

[Beers, Edward]

[Deaths.] In Pittsford, N.Y. on the 19th ult., EDWARD BEERS, aged 82 years. Mr. Beers came from England while quite young, in company with several families who were among the first to make a settlement in the town where he passed along life. This colony were Unitarians, but sympathizing with Universalists, they united with them in forming the first Society of our denomination in Western New-York; and it was to this Society and its judicious and excellent minister, Father Billinghamurst, that Universalism was greatly indebted for its general prosperity in the surrounding region. The subject of this notice married, for his first wife, [Ann,] the only daughter of Mr. Billinghamurst, and after his decease, naturally took the place of that worthy man in the interest which he felt for the cause, and in contributing to its support... He leaves a companion, [the former Mrs. Ellen Snowden], a daughter and four sons to mourn his loss.

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(a Universalist newspaper)

[Deaths.] Departed, after a short but severe illness, in the town of Pittsford, Monroe co., Mr. EDWARD BEERS, aged 82 years. Mr. Beers was a native of England, and landed in New-York in 1803. In 1805 he came to Pittsford, and was soon after married to [Ann,] the [only] daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Billinghamurst, one of the oldest preachers of Universalism in Western New-York, and who died in 1848. Mrs. Beers, daughter of the Rev. Thomas and Ann Billinghamurst, died [Feb. 5] 1835. Mr. Beers married again [in 1840 to Mrs. Ellen Snowden]. Mr. Beers had been a Universalist for more than 50 years, and had done much to sustain the cause... Mr. Beers had a useful library, and his chief delight was in reading and writing... But though advanced in years, it was hard to think his end so near, [he] having been generally healthy. He possessed a clear and vigorous intellect... On Saturday, April 19th, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, his happy spirit passed from our midst... Mr. Beers has left a widow and 5 children; four present and one far away in California—all of whom will realize with christian fortitude their great loss.

Christian Ambassador, Auburn NY, 7 Jun 1862