

[Patterson, John]

Deaths.

In Westmoreland, N.Y., Sept. 13th, JOHN PATTERSON, Esq., in the 87th year of his age. Mr. Patterson was born in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Ct., on the 15th day of Oct., 1776, and came to Westmoreland fifty years ago last March, where he has resided ever since. His life and influence, therefore, have contribute largely [greatly] in developing and forming the history of this town, and his record is one to which his children and friends may proudly refer. As a man he was active, industrious and reliable. His integrity was above reproach and his name entitled to the highest respect, from all who prize true manliness. He planted himself on those high principles of honesty, virtue and truth, which form the chief beauty of the human character, and which, in his life and actions, shone nobly forth. In religious belief he was a Universalist, and led a life consistent with that belief, by seeking to live out daily that broad charity, fraternal love and comprehensive benevolence, which tend to bind all...as the children on the same loving Father. Hence, as a husband, a father and a citizen, he sought to fulfill nobly life's duties, and succeeded in leaving behind him, in each of these relations, an example worthy of imitation... An aged widow mourns his loss, who, after having traveled with him, for so many years, the journey of life, is left to travel, with feeble steps, this rugged earthly pathway a little longer, until the hour of her release shall come... Several children mingle their tears over a father's grave and cherish the remembrance of his example and counsels, as the choicest legacy of his long and worthy life. Thus pass the noble of earth away;—thus are the treasures of our love borne to the spirit land. A little while, and we shall all "pass over the river" to regain in Eternity what has been taken from us in Time.

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