[Ballou, Stephen]

DEATHS.

In Preston, Chenango county, on the 17th ult., Mr. STEPHEN BALLOU, Senior, (brother of Rev. Hosea Ballou, of Boston,) in the 65th year of his age.

Br. Stephen Ballou was an old and highly esteemed resident of Preston, and adorned the doctrine of a world's salvation with a well ordered life and godly conversation. His death was sudden and singular.—Strong and active for his years, he enjoyed tolerable health, and ate his meals with his usual relish on the day of his death. After dinner, he was out in his field planting corn. He returned home to replenish his seed bag, and having done so, stepped a few paces from his door and fell. Some one hearing the noise, went toward him, and saw him lying on the ground. The alarm was given—but the vital spark had fled. Thus was his aged consort, and several children deprived of a husband and parent, and society of an amiable, upright and exemplary member.

The funeral was attended at his late residence, on the following Sunday, in the afternoon, by the Junior Editor of this paper, and the consolations of that Gospel in which the deceased delighted were dispensed to the sorrowing relatives, friends, neighbors and an immense congregation of people, in a discourse founded on Rom. xiv:8.

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