

William H. Burdine (Sr.)

(- 28 Nov 1858)

Burdine. On the 28th inst., William Burdine, Sr., aged 78 years. His funeral will take place from the residence of his son at the Navy Yard Bridge on tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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Death of an Old Citizen

Mr. William Burdine died at the residence of his son, near the Navy Yard Bridge, last evening, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Burdine came to this city in the year 1804, and was one of the first hands employed in the pattern department of the Navy Yard, after the establishment of the Government works here; and few vessels built for the U.S. Navy since that period but what bear the marks of his handiwork; for, until within the last nine months, he has hardly ever been missed a day from his post in the pattern shop, during a space of fifty-five years, when the works there have been in operation. In the time of the war of 1812, Mr. Burdine, with many other citizens, shouldered his musket and went forth to do his duty in the field. He was a member of Captain Burch's company, during the war, and was one of the guards appointed to superintend the burning of the Anacostia bridge on the occasion of the visit of His Majesty's troops to Washington, in August, 1814. He was the most active of the founders of the Navy Yard Beneficial Society in 1831, of which society he was a member up to the day of his death. In February last he was completely paralyzed (having been partially so for the last nine years) and from that stroke never recovered so as to be able to speak, to the time when called upon to render up his final account to the Great Author of all existence. Requiescat in pace.