

[Smith, Jesse J.]

DEATHS.

In Weedsport, N.Y., on the 8th inst., Mr. JESSE J. SMITH, aged 73 years. The deceased was the oldest resident of that place, having lived there some thirty years. He was universally respected for his uprightness of character and friendliness of heart, and his departure was greatly lamented, not only by his aged companion and his children, grand-children and other relatives and intimate friends, but also by the entire community whose confidence he possessed for so many years. In his religious faith he was an enlightened and firm believer in the impartial grace of God, and the ultimate salvation of all souls. He had cherished this theory during most of his life, and it yielded him joy and peace in believing. Nor did it forsake him in the hour of death. Although he was stricken down very suddenly, yet in the few lucid moments granted before the spirit took its flight he expressed himself willing and glad to die, and uttered a prayer of resignation to the Divine will. His funeral was held in the Presbyterian church in Weedsport, on the 10th inst., when in despite of the very unfavorable state of the weather, a large audience assembled to testify their esteem for the memory of the departed. May the sweet consolations of the Gospel fill with comfort the hearts of all who mourn.

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