

Sergeant John L. Billups

(War of 1812 Veteran Candidate for St. Paul's Episcopal Church Recognition)

St. Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 13⁽¹⁾

IN MEMORY
CAPT. JOHN L. BILLUPS
WHO DEPARTED HIS LIFE AUGUST 19TH, 1820
AGED 28 YEARS

Subject Name: John L. Billups⁽²⁾

[Disambiguation: "John [J^{no}] Billups"⁽³⁾ and "John L. Billups"⁽⁴⁾]

Subject Date of Birth: ca. 1792

Subject Place of Birth: Mathews County, Virginia⁽⁵⁾

Subject Date of Death: Saturday, August 19, 1820⁽³⁾

Subject Place of Death: Ukn

Subject Cause of Death: Ukn

Subject Burial: Borough Churchyard, Inscription No. 13. (N. E. Corner to Brick Walk.) (See footnote 1.)

"The (Norfolk & Portsmouth) Herald," Monday Morning, August 21, 1820: "Mr. John Billups."

(Communicated.)
DIED—On Saturday night last, after an illness of a few days, Mr. JOHN BILLUPS, aged 28 years. He has left a wife and three young children, to lament his untimely loss.

Subject Date of Marriage: Ukn

Spouse Name: Ukn

Spouse Date of Birth: Ukn

Spouse Date of Death: Ukn

Spouse Place of Death: Ukn

Spouse Cause of Death: Ukn

Spouse Burial: Ukn

¹ *St. Paul's Inscriptions*, C. W. Tazewell, Tazewell Papers, Library of Virginia Accession No. 24194, No. XX. (It is evident that the author was unable to complete the inscription recordings at St. Paul's, since this section of the Churchyard is noted in the journal without tombstones transcriptions.)

² Tombstone Inscription No. 13.

³ Obituary, "The (Norfolk & Portsmouth) Herald," Aug. 21, 1820.

⁴ Norfolk Directories: <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/history/1801dir/1801dir1.html>, <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/history/1806dir/1806.html>

Subject War of 1812 Service:

“Records of Men Enlisted in the U.S. Army Prior to the Peace Establishment May 17, 1815⁽⁵⁾”

“John L Billups” enlisted in the 35th U.S. Infantry in 1814; age 23 (born ca 1791); Occupation: sailmaker; born in Mathews, VA; enlisted in Norfolk, VA; Discharged at Norfolk, VA March 15, 1815.” *(See document, appended below.)*

Notes: John L. Billups was born in Mathews County, Virginia about 1791 or 1792. He enlisted in the 35th U.S. Infantry for the duration of the War at Norfolk on September 24, 1814. He had blue eyes, light hair, and a light complexion and was 23 years old. His occupation at enlistment was “sailmaker.” He was assigned to Capt. Francis E. Walker’s Company and was a sergeant prior to being reduced to the ranks on January 12, 1815. He was discharged at Norfolk. He died on August 19, 1820 leaving a wife and three children. His tombstone gave him the title of captain. Both the enlistment record and tombstone gave his middle initial as “L.”

Disposition: Approved. Plaque recommendation: “SERGEANT JOHN L. BILLUPS”

⁵ “Records of Men Enlisted in the U.S. Army Prior to the Peace Establishment May 17, 1815”

