

**Private Alexander Guthrie**  
(War of 1812 Veteran Candidate for St. Paul's Episcopal Church Recognition)  
**St. Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 222<sup>(1)</sup>**

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
CAPTAIN ALEXANDER GUTHRIE [*Guthrie*]  
WHO WAS BORN IN THIS BOROUGH  
ON THE 22ND OF FEBRUARY, 1775  
AND DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE  
7TH OF FEBRUARY, ANNO DOMINI, 1820

**Subject Name:** Alexander Guthrie<sup>(2)</sup>

[Disambiguation: "Private Alexander Guthrie,"<sup>(1)</sup> "Alexander Guthrie"<sup>(3,i)</sup> and "Captain Alexander Guthrie"<sup>(4,5)</sup>]

**Subject Date of Birth:** Wednesday, February 22, 1775<sup>(4,i)</sup>

**Subject Place of Birth:** Norfolk Borough<sup>(4)</sup>

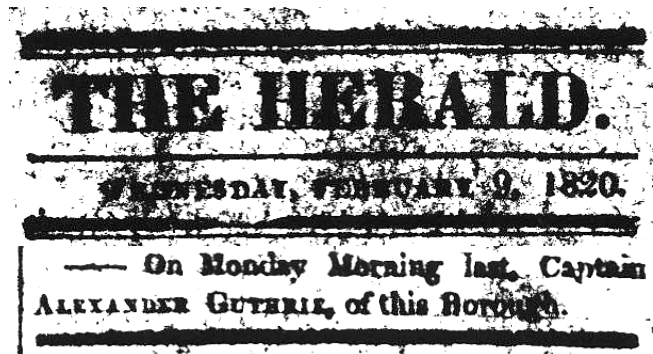
**Subject Date of Death:** Monday morning, February 7, 1820<sup>(3,4)</sup>

**Subject Place of Death:** Ukn

**Subject Cause of Death:** Ukn

**Subject Burial:** Borough Churchyard, Inscription No. 222. (From Brick Wall to Cove Street Gate S. E.)

**"The (Norfolk & Portsmouth) Herald," Wednesday, February 9, 1820: "Captain Alexander Guthrie"**



**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

<sup>1</sup> *St. Paul's Inscriptions*, C. W. Tazewell, Tazewell Papers, Library of Virginia Accession No. 24194, No. 4: (Inscription dissimilarities noted in italics and brackets.)

<sup>2</sup> *Compiled Military Service Records for the Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration.

<sup>3</sup> Norfolk Directory, 1801, <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/history/1801dir/1801dir1.html>: "Guthrie, Alexander, warfnger, 30 Church Street."

<sup>4</sup> "The Norfolk & Portsmouth Herald," Feb. 9, 1820, (p. 3, c. 4).

<sup>5</sup> Tombstone Inscription No. 222.

**Subject War of 1812 Service:**

**Stuart Lee Butler's "A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812"** (Below pg. 152.)

**Selected War of 1812 Compiled Military Service Records**<sup>(1)</sup> (Appended at bottom.)

**Notes:** Alexander Guthrie was born in the Borough of Norfolk on February 22, 1775. He served as a private in Capt. Miles King's Company of Artillery, attached to the corps of artillery commanded by Lt. Col. William Lindsay. He died on February 7, 1820. Both his tombstone and obituary referred to him as a captain.

**Disposition:** Approved. Plaque recommendation: "PRIVATE ALEXANDER GUTHRIE"

<p>152                    Butler * Virginia Militia Units</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORFOLK BOROUGH</b> (54th Regiment)</p> <p>BRIGADE: 9 DIVISION: 4 Regimental command: Lt. Col. William Sharp - June 3, 1803 Maj. Thomas Newton - June 4, 1803 Maj. James Maurcie - October 19, 1809</p> <p><i>The city's militia units served in the Norfolk vicinity during the war. A number of Norfolk borough units absorbed other militia units arriving from other counties. For these units, see the units under each county's listings.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMPANIES:</b></p> <p><b>Capt. Peter Ferguson</b> June 22-July 13, 1813</p> <p><b>Capt. Thomas McCandlish Troop of Cavalry</b> March 6-September 20, 1813 August 20-October 20, 1814 [Detachment of Cavalry - 1813]</p> <p><b>Ens. George Kelly</b> August 21-October 25, 1814 [9th V.M. - Sharp]</p> <p><b>Capt. Miles King Artillery "Norfolk Light Artillery"</b> August 21-October 25, 1814 <i>Attached to corps commanded by Col. William Lindsay at Fort Barbour.</i></p> <p><b>Capt. Arthur Lee</b> February 24-August 14, 1813 [3rd V.M. - Boykin] August 20-October 24, 1814 [8th V.M. - Magnien]</p> <p><b>Capt. James R. Nimmo</b> June 22-July 13, 1813 October 8, 1813-April 28, 1814 [5th V.M. - Mason &amp; Preston] August 21-October 24, 1814 [9th V.M. - Sharp]</p> <p><b>Capt. George Ott Flying Artillery</b> March 4-September 8, 1813 [6th V.M. Artillery - Reade] <i>Attached to 2nd V.M. - Sharp, March 4-31, 1813.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">in the War of 1812                    153</p> <p>September 9, 1813-January 31, 1814 [Battalion of Artillery, 1813-1814] <b>Lt. William Seymour</b> June 22-July 16, 1813 <b>Capt. John West</b> June 22-July 16, 1813 August 16-October 24, 1814 [8th V.M. - Magnien] <b>Capt. Julian Magagnos</b> March 9-September 9, 1813 [2nd V.M. - Sharp] October 7, 1813-March 10, 1814 [5th V.M. - Mason &amp; Preston] August 21-October 24, 1814 [9th V.M. - Sharp]</p>
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G | Capt. King's Company, | Va. Militia.  
Artillery.

Alexander Guthrie

Pvt, { Captain Miles King's Company of  
Virginia Militia Artillery.

(War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Pay Roll

for Aug 21 to Oct 25, 1814.

Roll dated Oct 25, 1814.

Commencement of service or of this settlement, Sept 21, 1814.

Expiration of service or of this settlement, Oct 25, 1814.

Term of service charged, 1 months, 4 days.

Pay per month, 8 dollars, cents.

Amount of pay, 9 dollars, 03 cents.

Remarks:

(572)

Burnham

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G | Capt. King's Company, | Va. Militia.  
Artillery.

Alexander Guthrie

Pvt, { Captain Miles King's Compa  
Art'y Militia, attached to the  
of Art'y commanded by Lt.  
William Lindsay.

(War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Ent'd Service to Oct 25, 1814.

Roll dated

Norfolk Oct 25, 1814.

Commencement of service, Sept 21, 1814.

To what time engaged, Oct 25, 1814.

Present or absent, Present

Remarks:

(569)

Burnham

Copyist.

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<sup>1</sup> There is evidence to suggest that subject's father was also named "Captain Alexander Guthrie (sp)," since a Norfolk County marriage license showed "Alexander Guthery" marrying "Sophia Proby" on February 21, 1775, one day prior to the subject's inscribed date of birth; therefore, in 1801, subject's father (Alexander Guthery) would more likely have been the "warfingler" ascribed to the similar name. (Dodd, Jordan. Virginia Marriages to 1800, Provo, UT, USA: Original data: Electronic transcription of marriage records held by the individual counties in Virginia.)