

[Chapin, Elijah]

DIED—Of dropsy, in Venice, Cayuga co., on the 21st ult. [March 21], Mr. ELIJAH CHAPIN, aged about 70. Mr. C. was one of our first settlers, and a man of unblemished moral character. For thirty years gone by, he has been a firm and undaunted believer in the universal and impartial grace of God. It seems that he was aware of his dissolution for some months previous to its occurrence; for he frequently stated with confidence and composure, that he should [would] never live to see his birthday of 70; which was proved true by his departure seven days previous to its arrival.

He conversed freely, and with seeming delight, upon the consoling and peace-giving doctrine of the restitution of all things, while he was capable of speaking, and left the world in full faith of its truth, and without manifesting any desire to continue longer. He was kind, forgiving and benevolent through life—devoted and resigned in death—and with us fully believed that immortality and glory would be the blessed and happy lot of all.

In conformity to the request of the aged and amiable widow of the deceased, Br. J. [Jacob] Chase, Jr., attended his obsequies on the 23d, and delivered a discourse to a crowded and attentive audience, from Gal. iv.16—“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth.”

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