

[Dodge, Cheesman Filkins]

NECROLOGY

CHEESMAN FILKINS DODGE, born in Clinton, Dutchess Co., N.Y., March 22, 1817, died in East Otto, N.Y., April 27, 1898. Born of Quaker parents, he was a believer in their tenets until in early manhood he went into business in the City of New York, where he attended the Bleecker St. Universalist Church, then under the pastoral care of Rev. W. S. Balch. Greatly charmed with his new faith, he left the business in which he was then engaged and entered Fairfield Academy, where he prepared himself for joining the Theological class conducted by Rev. Dr. [Thomas J.] Sawyer, at Clinton Liberal Institute. After preaching for a short time at So. Bainbridge and Morris, N.Y., he settled in Gibson, Pa., where he was ordained in December, 1849. It appears from the files of the REGISTER that his subsequent residences were in Gouverneur and Alexandria, N.Y.; Palmyra, Wis., Franklin Grove and Payne's Point, Ill.; Palmyra, a second time; Midland and Big Rapids, Mich.; Trenton, Mo.; Urbana, Ill.; Branchport, Fly Creek, Whitesville and East Otto, N.Y. "In the days when the Universalist ministry was fraught with many hardships and trials, he proclaimed with no uncertain sound the glorious Gospel of the larger hope."

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