**Lane Rebels who Attended Oberlin**

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| *Name* | *Year of Birth* | *Place of Birth* | *Year of Death* | *Place of Death* | *Year of Oberlin Degree* | *Career Highlights* |
| **William T. Allan** |  | Alabama? |  |  | 1836? | From Huntsville, Alabama; a slaveholder's son. Head of anti-slavery society at Lane Seminary, he was targeted for expulsion by the Executive Committee of the Lane trustees. |
| **John W. Alvord** | 1807 | Easthampton, CT | 1880 |  | 1836 | Congregational minister. Lecturer for American Anti-Slavery Society. General superintendent of education of Freedmen's Bureau. Prime mover behind creation of the Freedman's Bank in 1865 and president of this ill-fated institution, 1868-1874. |
| **Courtland Avery** |  |  |  |  | 1838 |  |
| **Enoch N. Bartlett** |  |  |  |  |  | Various ministerial positions. President of Olivet College. Principal of Oberlin Preparatory Department, 1866-69. |
| **James Bradley** |  | Africa |  |  |  | First African-American student at Lane and at Oberlin. Antislavery lecturer. |
| **Lorenzo D. Butts** |  |  | 1882 |  |  | Minister, probably in Ohio. Left the ministry and took over his father’s lumber business; unsuccessful. Later supposedly became a war correspondent for *The Washington Star.* |
| **Uriah T. Chamberlain** |  | Richmond, NY | 1880 | Cambridgeboro, PA | 1838 | Minister in Fitchville,1838-40; Frederictown 1840-41; Lafayette and Seville 1841-43; Strongsville, 1844; North Madison 1847-49; West Andover 1849-53; Conneaut, PA 1853; Cambridge 1856-59; Centreville and Riceville 1861-70; Churchville1870-72; Stockholm 1870-72; Hartford,1875-78. |
| **George Clark** | 1805 | Brooklyn | 1888 | Oberlin. OH |  | Evangelist; ministerial positions in W. Bloomsfield, NY, Massillon, OH, and Staughton, MA. |
| **Charles C. Crocker** | 1810 | Buxton, ME | 1883 | Kansas City, KS | 1838 | Merchant and Presbyterian minister in Glenwood, NY |
| [**Amos Dresser**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/AmosDresser.html) | 1812 | Peru, MA | 1904 | Lawrence, KS | 1839 | Lectured for American Anti-slavery society while attending Oberlin. Missionary with wife in Jamaica, 1839-41. Pastor in Batavia, OH, for 2 years. Then taught at Olivet Institution in MI until 1846. Worked for League of Brotherhood. Lectured in Europe on temperance and abolition. Published *The Bible Against War* (1849). Pastor of churches in OH, 1852-65; MI, 1865-69; NE, 1869-93. |
| **Benjamin Foltz** | 1810 | Frankfort, NY | 1886 | Rockford, IL | 1836 | Minister and antislavery speaker in various places in NY, northern OH, and WI. Gave up ministry due to poor health and worked with son in dry goods business in Burlington, WI. Later moved to Rockford, IL, where he started *Gazette*in 1866. Prohibitionist and staunch supporter of Republican party. |
| **Hiram Foote** | 1808 | Burlington, NY | 1889 | Rockford, IL | 1838 | Pastor in various communities in IL and WI, 1838-64. District Sec., American Tract Soc., 1865-88; Agent, American Sunday School Union, 1869-71; Agent, Rockford Female Seminary, 1875-75; Supt. of Schools, Janesville; Trustee, Blind Institute and Rockford Female Seminary |
| **David S. Ingraham** | 1812 |  | 1841 | Bellville, NJ | 1835? | With wife in Jamaica, 1837-41. |
| **Deodat Jeffers** | 1805 | Hadley or Lockport, NY | 1887 | Kalamazoo, MI | 1839? | Ordained in Allegan, MI, 1840. Preached in Wheatland, NY; Ostego, MI; and Lawrence. Traveled for a time for American Bible Society. |
| **Theodore J. Keep** | 1809 | Blandford, MA | 1889 | Oberlin | 1836 | Ordained in Oberlin, 1836. Pastor at Mansfield for a year. Oberlin College tutor, 1837-39, and head of the Preparatory Department, 1839-41. Pastor at various Congregational churches in Ohio, 1841-61. Returned to Oberlin in 1861. |
| [**Huntington Lyman**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/HuntingtonLyman.html) | 1803 | East Haddam, CT | 1900 | Cortland, NY | 1836 | Ordained in Elyria, 1836. Ministered in Buffalo, Arcade, Warsaw, Jordan, Truxton. Worked as lecturer for American Anti-Slavery Society. In 1845 moved to Sheboygan, WI; at age 60 moved back to NY state. |
| **Alexander McKellar** | 1811 | Scotland | 1845 | South America | 1840 | Missionary to South America. |
