

June 25th 1813 -

Dear Parents

It is probable before you receive this letter you will have heard of the death of our beloved John. on Tuesday evening the 22nd at 4 O'Clock he breathed his last. - The last 24 hours of his life were very suffering ones & we were constantly expecting during that time every hour would put a period to his existence. - He met the event with uncommon fortitude. he was anxious to be gone but still prayed that he might wait with patience. - he constantly asked how long it would be before it would be over. & observed that he died a hard death. he said often in the course of the day good bye my friends. he told us "he was going to a world of peace, that his confidence was in God, & in his salvation" - almost his last words were "my God receive my soul" - His mind was well prepared. he left nothing undone or unattended too both as it relates to this world & the one to come. - His affectionate heart shew'd itself even in death, & his dear remembrance will never be forgotten by his sorrowful family. - He requested his funeral might be private, & yesterday at 11 O'Clock in the forenoon he was interred. attended by the friends which he desired. - about an hour before his dissolution he fell asleep, & slept profoundly; I was close to him, & held his hand, & prayed most earnestly that he might not awake again, until he opened his eyes upon the resurrection & the life. &c. it was. I perceived that his breath grew shorter & called the 8th, he breathed about five times after that, ^{he} never moved his hand or opened his eyes. & was finally removed in the most tranquil manner - he spoke of Sibyll in the course of the day. said the rattling in his throat resembled hers. & hoped that it might not end in suffocation. -

He has left us every solace in his own religion & patience.
I have never heard him murmur or repine in the smallest
degree & for four months I have not left him an hour
night or day - he begged me not to mourn for him. he said
his exchange would be happy. That nothing obscured his
hopes they were all bright. We often conversed on the subject
of his departure. but he always spoke with firmness & com-
posure - he used to say life had always been pleasant to
him that he had never known trouble & if he could recover
he should be glad, but still the will of God be done that
he was willing to die - the last fortnight of his life
he suffered considerably & this has reconciled us much to our
loss - I did not ask a longer continuance - It has made a
dreadful ~~loss~~ ^{loss} ~~loss~~ ^{loss} but we are composed & resigned - I thought
you would like to hear particularly. though I can hardly
give you an idea with much tranquillity the scene is so
fresh - I hope to see you here soon - Adieu my dear Parents
Yours MTS -

We are all well excepting George his health is very delicate -

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Mrs. Schuyler Allen upon
George Richards & death
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