

[Chase, Jacob]

ANOTHER PATRIOT AND CHRISTIAN GONE

It becomes my painful duty to announce in an appropriate manner, the death of my honored and aged father, JACOB CHASE, who departed this life in the town of Lee, Oneida county, N.Y., on the 25th of October last, in the 85th year of his life.

The subject of this notice was born November 8, 1751 in the town of what was then called Narraganset No. 6, afterwards Petersham, but now Templeton, Worcester county, Mass. He served faithfully in the revolutionary struggle for civil and religious liberty, and came out of that "furnace of affliction" with honor to himself and satisfaction to those under whom he served, though then but a mere youth.

He was educated "after the strictest sect," a "close communion Baptist," and at the age of 24, united with the Baptist church in Sutton, then under the pastoral care of one Elder Ingals. He remained a zealous member of said church for about five years, during which time he had the opportunity of hearing a brief oral discussion between Elder [Elhanan] Winchester, then a Baptist clergyman, and a layman, whose name I have forgotten; and from that time he was never satisfied with his limited creed. At the age of about 30, he became fully convinced of the truth of Universalism. He was personally and intimately acquainted with Mr. Winchester, who was converted to Universalism about the same time, and with Father [John] Murray; and he enjoyed frequently the benefits of their ministerial labors; and I am bound in respect to his memory, to say that I never knew any layman, and but few clergymen who could repeat from memory one-half the amount of Scripture that he could, or that knew better how to apply it. In fact, the Bible was his constant companion, and almost the only book that I ever knew him to read. Religion was his whole theme, and he seemed to think but very little about anything else. And this continued to be the case, even when his natural faculties were so far exhausted with the infirmities of age, that he could not identify his own children or remember their names. He was an attentive and affectionate husband, a kind and indulgent father, a peaceable and friendly neighbor, and an exemplary Christian. But he is gone—his lamp of life has become extinct. May his good instructions, examples and virtues be long remembered by all who knew him.

Since my father is no more among us in this world, I shall no longer add the Junior to my name, but shall ever subscribe

JACOB CHASE.

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