

[Hicks, Aaron]

Died, at his home, in Bristol, April 9th, 1872, Aaron Hicks, aged 83 years and 4 months. Father Hicks was one of the oldest settlers of Bristol. He has lived in the town for seventy-five years, and upon the same farm more than sixty years, ever since his marriage. He has reared a large family of children, seven of whom are now living, and all respectable and influential men in the communities in which they live. He has always maintained a spotless character, and by the uprightness and purity of his life has endeared himself to all who knew him. His life was a hidden life, the best part of it known only to himself and family. He was quiet and retiring in his manners, and gentle and affectionate in disposition, and the universal testimony of neighbors who lived by him always is, that father Hicks was a good man. He was a member of no church, but his faith was strong in the universal love of God, believing that through Christ the world would be saved from sin. He was married to Hannah Cornell January 1st, 1812, and upon last New Year's day was celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. All the living children and grandchildren were present, with many other friends and relatives, and a very happy time it was indeed. The aged father and mother looking with a calm and sober, though nonetheless joyous happiness upon the children they had reared, and who now, in their old age, respected and loved them. As a tribute of love one of his sons presented them, upon the occasion, a most beautiful chromo, a wreath of autumn leaves, beneath which was the words, "Leaves have their time to fall." His funeral services were held at the Universalist church at Bristol.

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