

[Richardson, Jonathan]

DEATHS.

In New-Hartford, December 15th, after a long illness, JONATHAN RICHARDSON, Esq., aged 60 years, formerly of Newton, Mass. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for the last 27 years, and was constantly entrusted with important and confidential business by the community in which he lived. Until his 28th year (about which time he moved to this country), he was a Calvinistic Baptist; but shortly after, his Christian charity demanded, and found in the Bible, a more enlarged faith. He was one of the earliest members of the Universalist society of New-Hartford (then Whitestown,) the oldest of that order in the State—and aided in erecting their meeting-house, the oldest now standing in the State. He was generally a Trustee, and *constantly* an active, upright member. The faith he adorned by his conduct and supported by his means, for the latter half of his life, supported him abundantly in the trials of sickness and death; and his last days were spent in frequent efforts to inculcate its importance, goodness and truth on those around him. A bereaved widow and numerous children deplore their loss of an exemplary and affectionate head—other relatives, friends and community, of a warm friend, a sage advisor, and an honest and industrious citizen. His family are supported by the same hope that sustained him.

The funeral was attended Sunday, 17th inst., in the Universalist meeting-house, and a discourse delivered to a very crowded audience, from Heb. xi:4—“He, being dead, yet speaketh”—by

A. B. G. [Aaron Bort Grosh]

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