at the Cincinnati Medical College in 1832. He worked first in Dayton, Ohio, then in Whitesboro, coming to Chittenango in 1842 where he stayed until his death on June 30, 1874.

A William Oakes was here for about five years in the 1850s, P.S. Arndt came in 1853 and stayed only three years. After that R. S. Bishop, a Dr. Reynolds and W. H. Griffith were here for short times.

Dr. Sylvanus D. Hanchett and his wife Mary Baum Hanchett came here in 1853. They were both physicians, graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Syracuse, Dr. Merchant Billington, a native of Bridgeport, was educated at Cazenovia Seminary and the Castleton Medical College of Castleton, Vt. commenced in 1860. Dr. John R. Eaton also studied at the Syracuse College of Medicine, finishing in 1875. These three men served Chittenango for a long period of time. They were joined by Dr. W. Estus Deuel who arrived in November 1877.

Much of the foregoing information came from Smith's "History of Madison Co." which was published in 1880. Then there is possibly a gap. There may have been other physicians before the more recent ones that many of us remember. A Dr. A. S. Osborn, Dr. Russell A. Warner, a Dr. Alderman, Dr. George K. Smith, Dr. John D. Boyd, Dr. George E. Thibeault, a Dr. Dwyer, Drs. Gareth West, Bradley T. Coates, Cedric Francis and Kenneth Imboden followed in succession, providing medical care for this area. We are grateful for their training and dedication to their work.

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CLASS OF 1815

SAMUEL FULLER

Son of Jeremiah and Mary (Kendall) Fuller.

Born April 16, 1795

Was a graduate of Union College, completed his medical studies in the city of New York, and established himself as a physician and surgeon in Chittenango, Madison county, in 1818, where he continued to practice with much success and reputation until 1866, when, with his family, he removed to the city of New York, where he died the following year, in the 73rd year of his age.

Early History of Schenectady p. 201

John Sanders

1879.

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Fuller, Samuel
From: Schenectady, N.Y.
Last residence: N.Y. City

Records show one
Samuel Fuller
Pvt. in Capt Alexander McPherson's Co.
Farrington's Regt., N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Sept 8, 1814
Expiration of service: Dec 12, 1814

CLASS OF 1815

SAMUEL FULLER

Son of Jeremiah Fuller, on his father's side was a lineal descendant of Samuel Fuller, one of the Puritans who landed from the ship Mayflower at Plymouth Rock in 1620; and on the side of his mother, of one of the Holland families that founded Schenectady. His mother, Mary Kendall, was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to this country with her father and brother about the year 1787.

(He was a brother of William K., Class of 1810; George K., Class of 1818; Edward, Class of 1826.)

Samuel Fuller completed his medical studies in the city of New York, and established himself as a physician and surgeon in Chittenango about the year 1818. Edward, his brother, who also completed his medical studies in New York, became a partner of Samuel in 1824. In the course of their joint practice, each acquired an excellent reputation for skill and integrity. Edward ceased to practice his profession about the year 1834. Samuel continued to practice until 1866, when with his family he moved to New York city, where he died the following year in the 73rd year of his age.

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SAMUEL FULLER, 1815, of Chittenango, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
Adelpic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1867)

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