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INTRODUCTION.

THIS Parish List of Deaths, recorded by Rev. William Bentley during his ministry in Salem, has been prepared and edited by Mr. Ira J. Patch, of Salem, the well-known genealogist.

Mr. Bentley was an eminent scholar, a zealous antiquarian, a revered and honored minister, and indefatigably industrious in collecting and recording anything relating to his studies, his pursuits, his parish and his life. He was born in Boston, June 22, 1759; a graduate of Harvard in the class of 1777, and from which he received the honorary degree of D.D., in 1819, ordained over the East church and society in Salem, 1783. Died Dec. 29, 1819.

His great collection of manuscripts have, since his death, been deposited by his executor, in the archives of the American Antiquarian Society.

The printing of them, or a selection of them, carefully edited, would be a valuable contribution to our historical literature.

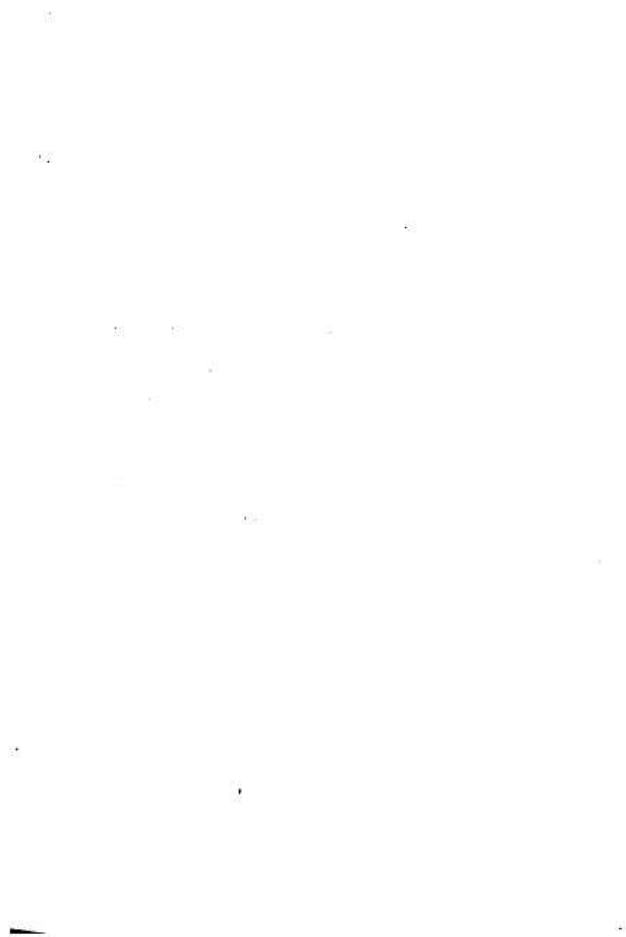


Figure 1. Percentage of people who are very satisfied with the U.S. economy, 1997-2003.

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PARISH LIST OF DEATHS BEGUN 1785.

1. Jan. 9. A child of Master John Watson in child-bed.
2. April. 17. Rebecca Bushnel an. æt. 41 of a consumption.
3. April 25. David Newhall an. æt. 45 of a consumption.
4. May 27. Thomas Keene, æt. 10 months, of dropsy in the head.
5. July 11. Mercy, wife of Wm. Browne, an. æt. 50, of apoplexy.
6. July 22. Mary Tozzer, widow, an. æt. 86. Aged.
7. July 30. Samuel, of Joseph & Abigail Lambert, æt. 9 mo. Convulsions.
8. Aug. 1. Stephen, of Elizabeth & John Foster, æt. 15 mo. Fever.
9. Aug. 11. Eunice, wife of Philip English, an. æt. 50. King's Evil.
10. Aug. 13. Sally, of Joseph & Peggy Prat, æt. 12 mo. Fever.
11. Sept. 13. Lydia, d. of Capt. Fiske, 17 years, 6 mo. Consumption.
12. Oct. 2. Peggy, d. of Joseph & Martha Renew, 17 years. Dropsy in head.
13. Oct. 11. Joseph Hodges, an. æt. 70 & 7 mo. Lethargy.

14. Nov. 12. John S., of Wm. & Mehitabel Patterson, 22 mo. Consumption.
15. Nov. 26. Elizabeth Leach in the family of John Watson, an. et. 21. Dropsy in head.
16. Nov. 30. Patty, wife of John Fiske Esq., an. et. 32. Consumption.
17. Dec. 10. Ruth Phippen, maiden, an. et. 66. Aged.
18. Dec. 30. Betsey, d. of Samuel & Elizabeth Masury, an. et. 2. Consumption.

