In the fall of 1813 the Rev. Ebenezer H. Stillman was formally called, and settled as the first pastor of the re-united church. (Presbyterian Church of Amsterdam, which was a union of the Veddersburg and Manny's Corners churches) He remained with it until his death, which occurred October 15th, 1815, his age being 32.
EBENEZER H. SILLIMAN.

Will dated Sept. 22, 1815.
Probated November 21, 1815.
Wife Mary
Executrix, wife.

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EBENEZER H. SILLIMAN.

Ebenezer Silliman died Oct. 22, 1815 in the 31st year and 3rd of ministry.

Tombstone inscription in Church cemetery at Manny's Corners, near Amsterdam, N. Y.

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EBENEZER H. SILLIMAN.

Soon after Mr. Silliman declared himself a candidate for settlement, he received an invitation from Amsterdam, to
DIED: At Amsterdam, on the 22d ult., and in the 31st year
of his age, the Rev. Ebenezer Silliman, Pastor of the
Presbyterian Church in that place.

Mr. Silliman was endued with a quick apprehension and
a discerning mind. He was resolute in his purposes,
industrious and persevering in his habits, and ardent
in his piety. His natural talents, his habits of life,
and above all, his piety, qualified him for eminent
usefulness.

Early in his youth he became hopefully a subject of
God's renewing grace, and devoted himself to the Lord.
And when his character was known to the friends of
religion around him, he was persuaded by their counsel
and encouragement to devote himself to the work of the
gospel ministry. The greatest difficulties, in point of
pecuniary support, obstructed the attempt. He was desir-
ous of entering the ministry, but could not think of
assuming that office without the qualifications of a
liberal education. And to acquire such an education from
its very rudiments, without money and without friends,
who were able to defray the expense for him, seemed to
him almost impossible. He saw the great and serious
difficulties before him; but was not discouraged, for he
knew in whom he trusted. Nor was his confidence disappointed.
God in his kind providence presented successive opportunities
for him to receive instruction, which he improved faithfully.
Friends also, and assistance when they were little expected,
were sent to help him in his education. In little more than
three years from the time that he had matured his purpose
to pass through a regular course of study, he finished the
preparations necessary to enter a public seminary, and was
admitted into Union College.

While a member of the Institution his diligence of study,
his respectful deportment and his piety recommended him to
the affection of his teachers, and procured the respect and
attachment of his fellow-students. He closed his collegiate
course with the highest academic honor.

The confidence which the Faculty of College placed in the
acquirements and character of Mr. Silliman procured him an
appointment to the office of Tutor, immediately after he had
taken his first degree; and for the space of two years, he
discharged the duties of his office with ability, both in
government and instruction. As his great design in procuring
a public education was to devote himself to the ministry, he
received license to preach as soon as he could qualify himself
for it. After this, he left the business of instruction in
College, and gave himself wholly to his Master's service.
Soon after Mr. Silliman declared himself a candidate for settlement, he received an invitation from Amsterdam, to take the pastoral care of the church in that place. The great unanimity of the people, their uncommon exertion to procure one who might take the oversight of the church, and above all, their need of assistance, prevailed upon him to accept their call. Everything was promising at the time of his settlement. Both the Church and her Pastor, as well as the friends of religion in general, had much to encourage the highest expectations of usefulness in the connection. But God saw fit that it should be otherwise. Mr. Silliman experienced, soon after his settlement in the ministry, an inconvenience from a stomachic complaint, and to which he had been subject for some years. He was obliged to suspend his study and ministerial labours for the recovery of his health. His people, strongly attached to him, and anxious that he might afford himself sufficient opportunity to regain his health, and to be confirmed in it, cheerfully consented that he should suspend his labours for a year, and journey for his health. The attempt to retire from labour was made; but his anxiety for his people; his wish to be with them; his desire to improve in the service of his Master, the strength which he possessed, lest he should have no opportunity to labour in His cause, and a hope that he would recover his health equally after he resumed his labour, prevented his absence so long as was necessary for his entire recovery. With a partial restoration of health, he returned to his people. The labours of his office soon pressed upon his slender constitution. He was much enfeebled—his strength declined rapidly until he died.

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