

CLASS OF 1830

THOMAS JEFFERSON RUGER

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The Ruger family came in the 17th century from Holland to America and settled in Dutchess County, N. Y. His mother was Jane Jewell, from a puritan family of Connecticut, of English ancestry. His grandmother, Katherine LeRoy, was of a French Huguenot family.

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	3. Edward	b. September 16, 1834
	4. William	b. February 11, 1836
	5. Henry Hobart	b. February 17, 1838
	6. Adelaide	b. December 27, 1839.

FROM Genealogy of the Morris Family  
Mrs. Lucy Ann (Morris) Carhart  
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November 18, 1954

Albert F. R. Andresen, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Andresen:

We are pleased to acknowledge your letter of November 10 with its request for information on the Rev. Thomas Jefferson Ruger who graduated from Union College in 1830 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The following material taken from the "Genealogy of the Morris Family" written by Mrs. Lucy Ann (Morris) Carhart and published by A. S. Barnes Company in New York 1911, is all that our records contain.

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\*The degree of M.A. is listed after his name in our registry and it appears from this that in 1830 he was awarded both the A.B. and M.A. degrees.

A check with the billbooks for 1830 indicate that the father's name was Francis Ruger of Detroit, Michigan. We hope this information will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. J. Van Loan, Jr.)  
Administrative Assistant

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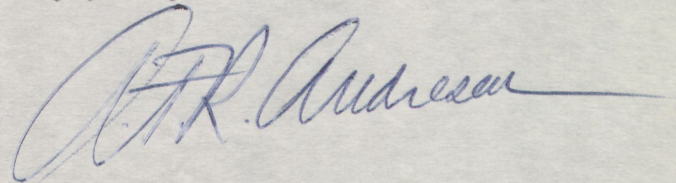
Dean  
Union College  
Schenectady, New York

Dear Sir:

I have been referred to you by Dr. William W. Manross, librarian of the Church Historical Society, Philadelphia, to whom I had written for information regarding Rev. Thomas Jefferson Ruger, who was graduated from Union College in 1837. He spent eight years in the ministry in New York State and was then the first rector of Trinity Church in Janesville, Wisconsin Territory, from 1844 to 1855 and died in Janesville in 1878. I am interested in finding out something of his ancestry, at least the names of his parents, which, Dr. Manross suggested, might be found in your alumni records.

My great-grandfather, whose name was Johann Benjamin Ruger was a Lutheran minister, a pastor of a church in Ihleburg, Germany, where he died early in the 19th century, his son, born in 1796, was my grandfather, and came to this country in 1846. I am trying to discover whether the Rev. Thomas Jefferson Ruger may have been my grandfather's cousin, or, in some way related to him. I shall be very grateful to you for any help you can give me in this search.

Respectfully yours,



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Thomas Jefferson Ruger AB. 1830



Thomas Jefferson Rugeley

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