

WILLIAM RUGER, 1824, of Cherry Valley, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.  
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WILLIAM RUGER.

We announce with regret the death of Senator Ruger - an event for which we were in some measure prepared, by the information already published, communicated in a letter from the editor of the Watertown Jeffersonian -

(letter)

Post Office, Watertown  
May 22, 1843.

Dear Sir:-

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you that our village has been visited with a severe Providence. The Hon. William Ruger, Senator, after an illness of about ten days, departed this life last evening, at 11 o'clock.

With great respect, I am, sir,  
your ob't serv't.

J. F. Hutchinson.

(From the Watertown Jeffersonian of May 23)

Death of Senator Ruger.- It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of the Hon. William Ruger, which occurred at his residence in this village at half past eleven o'clock on Sunday night, after a distressing illness of about ten days.

Mr Ruger has been long a resident of this village, and justly esteemed as an respectable literary attainments - a graduate of Union College, and some years since, the recipient of an honorary degree conferred by the faculty of that institution. As a classical scholar, he was better known, perhaps, as the author of a standard work on Arithmetic. For several years, after obtaining his majority, he was engaged as Principal of a Classical School in this village, and many in this county owe to his instructions their proficiency in the more important branches of education.

*honorable and influential member of society. He was a gentleman of*

Politically, he has ever been identified with the democratic party, and for several years has wielded no inconsiderable degree of influence in the party. He has held several offices of trust and responsibility - such as Master in Chancery, Supreme Court Commissioner, Commissioner for the distribution of the increased capital stock of the Jefferson County Bank, and lastly that of Senator for the 5th Senate District, - to which place he was elected in November, 1841.

To his young and amiable wife, the blow is overwhelming; to her he was all that a husband should be, - considerately affectionate and confiding, sustaining and encouraging her by his example to fill with dignity and grace

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an elevated and distinguished sphere in the social circle. The sympathies of an entire community would alleviate - did they possess that charm - the heart rendering agony of her sorrows. May "He who mercifully tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," sustain her in this afflicting bereavement.

Mr. Ruger, at the time of his death, was 48 years of age, and a member of the Episcopal Church in this village; he received the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper a few hours previous to his death.

We have room only to append to this article the proceedings of an informal meeting of the members of the County Court and Bar, residing in this village:

" On the announcement this (Monday) morning of the sudden death of the Hon. Wm. Ruger, senator of the 5th district - the members of the Bar and officers of the Jefferson County Courts residing in this village, convened at C. Perkin's Hotel. This informal meeting was organized by the appointment of the Hon. M Sterling, Chairman, and D. Lee, esq., Secretary.

It having been suggested that the officers of the Court and members of the Bar should attend the funeral of Mr. Ruger to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M., in a body, - on motion it was

Resolved, that Joseph Mullin (1833), R. Lansing (1817) and John Clarke, esqs., be appointed a committee to invite the members of the Court and Bar residing in the county to attend such funeral, and also to recommend and report appropriate resolutions to an adjourned meeting, to be held at the same place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock A. M. for their adoption.

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(Watertown Register, extra, Monday, May 22)

Death of Senator Ruger.- We have the melancholy duty to perform of announcing to our readers the death of Hon. William Ruger. He departed this life last night at about 11 o'clock, scarcely nine days since he was attacked with inflammation in the bowels, and from that period until the time of his decease, labored under severe bodily sufferings.

Mr. Ruger, but a brief period since, was in the full enjoyment of health. Just returned from the field of his labors at Albany, he has hardly had time allotted him to greet his constituents or arrange his business matters. In his death, the 5th Senate District is deprived of the services of an able senator, and the community of a valuable citizen, His loss will be sensibly felt.

By this unexpected calamity, a vacancy is made in the office of Senator which must be filled. Mr. Ruger has served two years of the term for which he was elected.

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