

Benjamin Moore

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In this city, on Thursday, July 12th, 1821, Benjamin Moore, Esq. in his 63d year. Mr. Moore was a native of Massachusetts, whence he moved to this city soon after its foundation. He was long a magistrate for the county of Washington, the duties of which office he discharged with ability. In the early part of his life he took a part in the Revolutionary War; and was always a devoted admirer of the principles that animated America at that period. He is one of the few men who has passed from life to eternity without reproach. His principles were liberal, but somewhat eccentric, and especially those of religion and morality. He had contemplated the virtues of the ancient Stoici with intense pleasure, and perhaps yielded too much to their philosophy for the notions of the present time. Like that sect, he thought that the doctrine of future rewards and punishments was unnecessary to excite or intimidate in regard to the concerns of another life. The different systems of theology, he considered to be too heterogeneous and perplexed for any settled and determinate faith. Incredulous of what appeared to be embarrassed, he rejected nothing that was made evident to his understanding, and practiced what he believed. He revered one God, through universal nature, up to the seat of his omnipotency, and was patient under the dispensations of his Providence. Between man and man his actions were honest, and his words were truth. His obsequies were performed by his Masonic brethren, and attended by nearly the whole population of the neighborhood, an evidence of the high respect with which he was regarded. Whilst living his maxim was good will to all mankind. Peace be to him in the grave!