

[Ryan, William]

DEATHS.

Very suddenly, in Fort Covington, on Friday, the 13th inst., in consequence of strangulated hernia, Mr. WM. RYAN, aged 66 years.

Mr. Ryan was one of the earlier settlers of this town, having emigrated here from New-Hampshire, about 30 years ago, when this section was almost an entire wilderness.—He died leaving a spotless and irreproachable character.—Mild and inoffensive in disposition, honest and upright in his dealing, and decent and moral in his habits, he was respected and beloved by all who knew him. In all the relations of society, his conduct was exemplary and becoming. In life he was a firm and consistent believer in the doctrine of universal salvation, and in the hour of death he remained steadfast in his faith in the efficacy and impartiality of a Saviour's redeeming grace.

The writer of this brief obituary has seen many occasions for thankfulness and gratitude that man's eternal interests are in the keeping of a just and merciful God; but never did I entertain those feelings more strongly, than when listening to the discourse of the clergyman who officiated at the burial of the deceased. In the truth uttered by the preacher, that not he, but the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the universe, had fixed the destiny of our departed friend, there was truly great consolation. Verily there is joy in believing that in the sight of our heavenly Father a pure and blameless life, and not empty and ostentatious profession, constitute the true standard of Christian and moral excellence.— *Franklin Gazette of December 18th.*

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