

Obituary of George Peapell 1845

Minister (1841 Census Highworth) died 1845

Died at Highworth, a short time since, Mr George Peapell, aged 56 years. This individual, some years since, joined the sect of dissenters called "Adult Baptists" and has ever since been a preacher, and reproacher of all other dissenters as well as of the Established Church. His body was, on Thursday, the 18th instant, buried, at his own request in his garden. The Rev. Mr Tiptaff, a seceder from the Established Church, performed the funeral service. By the following which is a copy of a singular testamentary document found among other papers it appears his executors have acted agreeably to the wishes of the testator:-

This is the last will and testament of George Peapole –

My body shall be buried in a great deep hole

In my garden, near unto my own dwelling-house,

Where I do undertake to lie as quiet as a mouse.

Till grim old Death, my wife in his claw shall grapple,

Then my house shall be an Adult Baptist Chapel.

My garden a burial ground shall be, where other saints may rest,

Till the last trump shall call us - the blessed of the blest.

To Glory, Glory: Amen

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