CLASS OF 1811

SAMUEL BACKUS

Son of Isaac, born Westminster, Canterbury, Conn., September 16, 1787; died Brooklyn, N. Y., November 27, 1862; married December 26, 1815, Sarah Danielson, daughter of General Danielson of Killingly.
Rev. Samuel was pastor at East Woodstock, Conn, 1815-1830.
Children: born Woodstock:

1. Sarah Lors, born Nov. 1, 1816.
3. Harriet, born Feb. 19, 1821; married Stephen Chandler Griggs, M. D., (Brown 1845) of Brooklyn, N. Y.
5. She was born Naples, N. Y. Aug. 3, 1834 and died Canandaigua, June 6, 1915.

The next pastor (The Church in East Woodstock, Conn.) Rev. Samuel Backus (Union College 1811; Tutor at Union College 1813-1814), was born in Westminster Society, Canterbury, September 16, 1787, son of Isaac Backus, grandson of Rev. Isaac Backus, Baptist minister who was Trustee of Brown University, and author of "History of Baptists," studied at Plainfield Academy and was pastor at Muddy Brook from Jan. 19, 1815, until June 3, 1850. A dispute as to the location of the new Meeting House led to his resignation. At his ordination the sermon was preached by Rev. Erastus Learned (Brown 1795), of Westminster, Canterbury. Alvan Underwood of West Woodstock gave the right hand of fellowship, Eliphalet Lyman the charge to the Pastor, and Daniel Dow of Thompson the charge to the people. Mr. Backus was installed Jan. 11, 1832, at Palmer, Mass., where he remained ten years and became City Missionary in Brooklyn, New York, where he died November 27, 1862. In the "Panoplist" of 1816, Mr. Backus published an account of a revival the previous year in Woodstock; in 1823 he published a sermon delivered before the Windham County Charitable Association, and in 1832 a sermon at the installation in Warren, Mass., of Rev. Charles Fitch (Williams 1618; Princeton Seminary 1821). Mr. Backus married Sarah Danielson of Killingly. His two sons were architects in New York, and his daughter, the wife of Amasa Penniman Lyon, born in Woodstock.

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