| **Israel S. Mattison** |  |  |  |  | 1836? |  |
| [**Lucius H. Parker**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/LuciusParker.html) | 1807 | Woodstock, VT | 1872 | Galesburg, IL | 1838 | Minister in Waine, PA, and Galesburg, IL; Free Soil Party delegate in 1848. |
| **Joseph H. Payne** | 1810 | Hartford, NY | 1884 | Milburn, IL | 1836 | Studied at Princeton, then Lane, then Oberlin. Ordained in Jamestown, NY, 1836 |
| [**John Tappan Pierce**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/JohnTappanPierce.html) | 1811 | Brookline, MA | 1894 | Genesee, IL |  | Nephew of Arthur and Lewis Tappan; already had Harvard degree before attending Lane and Oberlin; minister in VT, IL, and MO--expelled from MO in 1850 for antislavery views |
| [**Samuel F. Porter**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/SamuelFullerPorter.html) | 1813 | Whitestone, NY | 1911 | Oberlin, OH | 1836 | Minister in Lodi, OH, Oswego, NY, Kingswood, NY. Chaplain during Civil War. Founded churches and Sunday schools on northern frontier; published religious tracts; retired to Oberlin. |
| **C. Stewart Renshaw** | 1812 | Philadelphia, PA | 1860 | Richmond, MA | 1838 | Missionary in Jamaica. Preached in Quincy, IL and West Philadelphia, PA from 1847 through 1853. Pastor of Congregationalist church in Richmond, MA from 1853 until his death. |
| **Munson S. Robinson** | 1812 | Brutus, NY | 1893 | El Dorado, CA | 1842? | Ordained in Oberlin, 1842.Farming in OH, 1847-1850; mining in CA, 1850-1853; fruit farming in El Dorado, CA, 1853-93. |
| **Elisha B. Sherwood** | 1810 | Fairfield, VT | 1905 | St. Joseph, MO | 1836 | Ordained in Oberlin in 1836. Presbyterian minister in upstate NY, 1838-1855; in MO after 1855. Founded many MO churches. Published *Fifty Years on the Skirmish Line* in 1895. |
| **William Smith** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**James Steele**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/JamesSteele.html) | 1808 | Hebron, NY | 1859 | Oberlin, OH |  | Joined Amistad mission to Africa in 1841 but soon returned to the US because of declining health. Later did missionary work in Illinois, then returned to Oberlin in 1856. |
| **Sereno W. Streeter** | 1810 | Rowe, MA | 1880 | Wayne, OH | 1836 | Agent of Anti-Slavery Society, 1836-39. Ordained in Oberlin in 1836 and served as pastor in Madison, OH, 1838-39; Austinburg, OH, 1842-48; Henrietta, OH, 1848-57; Union City, MI, 1859-?; Saybrook, OH,1864-69. Professor at Otterbein College, 1857-60 |
| [**James A. Thome**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/JamesThome.html) | 1813 | Augusta, KY | 1873 | Chattanooga, TN | 1836 | Commissioned to visit West Indies after Oberlin graduation. Published *Emancipation in the West Indies* in 1838. Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres at Oberlin, 1838-38; department chair until 1862. Elected to the College Board of Trustees in 1851. Pastor of First Congregational Church in Cleveland,1848-71; later a pastor in Chattanooga, TN. |
| **Samuel H. Thompson** | 1814 | Berlin, OH | 1880 | Harlan, KS | 1842 | Ordained in Oberlin in 1842. Presbyterian minister in Whitford and Wakeman, OH, 1842-43; WI, 1843-77; Harlan, KS, 1877-80 |
| **George Whipple** | 1805 | Albany, NY | 1876 | Saratoga, NY | 1836 | Taught at a Kentucky country school before going to Lane. Became head of the Oberlin Preparatory Department in 1836 and professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in 1838. Left Oberlin in 1847 to become secretary of the American Missionary Association in NYC. Helped place Oberlin graduates as teachers in freedpeople’s schools in post-war South. |
| [**Hiram Wilson**](http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/LaneDebates/RebelBios/HiramWilson.html) | 1803 | Ackworth, NH | 1864 | St. Catherines, Canada West | 1836 | In 1838 at Dawn in Canada West, co-founded (along with 14 other Oberlin graduates, Quaker philanthropist James Cannings Fuller, and escaped Kentucky slave Josiah Henson) the British-American Institute of Science and Industry, a labor institute for blacks, whites and Native Americans. He left Dawn in 1847 for a ministry at St. Catharines, Canada West. |

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