

Canaan Historical Society

Noyes Academy Study Group

The People of Noyes Academy

Incorporators and Trustees

Participants on the "Manual Labor School" project were given two levels on which they could serve—as incorporators or as trustees. The incorporators were Samuel Noyes, George Kimball, John H. Harris, Nathaniel Currier and George Walworth.

Samuel Noyes	Incorporator	Canaan
Nathaniel Currier	Incorporator and Trustee	Canaan
John H. Harris	Incorporator and Trustee	Canaan
George Kimball	Incorporator and Trustee	Canaan
George Walworth	Incorporator, NH State Rep.	Canaan
Dr. Timothy Tilton	Trustee	Canaan
David L. Child	Trustee, Instructor(?)	Boston
Samuel E. Sewall	Trustee	Boston
William Charles Munroe	Trustee	Portland, Maine
Nathaniel Peabody Rogers	Trustee	Plymouth, NH
George Kent	Trustee	Concord
Samuel H. Cox	Trustee	New York City

Students

At the time of the academy's closure there were about 42 students, 14 of them African American. These are the ones we know something about.

Maria C. Brackett	Student	Concord, NH
Alexander Crummell	Student	New York City
Henry Highland	Student	New York City

Garnet Johnson	Student	Phillips Academy
Thomas Paul	Student	Boston
Gilbert Pillsbury	Student	Hamilton, Mass.
Richard Rust	Student	
Thomas S. Sidney	Student	New York City
Julia Williams	Student	Boston
a young girl	Student	Boston
seven young boys	Students	Providence, RI

Instructors

The Academy offered two courses of study, one English and the other Classical. It is unclear whether Scales taught all of the courses in the male division of the school, and whether similar courses were offered in the female division.

In the English course were classes in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, Surveying, Navigation, Astronomy, Geography and Construction and use of Maps, Charts, and Mathematical Instruments. In the same course classes were offered in Natural History, General History, History and Constitution of the United States, Grammar, Logic, Intellectual and Moral Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History, Political Economy, Exercises in Composition and Elocution, Manners and Customs, Races and Religions of different nations of the world.

The Classical course of study was advertised to include Ancient Geography, Grecian, Roman, Egyptian and Jewish Antiquities, Heathen Mythology and Biography.

Mary Harris	Instructor, Noyes Academy	Canaan
Jonathan Everett Sargent	Instructor, Canaan Academy	Hopkinton, NH
William Scales	Instructor, Noyes Academy	Lyndon, Vt.

Town Officials

Caleb Blodgett	Moderator, Sheriff	Canaan
James Arvin	Selectman, Clerk	Canaan

William Martin	Selectman	Canaan
Sylvanus B. Morgan	Selectman	Canaan
Stephen Smith	Sheriff's deputy	Canaan

Lawyers

Elijah Blaisdell	opposing lawyer	Canaan
Josiah Quincy	Lawyer	Rumney
Ichabod Bartlett	Lawyer	Portsmouth

Supporters

Col. Thomas Hill		Canaan
Col. Isaac Towle		Canaan
Joseph Dustin		Canaan
Ara Wheat	Doctor	Canaan

Opponents

Joseph L. Richardson	Preacher	Canaan
Thomas Flanders	Doctor	Canaan
Jacob Trussell		Canaan
March Barber		Canaan
Elijah Colby		Canaan
Benjamin Porter		Canaan