

(4<sup>th</sup>) Sergeant George Shuster  
(War of 1812 Veteran Candidate for St. Paul's Episcopal Church Recognition)  
St. Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 265

IN MEMORY OF  
GEORGE SHUSTER  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
14TH OCTOBER, 1814  
AGED 30 YEARS

**Subject Name:** George Shuster<sup>(1,2,3,4)</sup> [Disambiguation: NA]

**Subject Date of Birth:** ca. 1786<sup>(1)</sup>

**Subject Place of Birth:** Ukn

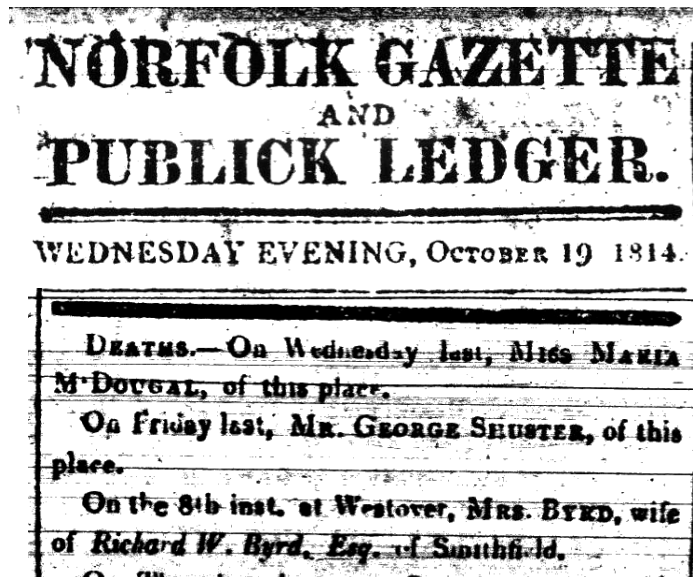
**Subject Date of Death:** Monday, October 10, 1814,<sup>(3)</sup> Friday, October 14, 1814<sup>(1,2)</sup> or Saturday, October 15, 1814<sup>(3)</sup>

**Subject Place of Death:** Norfolk<sup>(2)</sup>

**Subject Cause of Death:** Ukn

**Subject Burial:** Borough Churchyard, Inscription No. 265. (S. W. Between Cove St. Gate and Western Wall.)

“Norfolk Gazette and Publick Ledger,” Wednesday, October 19, 1814: “Mr. George Shuster”



**Subject Date of Marriage:** Ukn

**Spouse Name:** Catharine<sup>(3)</sup>

**Spouse Date of Birth:** Ukn

**Spouse Date of Death:** Ukn

**Spouse Place of Death:** Ukn

**Spouse Cause of Death:** Ukn

<sup>1</sup> Tombstone inscription No. 265. (*In re.* Inscription No. 264: It is possible that Jacob and Ann Shuster were subject's parents.)

<sup>2</sup> Obituary, *Norfolk Gazette and Publick Ledger*, Wed., Oct. 19, 1814 and *Norfolk Herald*, Oct. 18, 1814.

<sup>3</sup> *Compiled Military Service Records for the Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration.

<sup>4</sup> Norfolk Directory 1806, <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/history/1806dir/1806.html>: “Shuster, George, butcher, Cumberland Street (fields).”

**Spouse Burial:** Ukn

**Subject War of 1812 Service:**

**Stuart Lee Butler's "A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812"** (Below, pg. 152-153, 246-247.)

**Selected War of 1812 Compiled Military Service Records**<sup>(3)</sup> (Appended at bottom, pgs 3-4.)

**Notes:** George Shuster was born about 1784. He commenced service as a 4<sup>th</sup> sergeant on 2 March 1813 in Captain Thomas McCandlish's Norfolk Volunteer Troop of Dragoons in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Virginia Cavalry Militia, attached to the command of Captain Samuel Carr. He was promoted in rank to 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant in the summer of 1813. He later served in the company as a private in 1814. He died in service on October 14 or 15, 1814. His widow, Catherine, applied for a half-pay pension.

