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Bro: Peter Kyland, died May 1846

at Duluth

Our late brother was born in this place Sept: 12th 1774, & baptised in this chapel a few days after his birth. He was brought up here & recd. all his education at the Boys' Day-school which was however superior in point both of instruction & discipline to most other day-schools. He was apprenticed to his father & later by God at the proper age, afterwards entered into partnership with him, & took the whole concern into his own hands at his father's decease in the y: 1818. There he was born & educated & spent his whole life & died in the same place; & he has been heard to say that he never spent more than a week together out of Duluth. He was twice married, first in 1802 or 3 to Ann Birkley by whom he had 12 children, all sons; the oldest, died several years ago leaving 3 sons; & the youngest, ^{then a part of} died soon after his birth; the others John & Thomas surviving & by them he has seen 12 grand children 7 Boys & 5 Girls in all. - His first wife departed happily in Oct: 1811; & in the y: following he was united to his second partner, Mary Wheatley but had no children by that marriage. She likewise preceded her husband to a better world in Aug: 1838. Our late brother's family, at the time of his birth, occupied the house adjoining

ing that in which my parents resided
& dwell there for ~~many~~ years afterwards;
hence, tho' he was ~~many~~ years my senior,
I have known him intimately from my
earliest childhood, & am the better able
therefore to give a sketch of his character.
He was naturally of a very agreeable
temper, had a ~~great~~ ^{good} deal of good-natured
ry & humour ^{about him} (which, however was never
indulged to excess or led him into that
jesting "foolish talking & jesting which
is not convenient"; he was kind-hearted,
& almost uniformly cheerful; - he
was a most industrious man, & of ~~the~~ ^{strict}
strict integrity & uprightness of cha-
racter, both as a tradesman & as a pri-
vate character, - & hence, no doubt, the
blessing of God that rested on his "faith-
fulness in business"; & hence, too, the
respect & esteem in which he was held
by all connected with him, whether in
the way of trade & business, or as neigh-
bourly acquaintances, or friends; & hence
the affection felt for him by his
relatives & Italian friends. He was
a kind & loving husband, father & grand-
father; & tho' he had attained to a
good old age, nearly 72 years, he was
sincerely regretted by many & will long
be held in affectionate remembrance.
He became a member of the Bre-
schian Church, & was admitted by confirmation to the
Lord's Table in his youth, probably at
the age of 16 - No we cannot mark the

precise date. ^{He was} Being from his infancy,
brought up in the knowledge of the truth in the
nurture & admonition of the Lord & in the bosom
of a Christian Congregation; - & connected with a peo-
ple of God, joining in & out among them, &
enjoying all the means of grace with them;
nor were their inestimable privileges ^{spiritual} thrown
away upon him; no doubt, his ^{conscience}
was sharpened, - & he had seasons of compa-
rative coldness, & indifference of heart
& of consequent unfruitfulness; but
he had a correct & clear view of scriptural
truth, & especially of the all-important
point that Jesus Christ made unto us of
God's wisdom & righteousness, & sanctification
& redemption - & that none but He could
to save lost sinners; & tho' he was not
one of those who are called to go down to the
battle, - but ^{rather to} tormented by the ^{to} stuff & occupied
in a humble & comparatively obscure
sphere all the days of his life; - at tho', for
being forward to converse on spiritual
subjects, he was rather the very reverse,
& until the last 2 or 3 days of his life
more close & reserved than might have
been desirable, - yet, his consistent
conduct, his Christian spirit, his evident
love of the Lord's house & value of the
means of grace, - the faithfulness &
pleasure with which he, for many years,
attended to the duties of various offices
entrusted to him in the Congregation; - as well
as the more open communications on
spiritual matters which marked his last
days - & the peace on which he at last
fell asleep, - assure us that he knew whom
he had believed & was in Christ Jesus - as his

refuge & fortify - his robe - & his
life - supplying them.

He was, for a long series of years, probably
30 or more, a member of the Committee of
this Cong. & for a still more lengthened
period of its Council; & in the performance
of his duties in these capacities, his con-
scientiousness, principles, ^{plainness} & faithfulness,
integrity & practical wisdom were both
conspicuous & useful. He was also, for
the unusual period of 52 years, ^{maintaining}
quite lately a chapel-servant, - & in the
discharge of these gratuitous services con-
nected with that office, formerly far
more onerous than they are now, he showed
not only exemplary faithfulness & dili-
gence, but an untiring interest, & even
delight.

Our late B. was blessed with a good con-
stitution & generally robust health; he seems
never to have been rather subject to rheumatic
affections, & in the 7th 1818 he suffered severely
from rheumatic fever. He was however, hale &
active until he had completed his 71st year.
but in the course of last winter his strength
began visibly to decline - & the more rapidly
as the spring advanced; he was however, to the
last, quite free from pain - his whole ail-
ment being a breaking off of nature & con-
sequent decline of strength; increasing
drowsiness was the most marked symptom
of his complaint, - if complaint it may be
called, - & he mentioned it as a great
nuisance, that he enjoyed ^{little} undisturbed sleep
the night thro', to the very last. - It was a
source of regret to him, that, owing to his
increasing weakness, he was but rarely able
to come to the house of God & to the evening
meetings last winter; but he came as often
as it was at all in his power, & he was even