

[Hawkins, Joseph]

DEATHS.

In Henderson, on the 19th of April, the Hon. *Joseph Hawkins*, late member of Congress from this district, and formerly a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, aged 50 years. During most of his short illness, Judge H. was the subject of delirium, furnishing a melancholy lesson of human imbecility, and showing that the most powerful mind may soon be prostrated by raging disease.

Possessed of a firm constitution, strong powers of mind, an independent spirit, the most active and expansive benevolence, an excellent moral character and distinguished affability, Judge H. seems to have been eminently qualified to hold a conspicuous place amongst the benefactors of mankind, and the reformers of the human race. His many public, private and social virtues, and his exemplary life gave him a commanding influence in society.

He was one of the earliest, best informed, and most devoted Universalists in this county. Twenty years since, he fearlessly advocated the doctrine of universal benevolence, which was then, far more unpopular than in the present time. Like Paul, he both labored and suffered reproach, because he trusted in the living God, "who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe. Like almost everyone who understands the doctrine, he retained his faith while he retained his senses and his mental (?).

He has left a faithful companion, a numerous family, an extensive circle of acquaintances and friends, and the public in general, to lament his sudden and unexpected departure for the shores of immortality. His funeral was attended by the writer of this notice, on the 22d ult., when multitudes crowded to listen to the word of life, to mourn their loss, and to water his grave with their tears.

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