

LONGEVITY.

The great age to which the old patriarchs attained prior to the flood, and including Noah, has always been a puzzle to the learned. Methuselah died, aged 969, B. C. 1,349. There are some remarkable instances of great age since the Christian era, though by no means equal to those recorded in the Bible prior to the deluge. Golor McCrain of the Isle of Jura, (one of the Hebrides) is said to have kept 180 Christmasses in his own house, and died in the reign of Charles I., being the oldest man, on anything approaching to authentic records, for upwards of 3,000 years. In 1014 died Thomas de Tomporibus, who lived 361 years. Thomas Parr, a laboring man of Shropshire, was brought to London by the Earl of Arundel in 1635, in perfect health, aged 153 years. The journey, change of air, and diet killed him, November 15 of the same year, Henry Jenkins, of Yorkshire, died in 1670, and was buried in Bolton, churchyard December 6th in that year, aged 169 years. James Bowles, of Killingworth, died in the year 1658, aged 152 years. Lady Eccleston, of Ireland, died at the age of 143 years; Collier, of Dublin, lived 137 years, and died in 1749. Since 1691 there have died 170 persons each of whose ages exceeded 116 years. Francis Concest, of Burythorp, attained to the age of 150 years; Sarah Brookman, of Glastonbury, 166 years; Louisa Truro, a negress, of South America, reached 175 years; Numas de Corgna, Bengal, 150 years, and died in 1566; Jane Britten, of Somerset, reached the age of 200 years; and Thomas Carin, of St. Leonards, died at the age of 207, in the year 1588; J. Torathe, of Glamorganshire, was 180 years old when he died; Dr. W. Meade, of Heras, was 149 years of age when he died, in 1652; Elizabeth Torathe, of Glamorganshire, died in 1688 at the age of 177 years; and Peter Torten, Temesvar, Hungary, died in 1724, at the age of 185 years. J. Rovin and his wife, Jane Rovin, of Temesvar, Hungary, died in 1741, aged respectively 173 and 164 years. Joseph Crele, of Caledonia, Wisconsin, died in 1866 at the advanced age of 140 years. These are some of the most remarkable cases of longevity upon the modern record, though numerous others might be adduced from authentic history.



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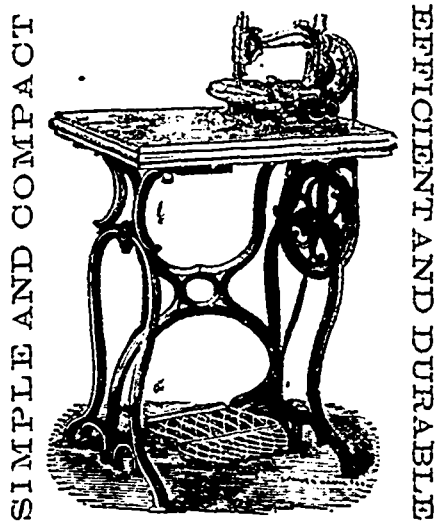
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