

difficult to resist a feeling of indignation that such a lamentable perversion of truth should be perpetuated as history, to be copied and repeated as it has been by Mr. Alexander and will be by his successor historians in the years to come.

In the early winter of 1888 the Governor went abroad for the purpose of meeting his daughter and grand-daughter. He had had several premonitory attacks of faintness but they were not regarded as serious, and while he and his family were sojourning at Wiesbaden he was apparently in fair health, although he complained at times of "feeling old." On the afternoon of March 24, 1888, while he was chatting with his wife and his little grand-daughter in their sitting-room at the hotel, he arose to perform an act of courtesy to Mrs. Hoffman and fell dead almost instantly. He was interred in Dale cemetery, at Ossining, by the side of his parents. Mrs. Hoffman survived him until 1892. The *New York Observer*, in a brief review of his career, truly said that he spent the later years of his life "in dignified retirement, respected by all good men, and died honored and regretted by a host of friends, who understood the sacrifice which he had made for the rights and privileges of American citizenship in the city of New York."

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS PERFORMED BY THE REV. JOSHUA HARTT, OF SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND, WITH A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

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Although the first place of public assemblage for the worship of God in what is now known as Smithtown (Old Fresh Pond), Suffolk County, Long Island, was at Nissequag, on the Sound, it was removed in 1750 to a village called Smithtown Branch, lying on the middle road, and nearer the center of the town. The records of the Presbytery of Suffolk show that a church, consisting of seven members, was formed in this town, September 17, 1751. Here it was that the Reverend Joshua Hartt was installed as minister, on the 13th of April, 1774. He was born at Huntington, L. I., September 17th, 1738, and having graduated at Nassau Hall, (Princeton) in 1770, he was ordained as an evangelist by the Suffolk Presbytery, April 2nd, 1772. During his incumbency at the Branch he devoted a part of his time to the service of other churches. In the Revolutionary struggle he suffered much at the hands of the British. Illustrative of the indignities heaped upon him the writer of this sketch was recently informed by some of the aged grandchildren of the patriot preacher, that on one occasion being chained to a negro prisoner, a British officer inquired, "How do you like your company?" To