

This was the last of his numerous public or corporate trusts. From this time he retired from active duties, but was always a good and willing counselor to those in the young and thriving town which was rapidly growing up around him. He had always been attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was one of the founders of St. Luke's Church, Rochester. It was the will of GOD to remove him by a most painful disorder, forbidding him even an hour's troubled repose; but the end finally came, and the pain ceased, and there was quiet and peace, that was so gradual that those about him scarcely knew the moment of his final departure. He died on the morning of the 17th of May, 1831.

Starting in life with but few advantages, thrown upon his own resources at the early age of sixteen, with energy and integrity of purpose, and a fearless self-reliance, he had a long career of usefulness. His country demanded his services, and he freely gave them, alternating in its financial, military, and legislative work. Its exigencies terminating, he was a zealous co-worker in all that related to the beneficial uses of free government. Almost constantly filling important public trusts, he was at the same time the founder of business establishments, the promoter of public prosperity, and, finally, the FOUNDER OF A CITY.

His wife, SOPHIA BEATTY, was a descendant of JOHN BEATTY, who was born in Scotland in 1660, from which, on account of religious prosecutions, he emigrated to Ireland, and from thence to England, where he married SUSANNA AUFORDBY. He then went to Holland, and about 1700 came to America, and settled at Esopus, New-York, where he died, leaving six sons and two daughters. His widow removed with the children to Maryland¹⁶ about the year 1728, where she purchased a large tract of land. Their third son, whose name was William, was born about the year 1693, and died in 1757, leaving one son, William, and five daughters. The son, William, was born January 17, 1739, and married MARY DORATHA GROSH (daughter of Jno. Conrad and Maria Sophia Grosh, of Mayence, on the Rhine, who settled in Frederick, Maryland, in 1743) March 1st, 1757. He