

[Lucas, Samuel]

Deaths.

In Arcadia, Wayne co., Jan. 13th, 1860, Mr. SAMUEL LUCAS, aged 70 years. The deceased was one of the most honorable and christian men in this community. His life had been spent mostly in the immediate vicinity of Newark, [he] having been one of its first settlers, and where he was honored and loved by all who knew him. He had not been one without sorrows, griefs and troubles, as well as joys and pleasures. During his life he married three wives¹ and survived them all, and felt the disappointments of family hopes and peace. But over all shone his calm submission to the Father's will, and his deep love and reverence for the Master and his cause are now the sun-beams in which his friends see his venerable form as he bowed in worship from Sunday to Sunday for many years, before an altar dedicated to the God, Father and Saviour of the world. He and the late P. C. Bartle were the first deacons of the Universalist church established in Newark in 1840, and each held their office with christian zeal and earnest devotion to the cause till their death. Father Lucas felt the preciousness of Christ's message of peace and goodwill during his last hours, and he spoke of the faith and belief in universal peace with the calmness and assurance that characterizes St. Paul. To the writer was given increased faith and devotion in the doctrine of Reconciliation, by his last words to him, and by the trust in God that sat supreme on his countenance over physical pain and exhaustion. His funeral was largely attended in the Universalist church on Sunday morning, Jan. 15th, 1860. sermon by the writer. Text—Rom. xiv:8.

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¹Two of them were Jane Lucas, who died on 7 Mar 1824 at age 27, and Charity Lucas, who died on 8 Jul 1843 at age 61, per their markers in the Marbletown Cemetery, where Samuel is also buried.