

[Dart, Rachel]

DEATHS.

In West Potsdam, Mrs. RACHEL, consort of Mr. Jabez Dart, who died about 30 years since. Mrs. Dart was born Oct. 24, 1744, and died April 20, 1845—making her age 100 years, 5 months and 26 days.

The remarkably good life which the deceased lived, and the extreme age to which she attained, are the subject of this public notice. Mrs. Dart, we are told, never made any high sounding professions of superior piety, but she exhibited in a long life of high, generous feeling and righteous, benevolent conduct, a heart imbued with that pure religion which Christ communicated to the world for the world's good. Patient and resigned under all the allotments of a wise Providence, she exhibited an example worthy of all professing Christians. And it is indeed due her memory to say, that she lived the life of the just—ever diligent to the motto, not to live in vain: and if a life of virtue is a long life, she most truly in this respect lived long.

But the age to which Mrs. Dart attained is remarkable. She lived far, far beyond the average length and allotted period of human life... Few indeed are there of human kind at this stage of the world's history, that live to the age of an [sic] hundred years; and fewer still who do so with such a good share of reason and intellect, as did our departed matron. She conversed intelligibly till the last moment of her mortal existence; and memory, sacred, mysterious memory, could call up scenes that occurred before the foundation of our government. She remembered the scenes of the French Revolution, and would frequently in conversation with neighbors and friends, refer to that period, as though it occurred but a few years since.

The deceased was the mother of Simeon Dart, Esq., in whose worthy family she received the kindest attention, and in whose house, after a brief illness, she departed this life for a purer and better. Her funeral was attended at one of the meeting-houses of West Potsdam, on the 22d, and an immense concourse of people joined in the services of the occasion.

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