

## Hon. John M. Brodhead

(11 Nov 1808 – 22 Feb 1880)

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**Brodhead.** At South New Market, N.H., on February 22, 1880, Dr. John M. Brodhead, late Second Comptroller of the Treasury, aged 76 years. Funeral from Trinity Church, 3d and C streets n.w. at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th inst.

*The Evening Star, February 24, 1880*

### Locals

The funeral of Dr. John M. Brodhead, late Second Controller of the Treasury, whose death was mentioned in yesterday's Star will take place from Trinity church corner Third and C streets tomorrow afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

*The Evening Star, February 25, 1880*

### The Funeral

of the late Hon. John M. Brodhead, whose death has heretofore been announced in the Star as having occurred at Newmarket, N.H., his native town took place at 2 o'clock today from Trinity Church, corner 3d and C streets, to which place his remains were removed on arriving by the 12:30 train today over the Baltimore and Potomac railroad. The corpse was laid out in one of Stine's burial caskets, furnished by Mr. R.W. Barker, the undertaker, and placed in front of the chancel. A large concourse of the personal friends of the family collected long before the services were commenced. The burial services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Addison, the rector, assisted by Rev. Dr. Forrest, associate rector; after which the remains were removed to and buried in the family lot in Congressional cemetery, beside the graves of his two sons. The pall bearers, who were named by the deceased, prior to his death, were Gen. Wm. McKee Dunn, Admiral John J. Almy, Senator R.H. Rollins, Horatio King, Dr. John B. Blake, George Kent, Thomas Smith and Dr. Daniel B. Clarke. Dr. Brodhead was junior warden of and for many years was a member of this church. The attendance was very large.

*The Evening Star, March 11, 1880*

### Death of Hon. John M. Brodhead

At a special meeting of the vestry of Trinity parish, on the 23d of February, 1880, the following was ordered to be spread on the journal:

It is with profound sorrow, that, we, as a vestry, record the passing away of our beloved brother, John M. Brodhead, M.D., junior warden of this church, on Sabbath, February 22d, 1880, exchanging the shadows of earth for the awakening of the spirit in the Sabbath of Heaven.

We regard it is due to his memory to place this memorial of his worth on our minutes, as expressive of our high esteem for him as a faithful member of this parish for many years, and often an honored delegate to the diocesan convention, and for his rare intellectual and social qualities, and the wisdom and prudence with which he discharged his official duties.

We deplore his death as an impairment of the strength of this communion, and as the removal of a citizen of broad sympathies and generous benevolence.

We hereby tender our sincere sympathy to his bereaved wife in this time of her deep affliction, commending her to the widow's God for comfort and guidance.

Resolved. That this vestry do, in a body, attend the funeral of our deceased brother.

Test: Wm. A. Melory, Register

*The Evening Star, March 29, 1880*

### **The Singular Will of Dr. Brodhead**

On Saturday the will of the late Dr. John M. Brodhead, for many years Second Controller of the Treasury, was filed in the Probate Court, and a commission was issued to take testimony of witnesses in New Hampshire, where the will was executed. He leaves \$10,000 to South Newmarket, N.H., for a public library, on condition that the name is changed to its original one of Newfield; \$1,000 is bequeathed to the Methodist church of the same place, the interest on which is to be used to increase the preacher's salary. To the Rev. Thomas G. Addison, of Trinity church, in this city, is left \$500 and a picture of Christ and the Woman of Samaria; and to the Washington City Orphan Asylum, \$2,000. The interest of \$1,000, which is left in trust to Christ Church, Navy Yard, is to be used in keeping his grave in the Congressional Cemetery in order; the shrubbery and flowers are to be dug about, weeded and dressed with compost every spring. If, as had been his experience in life, the interest proves more than sufficient for this purpose, the surplus is to be devoted to embellishing the rest of the cemetery. The executors are directed to purchase the Frank Hilton estate, near South Newmarket, N.H., and alter the house so as to make two comfortable tenements, which are to be occupied by his cousin Olive and niece Cornelius, on the following conditions: They are each to set apart a garden 60 feet square, which they are to plant with currants, strawberries, thimbleberries, raspberries and other suitable fruits. Harriet, the daughter of Olive, "is to post herself on the planting of fruits," and to allow no weeks to grow up in this plantation, "thus correcting carelessness on the part of her father." One hundred dollars is to be advanced for the purchase of plants. In case the estate cannot be secured the interest of the \$3,000 set aside for it is to be distributed yearly to twelve worthy young people of South Newmarket, but is not to be shared in by any who smoke, use intoxicating liquors or drugs, or make use of any profane or obscene language. A picture of his father, the Rev. John Brodhead, is to be painted by Mr. Ulke, of this city, and placed in the state house at Concord, N.H., \$1,500 to be increased to \$2,000 if necessary, being left for that purpose. A number of private bequests, devoid of interest except to the legatees are also made. In the petition for probate the property in this District is put down at \$25,000 in real estate and \$2,200 personally.

*The Washington Post, March 29, 1880, p. 1*

### **Dr. Broadhead's Will**

#### **Some Queer Conditions Attached to Requests -- His Grave to be Cultivated**

The will of the late Dr. John M. Broadhead, ex-first comptroller of the Treasury, has been filed here for probate. Its provisions are strongly suggestive of an eccentricity the respected writer was scarcely suspected of when alive. As previously noted, he leaves \$10,000 to South Newmarket, N.H., for a public library, on condition that the name is changed to its original one of Newfield;; \$1,000 is bequeathed to the Methodist church of the same place, the interest to be used to increase the preacher's salary. To the Rev. Thomas Addison of Trinity church, in this city, is left \$500 and a picture of Christ and the woman of Samaria; and to the Orphan asylum on Fourteenth street, \$2,000. The interest of \$1,000, which is left in trust to Christ church, navy yard, is to be used in keeping his grave in the Congressional cemetery in order; the shrubbery and flowers are to be dug about, weeded and dressed with compost every spring. If as had been his experience in life, the interest proves more than sufficient for this purpose, the surplus is to be devoted to embellishing the rest of the cemetery. The executors are directed to purchase the Frank Hilton estate near South Newmarket, N.H., and alter the house so as to

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