

Midshipman John F. Howell

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

St. Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 27

BENEATH THIS MONUMENT LIE THE REMAINS
OF
JOHN F. HOWELL, U.S.N.
SON OF READING HOWELL OF PHILADELPHIA

HE DIED SEPTEMBER 11, 1821.
J. F. H.

A Brave, Polite & accomplished Gentleman,
Also a meritorious young Officer
This is erected to perpetuate the memory
of the most dutiful son, affectionate brother
and sincere friend.

Subject Name: John F. Howell⁽¹⁾ [Disambiguation: "Midshipman John F. Howell"⁽²⁾]

Subject Date of Birth: Ukn

Subject Place of Birth: Ukn

Subject Date of Death: 3:55 pm, Tuesday, September 11, 1821⁽²⁾

Subject Place of Death: "...residence of his commander, Capt. J. D. Elliott."⁽²⁾

Subject Cause of Death: "...prevailing malignant fever..."⁽²⁾

Subject Burial: Borough Churchyard, Inscription No. 27. (Triangle by Vestry Room)

"Midshipman John F. Howell"

American Beacon, Thursday, September 13, 1821

Richmond Enquirer, Friday, September 14, 1821

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Subject Date of Marriage: None.

Spouse Name: None.

Spouse Date of Birth: None.

Spouse Date of Death: None.

¹ Tombstone inscription No. 27.

² Obituaries: *American Beacon*, Sept. 13, 1821 and *Richmond Enquirer*, 09-14-1821 (copied from *Norfolk Herald*).

Spouse Place of Death: None.

Spouse Burial: None.

Subject War of 1812 Service:

Department of the Navy – Naval Historical Center Database (See below.)

<http://www.history.navy.mil/wars/war1812/list8.htm>

Notes: John F. Howell, son of Reading Howell of Philadelphia, was commissioned as a Midshipman in the U.S. Navy on February 1, 1814 and served aboard the Frigate *Guerriere* in the War of 1812. While on duty at Norfolk he died of a fever on September 11, 1821.

Disposition: Approved. Plaque recommendation: “MIDSHIPMAN JOHN F. HOWELL (U S NAVY)”

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Officers of the War of 1812

Midshipmen

List is grouped by first letter of last name, then by date of warrant: [A](#) [B](#) [C](#) [D](#) [E](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H](#) [I-J](#) [K](#) [L](#) [M](#) [N](#) [O](#) [P](#) [R](#) [S](#) [T](#) [V](#) [W](#) [Y](#)

<i>Names and Rank.</i>	<i>Dates of Commissions.</i>	<i>Where Stationed.</i>
Higinbotham, Delozier	18 do --	<i>Independence 74</i>
Harby, Levi	18 do --	Charleston, S.C.
Hardy, I.C.	18 do --	
Hamilton, Edward W.	18 do --	Beaufort, S.C.
Hodges, James	9 Nov. 1813	Frigate <i>Macedonian</i>
Hall, A.S.	9 do --	Charlestown, Massachusetts
Hull, Joseph	9 do --	Frigate <i>Congress</i>
Handy, Thomas B.	28 Jan. 1814	Newport, R.I.
Howell, John F.	1 Feb. --	Frigate <i>Guerriere</i>
Hunter, George W.	1 do --	Ditto
Hollins, George N.	1 do --	Ditto
Hopkins, John L.	26 do --	Brig <i>Flambeau</i>