LIST OF DEATHS FOR 1786.

19. Jan. 19. News of death of Capt. Jacob Clark, et. 35. Fever. Left a widow & two small children, one male. Died on his passage fr. West Indies.
20. Jan. 26. Mary Carrol, widow, et. 60. Consumption. Left a daughter married to a Mr. Parrotte.
21. Feb. 18. Hannah Keene, wife of Thomas Keene, et. 32. Consumption. Formerly Silver, natural daughter of Jona. Cloutman. No children.
22. Feb. 19. John Crowninshield, s. of widow Hannah, et. 24. Dysentery. Left a widow, d. of Capt. Hawthorne. No children. Taken sick abroad.
23. March 9. John Gunnerson, et. 64. Palsy. He was of Kittery. Left widow and three married children, one daughter m. Harrington. 4 g. children.
24. March 20. Sarah Cloutman, maiden et. 28. Consumption. Daughter of Widow Mary Cloutman, who has 3 children; 2 sons left.
25. April 23. Male child of Benj. & Mary Crowninshield, died in 12 hours after delivery. One male child living.
26. April 23. Male child of John & Hannah Patter-

son, died in 13 hours after delivery. Two children living, one male.

27. June 13. Edmund Whittemore, æt. 67. Palsy. Wife dead, has left 11 children, 4 males. 8 married.

28. June 24. Female child of Elisha & Mary Gunnison, still born. The first child.

29. June 25. Capt. Richard Masury, returned home from sea, æt. 58. Died in the road to his house of a fever. Has left a wife, 3 sons & 2 daughters; a daughter married.

30. July 7. Anna, child of Daniel & Mary Cloutman, æt. 25 days. Convulsions attending the chin cough.

31. July 23. Sarah Masury, wife of Richard Masury, æt. 56. Consumption, about a month after her husband.

32. July 30. Samuel, son of John & Susannah Gunnerson, t. 10 mos. Fever attending the chin cough.

33. Aug. 1. Capt. Ebenezer Peirce, fever, æt. 43, on his passage from the West Indies. Left a wife and one married daughter, two small children, one male.

34. Aug. 6. Benjamin Gale, æt. 24. Consumption. He has left a wife and one male child. Returned from sea sick.

35. Aug. 28. Thomas Hutcheson, æt. 46. Fever. He has left a wife and seven children; one daughter married to a Ropes.

36. Sept. 1. Sarah, dau. of Benj. & Susanna Dean, æt. 13 mos. Convulsions after a languishment attend'g the chin cough.

37. Sept. 27. Martha, wife of Caleb Bangs, æt. 26. Consumption. Has left a husband and one child, christened Thomas.

38. Oct. 3. Anna, wife of Penn Townsend, æt. 53. Consumption, lingering sickness. Left a husband and two daughters, one married.

39. Oct. 24. A female, natural daughter of Louis Cox, æt. 14 mos. Vomiting and purging.

40. Oct. 25. John Locke, son of Hunlock & Sarah Palfrey, æt. 18 mos. Water in the head. Four children left, one male.

41. Oct. 28. Edward, son of Benj. & Margaret Nourse, æt. 11 mos. Bloody flux. They have 3 children, two males.

42. Nov. 29. William Chever, æt. 35. Fever. He has left a second wife and 3 children, 2 males.

43. Dec. 29. News of the death of Capt. Adam Welman. Fever, æt. 42. He has left a large family, three classes of children: his wife's by a former husband, his own by a former wife, his own by the present wife, 9 in number; a very aged father and a brother to his present wife, a non compos. Welman, Pierce and Clark died in the same vessel in the course of this year, as the times show.

LIST OF DEATHS FOR 1787.

44. Feb. 5. Timothy Welman, æt. 91, of old age. He has left one dau., 27 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

45. Feb. 6. Ann Willis, in the Almshouse for many years, æt. 89, of old age. She had been married and has left two children, a son in the Almshouse.

46. Feb. 24. William Clark, æt. 30. Epilepsy. Son of Widow Margaret. He had been troubled with the fits above 15 years and was deprived of reason.

47. Mar. 7. A male child of Rebecca, wife of William Chever, late deceased, within 24 hours after delivery.

48. Mar. 30. John Brown, carpenter, æt. 83. Old age. He has left five married children, a son John and Mrs. Moses, Coombs, Cooke and Nourse.