

[Dow, Solomon]

Captain Solomon Dow, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Clough) Dow, was born about 1766, died near Batavia, New York, 1822. "He was a man of large physique, austere in manner, a man of strong common sense and a leader of strong men in a way, not in politics, however. Was high in Masonry master of Hartland Lodge, and I think a member of the Batavia Lodge. He was not a church member, but was Universalist in belief, prized education and virtue and was a great lover of books." [No source is given for this quote.] He was a farmer, first in New Hampshire, later at Hartland, Vermont and in Genesee county, New York; also engaged in the cooper business. He was a man of some means and willing to help his less fortunate neighbors. He was known as Captain Solomon, although Albert G. in his "recollections" does not allude to his title. He married Elizabeth, daughter of James Buzzell, of Bow, New Hampshire. Children: Sarah, Mary, Richard, Eliza, Caroline, Nancy, Hannah, Albert Gallatin, Amos and Phoebe. The daughters were all women of culture, prepared for teachers, and all at one time or another taught school. Mrs. Dow survived her husband and married (second) Rev. Mr. [Thomas] Gross, a Universalist minister, editor of a religious newspaper [the *Gospel Advocate*], conducted a school for lads and prepared young men for college. She died at Clarence, New York in 1826, aged fifty-four years.¹

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¹ She was called Phebe both in her obituary (*Gospel Advocate*, Buffalo NY, 8 Dec 1826) and in the notice of her marriage to Thomas Gross, (*Gospel Advocate*, Buffalo NY, 26 Dec 1823) where she was referred to as the widow Phebe Dow.