

[Phillips, Doctor]

Doctor Phillips died in Clarendon, N.Y. on the 19th of Sept., 1860, aged 92 years. He was born in Ashfield, Mass., April 23d, 1768. He was the youngest of seven sons—thereby receiving his name from the traditionary notion that the seventh son is endowed with certain peculiar powers for curing disease. In 1800 he moved with his family to Rutland, Jefferson Co., N.Y., then a vast wilderness, and there resided for 14 years, during which time he became a member of the Calvinist Baptist Church, and served several years as Deacon of the church. In 1814 he removed with his family to Henrietta, Monroe Co., N.Y., taking a letter from his church with him. It was here he first heard the doctrine of God's impartial grace preached by Brs. Knapp, Roberts, and others, who first proclaimed a world's salvation in that wilderness. Gradually his prejudices began to give way, and ... he became a joyful believer in "the great salvation ..." In 1848 he moved to Clarendon, where he resided until Wednesday, the 19th of Sept., when his spirit left its worn out tabernacle... In 1852, when we organized our church in Clarendon, Father Phillips came forward, and joined with us... The partner of his youth, with six of his children, have gone before, and five are left to follow after. Br. [Alanson] Kelsey administered the consolations of the Gospel...at the Universalist Church, and his Earthly tabernacle was taken to [the Tinker Cemetery in] Henrietta to rest with kindred and friends.

T.E.G.P.

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