**Disposition:** Approved. Plaque recommendation: "SGT GEORGE SHUSTER"

152 Butler \* Virginia Militia Units

**NORFOLK BOROUGH**  
(54th Regiment)

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

*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.*

**COMPANIES:**

**Capt. Peter Ferguson**  
June 22-July 13, 1813

**Capt. Thomas McCandlish Troop of Cavalry**  
March 6-September 20, 1813  
August 20-October 20, 1814 [Detachment of Cavalry - 1813]

**Ens. George Kelly**  
August 21-October 25, 1814 [9th V.M. - Sharp]

**Capt. Miles King Artillery "Norfolk Light Artillery"**  
August 21-October 25, 1814  
*Attached to corps commanded by Col. William Lindsay at Fort Barbour.*

**Capt. Arthur Lee**  
February 24-August 14, 1813 [3rd V.M. - Boykin]  
August 20-October 24, 1814 [8th V.M. - Magnien]

**Capt. James R. Nimmo**  
June 22-July 13, 1813  
October 8, 1813-April 28, 1814 [5th V.M. - Mason & Preston]  
August 21-October 24, 1814 [9th V.M. - Sharp]

**Capt. George Ott Flying Artillery**  
March 4-September 8, 1813 [6th V.M. Artillery - Reade]  
*Attached to 2nd V.M. - Sharp, March 4-31, 1813.*

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September 9, 1813-January 31, 1814 [Battalion of Artillery, 1813-1814]

**Lt. William Seymour**  
June 22-July 16, 1813

**Capt. John West**  
June 22-July 16, 1813  
August 16-October 24, 1814 [8th V.M. - Magnien]

**Capt. Julian Magagnos**  
March 9-September 9, 1813 [2nd V.M. - Sharp]  
October 7, 1813-March 10, 1814 [5th V.M. - Mason & Preston]  
August 21-October 24, 1814 [9th V.M. - Sharp]

Capt. John W. Bayliss (Shenandoah)  
 Capt. Arthur Emmerson (Portsmouth)  
 Capt. Jacob F. Fishback (Wythe)  
 Capt. John M. Galt (Surry)  
 Capt. John Jeter (Amelia)  
 Capt. Samuel Kennedy (Monongalia)  
 Capt. Miles King, Jr. (Norfolk)  
 Capt. Nicholas Poindexter (Louisa)  
 Capt. Matthew Sim (Halifax)  
 Capt. William A. Rogers (Gloucester)  
 Capt. James Wall (Greensville)  
 Lt. John Williams (?)  
 Capt. Anthony W. Woodson (Prince Edward)

#### CAVALRY COMMANDS AT NORFOLK

##### Detachment of Cavalry (May - December 1813)

*The battalion was organized under authority of General Orders of the Virginia Adjutant General dated March 24, June 23, and August 23, 1813. All of the companies were discharged in December 1813 except for Capt. Sandford's which continued in service until February 1814. Commanders of this detachment were:*

Capt. Samuel Carr (Albemarle)  
 Capt. William Bolling (Goochland)  
 Capt. Joseph Sandford (Halifax)

##### COMPANIES:

Capt. Henry Anderson (Powhatan)  
 Capt. Joseph Atkinson (Isle of Wight)  
 Capt. Samuel Carr (Albemarle)  
 Capt. William Bolling (Goochland)  
 Capt. Thomas McCandlish (Norfolk)

Capt. Thomas Ridley (Southampton)  
 Capt. Robert Saunders (Williamsburg)  
 Capt. Thomas Sandford (Halifax)

##### Sale's Battation of Cavalry (April - July 1814)

*Organized as per instructions in General orders of the Virginia Adjutant General of March 31, 1814. Sale's cavalry continued in operation until July 1814 after the other two companies were discharged in May 1814.*

William Sale (Amherst)

