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FROM List of Officers of the Navy of the United States p.75
Edward W. Callahan
L. R. Hamersley & Co.
New York 1901

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Is a native of New York.

He entered the navy as midshipman in December, 1810.

He was promoted to Lieutenant in the spring of 1816; to Commander in December, 1835; to Captain in September, 1841; and to Rear Admiral in 1862.

He is on the retired list, and is now (1867) light-house inspector.

He was Commander of the gun-boat Netley in the naval battle on Lake Champlain at Plattsburgh.

FROM Pictorial Field Book of the War of 1812 p. 867
Benjamin J. Lossing
Harper & Brothers
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In carrying out his plan for occupying every port on the coast through which the Mexicans could obtain supplies, Captain Perry next turned his attention to Tuspan, off which port the brig of war Truxtun had been lost the year before. The American squadron appeared off the town on the 17th of April, (1847), but owing to shoal water only the light draught vessels could go over the bar. The place was defended by a fort on the right and one on the left bank of the river, many of the guns of which had been taken from the ill-fated Truxtun. The batteries were admirably situated for sweeping all approaches from the sea, and the guns were manned by 650 Mexican soldiers under General Cos. On the 18th of April Captain Perry led the attack in the Spitfire with fifteen hundred officers, seamen and marines, and four pieces of artillery. Capt. Samuel Livingston Breese commanded the landing detachment. As soon as the assailants were within range the Mexicans opened a spirited fire, both from their batteries and with musketry on shore; but the Americans steadily advanced, and they fell back. The loss of the Americans in this affair was three killed and five officers and six seamen wounded.

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3, 1862. Died Dec. 17, 1870. p. 94.

General Register of the United States Navy and Marine Corps--
1712-1882.

Thomas H. S. Hamersly
Washington, 1882.

This class graduated two men who obtained distinction in the U. S. Navy. We refer to Admiral Samuel L. Breese, who died in 1870, and Commodore John J. Young, who died in 1875. C. Nov. 1880

1813 SAMUEL LIVINGSTON BREESE.

*Civil War
Record*

He was appointed Midshipman U. S. N., May 14, 1846. The Civil War found him a Lieut. U. S. N., in command of the Crusader. He was promoted to Lieut. Commander July 16, 1862, and had command of the Quaker City of the South Atlantic blockading Squadron in 1862-3, and of the Gunboat Ottawa in 1863-4. He remained in the service after the War.

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Rear Admiral Samuel L. Breese who died at Mount Airy, near Philadelphia, on Saturday, was born in this State, and received his naval appointment, December 10, 1810. He took an active part in the War of 1812; participated in the battle of Lake Champlain, Sept. 11, 1814; and in the Mexican War was present at the capture of Tuspan and Tobasco and the siege of Vera Cruz. In his long life in the navy he has seen about twenty years of actual sea-service and over twelve years of active employment on shore. His last cruise expired in 1858. He received his commission as Rear Admiral in 1862, and has been the last year or two on the retired list. He was 76 years old at the time of his death.

New York Tribune
December 19, 1870 (Monday)

SAMUEL L. BREESE, Lt. U.S.Na., non-graduate 1813, a resident of Utica, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. (Died: 1870)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.

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Commander Breese, brother of Senator Breese, of Illinois, is appointed to the command of the U. S. sloop of war Albany. Commander Breese is a native of this State.

Albany Argus, July 7, 1846.

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Rear admiral in United States Navy.
He was graduated at Union College in 1813.
He married Frances S. Stout, and for a second wife,
Emma Lovett. No issue.
He died about two years since, and was buried in Utica,
New York.---New York Genealogical & Biographical Record,
Vol. 5 p. 77 1874.

Son of Arthur and Catharine, daughter of Major Henry Livingston, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She died August 15, 1808, in her 33rd year, leaving nine children.

1. Samuel Livingston Breese was born August 6, 1794; entered the United States Navy as midshipman; participated in the battle of Lake Champlain and received a sword for his gallant conduct in that action.

He married, 1825, Frances only daughter of Captain Jacob and Fanny Stout. She died at the Gosport Navy Yard, whilst he was Commodore and in command of that station.

He married secondly, Emma, daughter of Col. Lovett, of Kalorama, Washington, D.C.

He was commissioned a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy, and died December 17, 1870, leaving no children. A beautiful granite monument, upon which rests a massive anchor marks his resting place in the Forest Hill cemetery, Utica, N.Y.

Personal Reminiscences of the
late Mrs. Sarah Breese Walker
p. 19
J. Eglinton Montgomery, comp.
Printed Privately
1884.

Samuel L. Breese, naval officer, was born in Utica, N. Y., in 1794. He was appointed midshipman in the navy in September, 1810, and participated in the battle of Lake Champlain. He was commissioned as lieutenant in April, 1816, commander in December, 1835, and captain in September, 1841. He was attached to the Philadelphia navy yard in 1836, and to the naval rendezvous at Baltimore in 1841. He commanded the frigate Cumberland in 1845, and during the Mexican war in 1846 and 1847 took part in the capture of Tuspan, Tabasco and Vera Cruz. In 1848 he performed special duty on the lakes, and from 1853 until 1855, commanded the Norfolk navy yard. From 1856 until 1859 he was commander of the Mediterranean squadron, and from 1859 until 1861 commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard. He was created rear-admiral in July, 1862 was appointed lighthouse inspector in the same year. He was made port admiral at Philadelphia in 1869, and died at Mount Airy, Pa., Dec. 17, 1870.

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