

James Chestney

(- 29 Jan 1869)

Chestney. On the evening of the 29th instant, James Chestney, in the 69th year of his age.

Zeverly, Douglas, "Old Residences and Family History in the City Hall Neighborhood," Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 7, p. 146:

No. 311 D Street, next to the Fugitt house, was also built by Mr. Fugitt, and was the home of Dr. James Chestney for eleven years up to the time of his death in January, 1869.

Dr. Chestney was born near Columbia, S.C., in 1799, and became a resident of this city in 1847. He was a Presbyterian minister by profession, but was not actively associated with the ministry during his life in this city. During the later years of his life, Dr. Chestney was a clerk in the Land Office, but he was particularly prominent in the most highly educated circles of society. He was thoroughly conversant with seven foreign languages and also an artist in music as well as painting. With such accomplishments it can be easily understood how entertainingly and instructively he could talk in company upon most subjects. An only daughter, Mrs. Josephine Chestney Butler--a niece by marriage of the late Benjamin F. Butler--still resides in this city, and a son, Maj. Theodore Chestney, has been living in Montgomery, Ala., for many years.