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But the crowning beauty of his life was his kind and beautiful character whose career was as free and boundless as they were perfect, and of the greater practical importance. His sympathies and interest in business were large and generous, and if he was not always ready and willing to sacrifice personal interest, his integrity was always clear and strong. He was always ready and willing to do the right and generous deed, and at all times he was a model of practical wisdom. He was an intimate friend and confidant of the leading men of the state, and was much respected for his knowledge and experience in public affairs.

Born July 24, 1796
Graduated at Union College in 1815.

Studied law with Gen. James Tallmadge, in Poughkeepsie, was admitted to the practice of law in the Supreme Court of New York, October 30, 1818, and continued an active practitioner until 1834, when he removed to Rockaway, N. J.

After his removal to New Jersey he abandoned the active practice of law and became largely interested in the manufacturing interests of Morris County, and carried on at the same time extensive mercantile and agricultural interests. In all these relations he was eminently successful, and amassed a considerable property. He was called to fill honorable and responsible positions in civil life; and in whatever he did, whether of a business of legislative character, a prominent bent of his nature showed itself to be a rare gift of imparting wise and prudent counsel, whether of a private or public nature. In politics he was an Old Line Whig, and as such was one term, 1836, elected to the New York Legislature from Dutchess County, where the balance of the ticket met with disastrous defeat; in such high esteem was his worth as a man regarded. In 1830 he was again elected a member of the same body. In 1841 he was elected as Assemblyman from Morris County on the Whig ticket, and served the term in the Legislature very acceptably to his constituents. The next term he was again elected and did service in that Assembly as Speaker. In 1846 he was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of this County, which position he filled until 1851, when he retired from active political and professional life, only occasionally to fill positions of a township or municipal nature at the urgent request of his fellow citizens, without regard to party distinctions. In later years he was a staunch Republican, not swerving to either extreme of his party, but conservative and firm in his opinions and beliefs.

He united with the Rockaway Presbyterian Church in 1855 and in 1841 was made a ruling elder. His excellent judgment and knowledge of men were frequently made use of in the councils of the church.

His educational and literary attainments were of a high order and could only he measured by the large and liberal tastes of the true scholar. The material of his thought was wonderfully rich, and his ideas upon any subject, however, intricate, were neither barren nor impoverished, but were at once as full and clear as they were brilliant. Nor did they stop in the mere pursuit of classical and mathematical investigation, but were carried out to the closest detail in active, practical life, and gave marked importance to the smallest matter.
But the crowning beauty of his life was his kind and beautiful character whose generous impulses were as free and boundless as they were systematized; and therefore of the greater practical importance. His sympathies and interest in any good cause were large and generous, and if he was not to prosper any worthy movement, he was always ready and willing to second it with his endorsement and material assistance. To what extent this is the case, one has only to recall his church connections for forty years; and more especially his anxiety that the church with which he was connected should be furnished with a parsonage before he died. For that purpose he offered ground on either side of the church, and supplemented the offer with a handsome amount of money, an offer which his children subsequently fulfilled.

He married September 5, 1821, Sarah DuBois, only daughter of Col. Joseph Jackson and Elizabeth Pratt Ogden, who died after a long illness January 20, 1859. He died at Rockaway, of dysentery September 16, 1871, and was buried in the Rockaway church yard. His funeral services were at his house on the 18th, Rev. O. H. Perry Deyo preaching his funeral sermon from the very appropriate text: "Sound in faith, in charity, in patience."

NOTE: A full page portrait accompanies this sketch.

FROM

Thomas Halsey of Hertfordshire, England.

Jacob L. and Edmund D. Halsey
Morristown, N. J.
1895.
Samuel P. Halsey of Princeton, N.J.

and Rockaway, N.J. born at Rockaway, N.J.

July 27, 1796, died at Rockaway, N.J.


Pleased Carlyle Joseph and Elizabeth Platt (Offler)

Jackson.

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SAMBUEL BEACH HALSEY.

Born July 23, 1796 Fishkill, N. Y.
Graduated Union College A. B. 1815; A. M. 1818;
Studied law with Hon. James Talmadge, U. S. Minister to Russia;
Elected to the New York Legislature, 1830;
Removed 1833 to Rockaway, N. J.;
Elected to the Legislature of that State, 1843, and Speaker of the House same year;
He married September 15, 1821, Sarah Dubois Jackson,
daughter of Col. Josephen Jackson and his wife, Elizabeth Platt Ogden, daughter of Robert Ogden, the brother of Col. Aaron Ogden, Governor of New Jersey, 1812.
Col. Jackson was son of Joseph Jackson, and grandson of James and Mary(Hallett) Jackson, of Jamaica, L. I.

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Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
1891.

SAMBUEL B. HALSEY, 1815, of Fishkill, N.Y., was a member of the Adelphic Society.
Adelphic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1871)