

FROM MAY 1, 1864 "SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

Brother Beebe:--It becomes my painful duty to send you for publication the obituary of my father-in-law, Deacon F. Burn Bird, who departed this life April 4, 1864, aged 62 years, 5 months and 22 days. He was taken sick the last of December; his illness was long and severe, but he was enabled to bear it with patience and Christian submission. He has left a wife, one son and five daughters. His theme was the free and sovereign grace of God. He frequently told me during his illness that he should not recover; and when I expressed a hope that he might recover, he said that I ought not to desire it. He was baptized in the fellowship of Mesongoes Old School Baptist Church in the year 1845, and was soon afterward appointed deacon. He was a constant and firm advocate of the doctrine and order of the gospel, and we have satisfactory evidence that he has left the troubles of this world and gone to rest in the mansions of glory.

Please insert this notice in your obituary department, and oblige your brother in Christ, if I am a brother at all.

Thomas M. Poulson
Accomac County, Virginia
April 12, 1864.