

[Collins, Jonathan]

DEATHS.

At his residence in West Turin, Lewis county, on the 6th ult. [6 Apr.], Hon. JONATHAN COLLINS, aged 90 years. He was one of those patriots who periled his life, in the days that tried men's souls, whose triumphs gave their country the greatest of earthly blessings, "Liberty," and a free government to the rising generations. He early imbibed the principles of freedom, which remained, both sure and steadfast, waxing stronger unto the day of his death, without variableness or shadow of turning.

Forty-seven years ago, he removed from the State of Connecticut into the Black River country. A pioneer in the wilderness, he was one of the first, the wealthiest, and most enterprising; and has lived to see the wilderness bud and blossom as the rose; and a large family of children and grand children, rise up and call him blessed. Kind and noble, strictly temperate, economical, and punctual in all his habits and intercourse with society,—he was beloved and honored by frequent marks of public confidence. But alas, he is gone to return no more forever! He has however left his virtues to shine after him, and a character worthy of all imitation.

Judge Collins has been for many years, and continued to the day of his death, a firm believer in the Gospel of a world's salvation and immortality through a crucified and risen Redeemer, gave it his cordial support in life, and experienced its hallowing and cheering influence in his heart as he approached the dark valley and shadow of death.—To him it was "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, entering into that within the veil." Most of his children, many of his grandchildren, and a numerous concourse of neighbors and friends, fellow soldiers and fellow pioneers in this country, were present at the funeral and testified the veneration and respect they felt for the deceased; to whom, by particular request, Rev. D. [Dolphus] Skinner of Utica delivered the consolations of the Gospel from Heb. vi:19.

Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate, Utica NY, Fri. 2 May 1845
[a Universalist newspaper]

[His wife was Sarah Couch Collins, 1756-1840, and they were the parents of six known children. He is buried in the family lot at Collins Cemetery in Constableville, Lewis Co. NY.]