

[Williams, Josiah]

DEATHS.

At Perry, Genesee county [now in Wyoming Co.] January 26, 1832, Mr. *Josiah Williams*, aged 67 years. Mr. Williams was one of the oldest inhabitants of this county; when settled by the whites, he set his feet upon an uncultivated soil, in the midst of nature and uncultivated Indians. But these were obstacles of but momentary concern with him. Like Abraham, his trust was in God, the God of Abraham, on whom he put his whole dependence, and to whom he submitted himself in all things. As a Christian, he was an ornament to his profession, so much so that they that were of the contrary part had no evil thing to say of him. The Universalist society in Perry, has lost in the death of this worthy man, one of its most exemplary members. But he has been cut down like a shock of corn fully ripe, and his spirit has gone to God who gave it. He was taken away in a moment, by a fit of apoplexy [a stroke], so that it may be said of him, he was happy in life, and departed without affliction. The consolation of the Gospel was tendered to the mourning children of this deceased father, by the writer of this, from 1 John iv:14.

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