

*Swansey, December 10, 1772.*

Last Friday departed this Life, and on Monday following were decently interred, the Remains of ESEK BROWN, Esq; in the 94th Year of his Age. During a long and painful Illness, his Prayer to God was, that he might enjoy the proper Exercise of his Reason, maintain under his Distress a true Christian Magnanimity and Patience, and that God would grant him a comfortable Passage from this, to a Life of Blessedness above; in all which, his surviving Family have Reason to believe God answered his Requests. He has left, to mourn his Loss, a disconsolate Widow, with whom he had lived 69 Years, the only Wife he ever had. He had descended from him 11 Children, 112 Grandchildren, and 127 Great-grandchildren, in all 253, of which 201 are now living; 73 Children and Grandchildren, of which the former are all living, attended his Funeral, and gave this Account of the Family from their own Mouths. He was more than 60 Years a regular Member of the Baptist Church, and also of the House of Commons in the Massachusetts-Bay for 14 Years; he also sustained several other Offices in the Town, the Duties of which he discharged with great Fidelity; but amidst all his Conventions in Life, what was very remarkable, he never had an Action in Law, for or against him. The Coffin in which he was buried was made of Black Cherry-Tree Boards, of a Tree he brought in his own Hand, on Horseback, from Rhode-Island.—He was a loving Husband, a tender Parent, a kind Master, a good Neighbour, and, what crowns all, a pious Christian.