

[Richfield (Richfield Springs), Otsego Co.]

The Richfield Springs correspondent to the Otsego Farmer gives the following interesting historical sketch of the Universalist church of this village: "The church was built in 1833. The society was organized May 23, 1833 at the American Hotel in this place, then known as East Richfield. At the dedicatory services, George Robert T. Hewes, one of the Boston tea party, then 103 years old, marched up the aisle and presented the parish with a new pulpit Bible. The pastoral list is as follows: Orrin Roberts, 1834; L.[Lewis] C. Brown[e], 1835; T.[Thomas] J. Smith, 1836; J. S. Kibby [Kibbe], James Belden, Robert O'neal, Phineas Hathaway, J.[James] H. Tuttle, D.[DeWitt] C. Tomlinson, W. E. Manley, L. C. Brown[e], 1837-1861; Samuel R. Ward, 1862; T.[Theodore] D. Cook, 1873; S. R. Ward, 1877; Charles Vail, 1902; Ralph E. Horne, 1906."

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