

From these dates it appears that when he died his oldest child was seven years of age, the second, five, the third, three, and the youngest only two weeks old.

We only know of two of the children growing to manhood—John and William. There is no record of James and Thomas. They may not have lived to maturity. When John was nineteen and William seventeen they were bereaved of their mother also, and were left to fight out life's battle alone. But it is plain that they enjoyed the advantages of such education as was obtainable when they lived. A letter written by each one has been preserved, and they show the fruits of good training and education in youth.

Their father and mother were both excellent people, and impressed upon their children ideas and principles of virtue and morality and true ambition, which became an inheritance to them and their posterity.