

CLASS OF 1824

EDWARDS ABBOTT BEACH

Entered from New Lebanon, N. Y.

Son of David and Annie (Chandler) Beach, was born at Tinmouth, Vt., Sept. 6, 1796

Fitted for college with Rev. Joel T. Benedict, of Chatham, N. Y., Charles Dillingham, of Richmond, Mass., and E. C. Benedict, of Williams College;

Williams College, 1820-21; Amherst College, 182-24

Studied theology with Rev. George E. Pierce, of Harwinton, Ct.;

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labored as an itinerant missionary in Susquehanna Co., Pa., eight months; in Bethany, Pa., four months; as a revival preacher in Ohio and New York, three months; ordained by the Presbytery of Troy, at Stephentown, N. Y., June 11, 1828, and preached there 1828-35; pastor Groton, N. Y., 1835-40; without charge Johnstown and Granville, Ohio, 1840-43; Homer, Ohio, 1843-51; without charge, Johnstown and Granville, Ohio, 1851-78; from this time until his death, resided with his children at Champaign, Ill.

He was an ardent worker in the temperance cause, lectured frequently, and delivered the address before the first Temperance Society in New York State, at its first annual meeting, Dec. 25, 1827.

Prof. Tyler imputes to Mr. Beach his conversion and his coming to Amherst.

Died in Champaign, Ill, from catarrh of the stomach, May 23, 1881.

Married, August 11, 1829, Rhoda C., daughter of Rev. Silas Churchill, of New Lebanon, N. Y.

Seven children.

EDWARDS ABBOTT BEACH, class of 1824-7, aet. 85.

Born in Tinmouth, Vt., Sept. 6, 1796; united with the Church in New Lebanon, N. Y., July 2, 1818; graduated from Amherst College in 1824; entered Auburn near the close of Junior year; married to Miss Rhoda C. Churchill, of New Lebanon, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1829; died at Champaign, Ill., May 23, 1881. He had 4 sons and 3 daughters, all of whom, with his wife, survived him.

Ordained and installed at Stephentown, N. Y., by Presby. of Troy, June 11, 1828; Stephentown to 1835; Groton, 1835-40; Homer, O., 1843-50; resident Johnstown, O., Beloit, Wis., Granville, O., and Champaign, Ill., from 1850.

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EDWARDS ABBOTT BEACH, died May 23, 1881.

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EDWARD A. BEACH

Was pastor from 1865 to 1870(The Brick Church, Granville, Ohio). Failing health compelled him to abandon the ministerial life. He was soon tendered ~~the~~ professorship in Marietta College, which position he accepted, and in which he is still serving.

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Rev. Henry Bushnell  
Hann & Adair  
Columbus, O.  
1889



July 22, 1950

In "Amherst Academy", p. 56, by Frederick Tuckerman, published at Amherst in 1929, reference is made to the granting of the A.B. degree to seven Amherst men, and also the reason, at the Union Commencement of 1824.

The seven Amherst men were:

Edwards A. Beach  
\*Elisha Lord Fuller  
Richard Fuller  
Joseph A. Hall  
Freeman Howland  
Abel Packard  
George A. Shepherd.

\*Our alumni catalogue gives "Elijah", but it is Elisha in the Amherst Alumni catalogue.

In future Union Alumni catalogues, I think these men should not be listed as Union graduates, but listed under an appropriate heading.

From letter of Joseph R. Brown, Jr., July 22, 1950.