

Midshipman William C. Hall

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

Subject Name: William Hall [Disambiguation: "William/Wm. C. Hall"^(1,2)]

Subject Date of Birth: Ukn

Subject Place of Birth: Possibly Queen Ann County, Maryland⁽²⁾

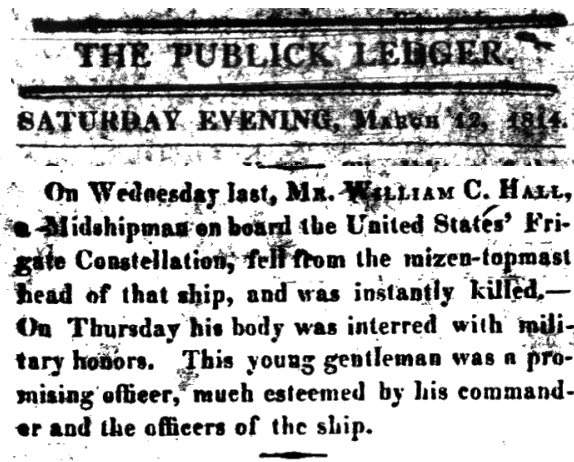
Subject Date of Death: Wednesday, March 9, 1814⁽¹⁾

Subject Place of Death: Aboard *Constellation* "of Crany Island..." while docked in the Elizabeth River in Norfolk.⁽²⁾

Subject Cause of Death: A fall "from mizzen-topmast head to the qrtr-deck..."⁽²⁾

Subject Burial: "...buried in the church yd at Norfolk this day [March 10, 1814]..."⁽²⁾"...with military honors."⁽¹⁾

"Norfolk Gazette and Publick Ledger," Saturday, March 12, 1814: "Mr. William C. Hall"



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

Subject War of 1812 Service:

Letter⁽²⁾ from Capt. Gordon of the *Constellation* to Secretary of the Navy William Jones: (See below.)

Notes: A native of Queen Ann County, Maryland, William C. Hall was a Midshipman in the U.S. Navy stationed on board the Frigate *Constellation*. He was killed in a fall from the mizzen topmast head to the quarter-deck on March 9, 1814, when the ship was stationed at Craney Island. His captain described him as quite young at the time and reported that he was buried at the church yard at Norfolk.

Disposition: Approved. Plaque recommendation: "MIDSHIPMAN WILLIAM C. HALL (U S NAVY)"

¹ Obituary, *Norfolk Gazette & Publick Ledger*, March 12, 1814.

² "National Intelligencer Newspaper Abstracts 1814-1817," Joan M. Dixon, pg. 16.

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Joan M. Dixon



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Land to be sold or rented; 711 acs about 9 miles from Gtwn, on the post rd to Fredericktown, Md; home farm, orchards, etc. -Wm Blanchard, Montg Co, Md.

WED MAR 16, 1814

New publication-The *Life of Field Marshal Souvarof*, by L. M P De Laverre, formerly an ofcr of Dragoons, price \$1.50. Richards & Mallory, Gtwn.

THU MAR 17, 1814

Ltr from Capt Chas Gordon to Sec of the Navy, dt'd Constellation, of Crany Island, Mar 10, 1814; reporting the loss of midshipman, Mr Wm C Hall, who was quite young. He fell from the mizen topmast head to the qtr-deck yesterday, & expired instantly. He is from Queen Ann Co, Md; no parents, & an only sister lvg. He will be buried in the church yd at Norfolk this day.

FRI MAR 18, 1814

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Return J Meigs, of Ohio, to ofc of Postmstr Gen'l of the U S.

SAT MAR 19, 1814

Ezekiel Bacon, Compt of the Treas of the U S, arrived in Wash City on Wed, & has entered on the duties of the ofc to which he has been recently appt'd.

Drowned on Nov 28 last, nr the hse of Lot Dixon, a boy named Jas Van Houten, age ab't 15 yrs, in the Rockaway rvr. On Nov 30th he was decently buried, at the burying ground in Union Village. -Rockaway Neck, N J, Jan 21.

MON MAR 21, 1814

For sale, land warrants for 2,560 acs, [Act of Cong passed on Mar 3, 1807] at the option of the hldr of the warrants, in any of the pblc lands of the U S, lying on the west side of the Miss rvr. -John G Gomegys, 153 1/2 Mkt st, Balt, Md.

TUE MAR 22, 1814

Wash Co, D C. Case of Francis Jenkins, insolvent debtor, confined in Wash Co prison, for debt. -Wm Brent, clk.

WED MAR 23, 1814

Wash Co, D C. Case of Jas White, insolvent debtor, confined in Wash Co prison, for debt. -Wm Brent, clk.

Died: on Mar 12, at Mt Zion, Caroline Co, Va, Col Jas Taylor, a rare relic of the glorious '76.

Died: on Mar 8, of a short but severe illness, in his 67th yr, Maj Burditt Ashton, of Milford, King Geo Co, Va.