##### COMPANIES:

Capt. Augustine Claiborne (Greensville)  
 Capt. James Lanier (Pittsylvania)  
 Capt. William Sale (Amherst)

##### Hunton's Command (December 1813 - April 1814)

*Mobilized under General orders of the Virginia Adjutant General on December 13, 1813, the battalion consisted of four troops under the command of Maj. Thomas Hunton (Fauquier)*

##### COMPANIES:

Capt. Richard Daly (Mecklenburg)  
 Capt. Nicholas Osbourn (Loudoun)  
 Capt. William Peter (Sussex)  
 Capt. William R. Smith (Fauquier)

Detachment of Cavalry. Va. Militia. (1813-14.)

*Geo. Shuster*

Capt. Thomas McCandlish's Norfolk Volunteer Troop of Cavalry Militia, 4 Reg't Cavalry.

(WAR OF 1812.)

Company Muster Roll

Appears on for Aug 20, 1814, day on which called into service, to Oct 20, 1814, day on which discharged.

Roll dated Norfolk Oct 20, 1814.

Date of appointment, Aug 20, 1814.

For what time engaged, Oct 1st 1814.

Present or absent, Present

Remarks and alterations since last muster: Adid. 1st to October 1814.

*William* (669) Copyright

Detachment of Cavalry. Va. Militia. (1813-14.)

*George Shuster*

Capt. Thomas McCandlish's Norfolk Volunteer Troop of Cavalry Virginia Militia, attached to the command of Capt. Samuel Carr.

(WAR OF 1812.)

Company Muster Roll

Appears on for May 30 to July 31, 1813.

Roll dated Norfolk Aug 2, 1813.

Date of appointment or enlistment, May 30 1813.

Date of appointment or commencement of service, 181

To what time engaged or expiration of service, 181

To what time engaged or enlisted, 181

Present or absent, Present

Remarks and alterations since last muster: Promoted to 1st Serg't in the person of Jno. Mason.

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Detachment of Cavalry. Va. Militia. (1813-14.)

*Geo. Shuster*

Captain Thomas McCandlish's Norfolk Volunteer Troop of Dragoons, 4 Reg't Virginia Militia.

(WAR OF 1812.)

Company Muster Roll

Appears on for March 6 to 31, 1813.

Roll dated Norfolk March 31, 1813.

Commencement of service, March 6, 181

Expiration of service, 181

Present or absent, Present

Remarks: Present

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Detachment of Cavalry. Va. Militia. (1813-14.)

*George Shuster*

Capt. Thomas McCandlish's Norfolk Volunteer Troop of Cavalry Virginia Militia, attached to the command of Capt. Samuel Carr.

(WAR OF 1812.)

Company Muster Roll

Appears on for March 31 to May 30, 1813.

Roll dated Norfolk May 30, 1813.

Date of appointment or enlistment, 181

Date of appointment or commencement of service, March 6, 1813.

To what time engaged or expiration of service, 181

To what time engaged or enlisted, 181

Present or absent, Present

Remarks and alterations since last muster: Dick Present

*William* (669) Copyright

The United States, D. C.

To Catharine Shuster, widow of George Shuster  
 Decedent formerly a private of Capt. Thomas  
 McCandlish's Company of Cavalry of the  
 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia Militia

For half pay pension, commencing on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 of October, 1814, the date of her husband's death  
 and ending the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1819; being 5 years  
 or 60 months at \$4 per month. . . . \$240.00

Treasury Department  
 3<sup>d</sup> Auditors Office

May 33<sup>d</sup> 1832

Attested by James S. Reed C. S.

George Shuster, a private is found on the Roll of Capt. Thomas  
 McCandlish's Company of Cavalry of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
 Virginia Militia, to have entered the service the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 August, and Died the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1814 - See Roll in copy  
 of Paymaster Cooper's A. C. T. 1814 - Balance pay paid  
 John Shuster For half pay pension then as above and papers  
 accompanying.