

[Baker, Moses]

IN MEMORIAM

In Buffalo, Sunday morning, Sept. 3rd, died MOSES BAKER, in the 74th year of his age. Thus passed away in great peace a man who had been connected with the cause of Universalism for nearly fifty years in Western New York. The first meeting of the Society in Buffalo was held at his house (the home of our ministers and the home in which he died) Dec. 6th, 1831. From this date up to the date of his death, he was a warm friend and a liberal supporter of the Society. For over twenty years of this time he acted as a Trustee and Superintendent, and secured and retained the respect and confidence of all...

Mr. Baker moved to Buffalo when a young man full of vigor and enterprise, in 1812. In the late war with Great Britain [War of 1812] he was elected captain of a company, and with it marched to the defense of his country. The night that Buffalo was burnt, Captain Baker was a few miles below on the Niagara River, making a reconnaissance, feeling after the enemy, and risking life and limb for the protection of the border. He served the country faithfully and well, and when peace was proclaimed, he threw the sword from his side, and commenced business in Buffalo, and was soon numbered among the most honored and respected of her citizens...

... Our new and beautiful temple arose last year opposite his dwelling on Main street, and although it has been brought towards completion since then, it is yet unfinished. The Moses of now, like the Moses of old, saw the Promised Land, but was not permitted to enter it.

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