

[Dick, Asa]

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Among the laymen whose career and religious experiences was most romantic was Asa Dick of the town of Marshall. About 1820 he became a Universalist under the preaching of Father [William] Underwood. He was an Indian of the Brotherton tribe, of strong personality, a lover of peace, a man of affairs rendering much assistance to his fellow-tribesmen in removing to their new reservation at Green Bay, Wisconsin, and a counsellor among the white people of Central New York. He began a poor boy, but by his industry and frugality acquired a valuable estate. He was widely known as an active Universalist, yet his Christian character was recognized by people of every shade of Christian belief. He died at his home in Marshall, September 13, 1843, aged 47 years. His burial place is on the old homestead. Asa Dick was but little older than our honored parents, whose homes were only two miles distant. They attended the same meetings in Marshall and as was often the case a preaching service was held at the home of Asa Dick. His home was a minister's home. It was his joy to entertain and give God-speed to the messengers of the great salvation. He was ever present at meetings and associations. He was a liberal benefactor of Clinton Liberal Institute. A grandson is still living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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