

Died on Sunday the 20th of October 1833 Joseph Anthony in the 65th year of his age after 8 months of severe illness and two years and a half since the onset of his disease which was that of a swelling of the prostate gland, of all the diseases this is the most distressing in its effects and mostly of fatal consequences.

It may be consoling to the friends of the deceased to know that he met his stern fate with manly calm, dignified, christian resignation and even looked forward with anxiety for this event to terminate his suffering--in the loss of this gentleman society is bereft of one of its most upright intelligent enterprising active philanthropic citizens. He was an early settler in Ohio having left the State of Virginia in consequence of his aversion to educating his family where slavery was tolerated and where the influence of its principles might be instilled in the minds of his children. He was unostentatious of the many virtues he possessed and careless of public honor an office but ever busy in the exercise of his mind for the advantage of his country or such persons alone in a private view as he deemed worthy of his assistance. Dr. Rush in expressing his opinion of him pronounced him to be one of the most efficient clear headed and sound hearted men of the day and as deserving the thanks of his country as the original of many noble ideas and great monuments to his country's good. His company and advice was sought by Thomas Jefferson and the ablest politicians of the time. Testimony of the esteem in which he was held may be seen in Thomas Jefferson's own handwriting in addition to several political events which marked his career among which is the purchase of a large portion of the Western territory which prevented war and which was thus acknowledged in a letter written by Jefferson..."When your epistle was received on the purchase of the Western Territory I was struck with the plausibility of your scheme. You may make your mind easy...your plans will be adapted to and I shall never know how sufficiently to thank you for your kindness. The measures you propose are those of firm philanthropy and sound policy and have at once received the sanction of congress. It is with the greatest reluctance that I obey your request keeping as a secret from the public your name as the original of this grand scheme 'for I want no honors for myself but what I am justly entitled to.'"

The deceased was governed by strict religious principles and although not at the time of his death united with any religious denomination his partialities were in favor of the Baptist persuasion. He will long be remembered by those who knew him as a firm believer in the christian religion, an exemplary and benevolent friend and neighbor and a kind husband and an indulgent Father. For many weeks and months before his departure he looked forward to it as a happy release from all his sufferings and prepared for it as one taking a journey and even when he felt Death was upon him the same quiet christian resignation marked all his moments. His loss will long be felt and mourned.

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