

[Crane, Thomas]

A Tribute to the Departed

XIX. THOMAS CRANE, Esq., was born at George's Island (Fort Warren), in Boston Harbor, October 18, 1803, and died in New York City, April 1, 1875, in his seventy-second year. He was one of the oldest, most prominent and most esteemed of the Universalist laymen in New York. For a number of years he lived in Quincy, Mass., but in 1829 he moved to New York City. Beginning his career there quite poor, he succeeded by application, perseverance, energy and business ability, in amassing a fortune. He was long known to the Universalists of New York as the treasurer of the Harsen Fund. He was one of the trustees of Tufts College, and a liberal contributor to all our denominational papers. He was formerly and for a long period a member of the Orchard Street Universalist Church (Rev. Dr. Sawyer's) in New York City, though of late of Rev. Dr. Chapin's. He was a man of pure life, famed for his kindness of heart and benevolent deeds, and was loved and honored by the Universalist fraternity as far as he was known. He leaves a wife and two children, and goes to meet six children who had preceded him to the world of spirits.

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