

He studied law in Poughkeepsie, and settled in practice at first in Glens Falls, where he held the office of Surrogate of Warren County from March, 1813, to February, 1815. Later, perhaps about 1825, he removed to Poughkeepsie, in his native county, where he attained eminence, both as a lawyer, and as a finished orator.

He held the office of Surrogate of Dutchess County from February, 1840, to February, 1844.

In 1827, when over forty years of age, he became for the first time a professor of religion, and thenceforwards was active in Christian work. He also held office as a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church.


He died, after a severe illness, from fever, in Poughkeepsie, on August 13, 1849, in his 63d year.

He married, on February 15, 1809, Phebe, fourth daughter of Jesse Oakley, and sister of Judge Thomas B. Oakley (Yale 1801) and of Jesse Oakley (Yale 1814). She died on May 25, 1866, aged 80 years.

Their children were two sons and a daughter. Robert Wilkinson (Yale 1895) is a grandson.

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EBENEZER YOUNG was born in Killingly, Windham County, Connecticut, on December 25, 1783, the son of Elijah and Bethiah (Slack) Young.

He studied law after graduation, and settled in practice in that part of his native town which was then known as Westfield, now Danielson. He was also successfully engaged in cloth-manufacture at Chestnut Hill in East Killingly.

Very early he became prominent in local politics, and in October, 1810, he was sent to the General Assembly as a Federalist Representative from Killingly. He filled

the same office at the sessions in May, 1811, October, 1816, and May, 1817.

In 1823, 1824, and 1825, he was a member of the State Senate, and as one of the seniors in that body he served as an *ex-officio* Fellow of the Yale Corporation for the year 1825-26.

In 1827 and 1828 he was again sent to the Lower House of the Legislature, and in both years was chosen Speaker.

In 1828 he was elected to the House of Representatives in the United States Congress, and was twice re-elected, serving until March, 1835.

He was also very actively interested in the promotion of social reforms, more especially peace and temperance.

He died at his residence in (West) Killingly, on August 19, 1851, at the age of sixty-seven.

He married, on January 25, 1810, Anna Burnett, of Windham.

A daughter married the Hon. Thomas Backus (Brown Univ. 1819).

He published:

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