After an interval of nearly eight years, Rev. John Kirby was ordained pastor of the church, June 12, 1816 (Fourth Parish Church of Newbury, Mass).

Rev. Mr. Kirby sailed for Charleston, S. C., in 1816, for the benefit of his health. The vessel in which he took passage was wrecked on Ocracoke bar on the coast of North Carolina, and he was washed overboard and drowned, December 5, 1816.

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John J. Currier
Demrell & Upham
Boston, Mass. 1902.
Kirby, John
From: Charlton, N.Y.
Last residence: Newbury, Mass.

Records show one
John Kirby
2nd Lieut. in Capt Samuel Webb's Co.,
Consolidated Regt. (Smith's) N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Sept 7, 1814
Expiration of service: Sept 21, 1814
1807  JOHN KIRBY

DIED: Drowned, on Ocracock bar, 4th December, by the wreck of the sloop Henry, the Rev. Mr. Kirby, lately settled in Newbury, and who was voyaging south for the benefit of his health.

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JOHN I. KIRBY.

A young gentleman has communicated to the editors of the Commercial Advertiser, that one of the passengers lost on board the sloop Henry Wad, of Albany, whose name was mentioned as a Mr. Kinley, is Mr. John I. Kirby, formerly a tutor in Union College, Schenectady, and lately settled in the ministry at a place near Newburyport, Mass.

The Cabinet
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