

[Knight, David]

DEATHS

In Westfield, Chautauqua Co., N.Y., Oct. 28th, DAVID KNIGHT, in his 73d year. Father Knight was one of the earliest settlers in this town, having removed here from New Hampshire in 1814.—Many were the hardships he endured incident to a new and wilderness country. For 42 years he has been well known in this place, as a man of indefatigable industry, both of mind and body; ever maintaining an unblemished character of moral and religious integrity—benevolent and kind to all who were in need; punctual and upright in his dealings; it can be said of him, as those who knew him best will attest, that he was not only a “good man,” but “the noblest work of God, an “honest man.” Being naturally of a cheerful and vivacious turn of mind, combined with the above rare qualities, he was strongly endeared to a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who deeply feel his loss. From his youth up, he was, and ever remained, a strong, firm and unwavering Universalist, in faith and practice; and at last died in the fullness of that faith. May God, through the consolations of the gospel of Christ, abundantly comfort and sustain the aged widow, who in her loneliness seems, but too sensibly, to feel her irreparable loss. The funeral was held at the Methodist church in Westfield village, on the 30th. Sermon by the writer, from Christ’s words, “Ye believe in God, believe also in me.”

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