

White, Thomas

From: Argyle, N.Y.

Last residence: Ontario Co., N.Y.

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The records show one

Thomas White, Pvt. Captain Edward H. Nicholl's Co.  
1 Regiment (Dodge's) New York Militia,

commencement of service, September 2, 1814,  
expiration of service, December 3, 1814.

## CLASS OF 1806

### THOMAS WHYTE

Was the successor, as Principal, of Mr. John Frost. He was born in Argyle, N. Y.; was a student at the Academy; graduated at Union College in 1806; was appointed Principal of the institution early in 1807, and remained in charge of it in that capacity during that year, and at the same time pursued the study of theology under the direction of the Rev. Alexander Proudfit. He subsequently, after leaving Salem, continued his studies under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Mason in the city of New York. He was licensed to preach, June 20, 1809, by the Presbytery of Washington, and was ordained by that Presbytery, Jan. 24, 1810, and at the same time installed the first pastor over a newly organized Associate Reformed church at Whitehall, N. Y. He demitted thence, February 11, 1812, and soon after took charge of a congregation belonging to the same Presbytery at Lisbon, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., with every indication that a long and prosperous pastorate was before him. But man proposes--God disposes---the issues were very different. War almost immediately broke out between Great Britain and this country, and that congregation being located in a border town felt the effects of that destructive condition with great severity. Among the large number who volunteered in the service of his country was Mr. Whyte who did duty in the lines as a common soldier, and also as chaplain.

"On the first Sabbath in March 1813," says Mr. Schouller, in his historical account of the church at Lisbon, "he laid aside his musket and returned to his people to preach to them as usual. Roused by the stirring events of the times, and largely aided by the Divine Spirit, he preached on the occasion a sermon of wonderful power, the memory of which the people long cherished, from these words in John's second epistle, and 8th verse: 'Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.' This proved to be his last sermon in Lisbon, and no farewell under the circumstances could have been more fitly spoken, for during the succeeding week, Ogdensburgh was taken by the British and the inhabitants of the county and village generally fled in dismay."

The congregation being thus broken up, Mr. Whyte retired to Seneca, Ontario county, N. Y. The Presbytery of Washington, on June 29th, dissolved the pastoral relation between Mr. Whyte and the congregation at Lisbon, "because of its dispersion by the war," and he, soon after, accepted a call from Seneca, over the church at that place. Here he served with efficiency, and to the great satisfaction of the people, till the year 1822, when he resigned the charge. He died there in 1824, aged 59 years.

History of Washington County, N. Y. pp. 121-122  
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The first regular pastor of the church (Presbyterian) Seneca, Ontario Co., N. Y., Rev. Thomas White was installed June 12, 1814, and continued the acceptable shepherd of the flock until his death, which occurred early in 1820.

History of Ontario Co., N. Y. p. 149  
W. H. McIntosh  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
1876.

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