CLASS OF 1820
ELDAD WHITE GOODMAN

Entered from Bolton, N. Y.
In college, 1817-1819.
A.B. Union 1820
Clergyman
Died, 1878.

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General Catalogue
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Rev. ELDAD W. GOODMAN, 1820, of Windsor Co., Vt., was a member of the Adelphic Society.
Adelphic Catalogue 1830
(Died: 1878)
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Son of Eleazar and Rebecca (White) Goodman.
Born February 9, 1797 at South Hadley, Mass.
Died August 9, 1878 at Philadelphia, Pa.

Married (1) September 28, 1826, Nancy Burr Wakeman, born 1797; died March 15, 1850, daughter of Lloyd and Sarah (Redfield) Wakeman, of Ballston, New York, a direct descendant through the Fabodie and Grinnell families, of John Alden of the Mayflower, Plymouth, 1620, and also a descendant of Rev. Samuel Wakeman, Harvard College, 1655, and minister of the church at Fairfield, Conn. 1665-1693; married (2) June 22, 1831, May Ann Stebbins, born April 18, 1811; died September 28, 1890, daughter of Luther Stebbins of Lake George, N. Y. Nancy Wakeman Goodman is buried at Springfield, Vt., and Rev. Eldad W. Goodman and May A. Stebbins Goodman at Glen Falls, N. Y.

Rev. Eldad White Goodman passed his youth on his father's farm in Bolton, and in 1816 entered Middlebury College, Vermont, and where he remained three years and then went to Union College, Schenectady N. Y., for his senior year, graduated with honors in the class of 1820. He then took the full theological course in Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in 1825, was licensed by the Albany Presbytery and ordained as an evangelist by the same body October 29, 1825. He at once left on a long missionary journey to Michigan, then a wilderness. He made the journey on horseback, and recalled sleeping on the ground, with his saddlebags for a pillow, in the opening of a forest which is now Cadillac Square, Detroit. He organized a church at Pontiac, Mich., which was a place at that time of much the same character as the early mining camps, where he preached in the ballroom of the tavern.
From Michigan he went to Wayne Co., Pa., a wild and unsettled country, and then returned to his native State. Although a young man of about thirty his vitality had been so impaired by privations and exposure that he never fully regained his health. The list of his parishes during the remainder of his active ministry included Springfield, Vt., 1837; Dunstable, Mass., 1831; Middle Granville, N. Y., (suply) 1835; Charlestown, Vt., 1837. In 1846 he resigned his pastorate and began a ministry in the church at Bolton in which he had been brought up and of which he was the only stated pastor, assuming charge of the Presbyterian church at Lake George as well. His relatives in Bolton called him "Priest Goodman." He retired in 1857, lived at Lake George until 1870, and then for eight years, until his death at Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, Niagara Falls, and Philadelphia, with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gale.

He was described by a contemporary as a minister of the staid and solid old New England type with a well-disciplined and logical mind, rational rather than enthusiastic. His college and theological seminary diplomas and some volumes from his library have been preserved, and his "sermon chair", a fine example of a writing Windsor, is now the property of his great-great-grandson, Richard Goodman West of New York City.

Children by first marriage:

1. Sarah Hadfield, born July 24, 1824; died Nov. 5, 1872.
2. May Odell, born June 4, 1827; died May 4, 1841.

By second marriage:

5. Mary Odell, born April 5, 1830; died Feb. 6, 1839; unmarried. buried at Glens Falls, N. Y.

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