

[Swift, Elisha]

DEATHS.

In Mentz, Cayuga co., N.Y., on the 22d ult., Mr. ELISHA SWIFT, aged 75 years. The deceased was a native of Dutchess co., and removed to Auburn, with two brothers (both now departed) at an early day, when Central New-York was nearly a wilderness. After remaining there a short time, he settled in Sullivan, Madison co., where he resided for over thirty years. About eleven years since, he removed to Mentz (near Auburn,) at which place he continued a resident to the day of his death. Br. Swift from early life, was an open, avowed and devoted Universalist. He did not hesitate to give the reason for the hope that was in him, at all proper times, and at all suitable occasions. The religion that he loved he has always supported with his means, to the extent that his circumstances permitted. The cause of impartial grace has ever found in him a firm and true friend, under all circumstances and contingencies.—And more than all, his life, his daily walk, was a favorable commentary on his faith. Just, honorable and honest in all his ways, in all his dealings and intercourse—strictly temperate and correct in his habits—benevolent and obliging in his feelings—he lived a true, christian Universalist, and died lamented as a valued citizen and a truly good man. May the richest consolations of the Gospel attend his companion, children and grand-children, who mourn the loss of one whose untiring love had won their deepest reverence and esteem.

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