

[Graves, William]

DEATHS.

At Gravesville (Russia), Herkimer co. on the 22d ult., WILLIAM GRAVES Esq., aged 77 years. The subject of this notice was a venerable and beloved Father in our Israel, long and favorably known as a staunch and consistent believer in the doctrine of a world's salvation, and has done much for its establishment in Russia, and its spread in the world. He emigrated from New England 52 years ago last February, and settled in this town with small pecuniary means; but by industry, prudence and economy, he accumulated a handsome property. He has had three children, all of whom departed this life before him. He leaves an aged widow [Annis] and two grand-sons, besides a brother and a large circle of friends, to mourn his departure. But they mourn not as those without hope. Br. Graves devoted a respectable portion of the wealth with which God had blessed him, to the establishment and upbuilding of His truth. He contributed \$1000 towards the building of a commodious Universalist meeting house near his residence, and left a legacy of \$500 the annual proceeds of which, so long as the Universalist Society there shall exist, and keep up religious meetings, shall be devoted to the preached word. He was a principal founder, father and pillar of the Universalist Society in Gravesville; and so long as that Society shall exist, will his name and memory be honored and revered as well by all who had the happiness to know him, and witness his exemplary life and example. "The memory of the just is blessed." His funeral was attended on the 24th ult., by a numerous and sympathizing concourse of relatives, neighbors and friends, and a discourse preached by the writer, from Job xiv:10.

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