

Before his death was published :—

Two Dissertations. First, the Nature and Constitution of the Law, which was given to Adam in Paradise; designed to shew what was the effect of his disobedience. Second. The Scene of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane; designed to shew the nature of the Cup, which He prayed might pass from Him. Boston, 1810. 8°, pp. 85.

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THOMAS SEYMOUR, third son and fourth child of Captain Thomas Seymour (Y. C. 1724) and Hephzibah (Merrill) Seymour, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, March 17, 1734-5.

He studied law and early gained a prominent position at the Hartford County Bar. He received a commission as justice of the peace in 1761, and in 1767 he succeeded his father (on his death) as King's Attorney for the County, and held this office until the Revolution. In 1773, he was made a Captain in the militia, and in October, 1774, he was advanced to be Lieutenant-Colonel of his regiment. He was elected to the General Assembly of October, 1774, and represented Hartford in that body in seventeen subsequent sessions (being Speaker five times, in 1790-92) down to 1793, when he was elected to the Upper House of Assistants, of which he continued to be a member for the next ten years.

In April, 1775, he was appointed by the General Assembly one of the Committee on the Pay Table (for adjusting and settling the pay of the Colony soldiers). In June, 1776, he was made Lieutenant Colonel of the first Connecticut cavalry regiment (Col. G. S. Silliman's), and

in July was ordered to New York to re-enforce Washington. On arriving there, however, they found that their horses could not be provided for, and therefore they felt constrained to return; five letters written by Colonel Seymour with reference to this transaction (which was sharply criticised) are printed in Force's Archives.

On the incorporation of Hartford as a city he was chosen the first Mayor, in June, 1784, and served until his resignation, at the age of 77, in May, 1812. From 1798 to 1803 he was Chief Judge of the Hartford County Court.

He was a Deacon of the Second or South Church in Hartford, from 1794 until his resignation in 1809, and was one of its most active and influential members throughout his life.

He died in Hartford, July 30, 1829, aged 94 years, having been for three years the oldest living graduate of the College. During the last part of his life he had lived in seclusion in the family of his son Major Henry Seymour, who was the father of Governor Thomas H. Seymour.

His wife was Mary, daughter of John and Deborah (Youngs) Ledyard, of Hartford, who was baptized in Groton, Conn., June 15, 1735, and died in Hartford, August 27, 1807, in her 73d year. She was a sister of Colonel William Ledyard, who was killed at the taking of Groton Heights in 1781, and an aunt of John Ledyard, the traveler. Their children were six sons and one daughter. The two older sons were graduated here in 1777 and 1779, respectively, and another in 1792.

At the bar he is said to have been "a smooth, persuasive, and engaging advocate;" and in the various social and domestic relations he was as happy as his conduct was kind and exemplary.

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