

James Claxton

(- 5 Jan 1822)

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In this city, on Saturday morning, January 5, Mr. James Claxton, in the 23d year of his age. His disease was pulmonary consumption, brought on, it is believed, by confinement to his duties as an assistant to his late father, the Principal Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives. The writer of this small testimonial of respect to the memory of James Claxton has known him from his childhood, and felt the highest confidence in his integrity. He possessed an intelligent and well cultivated mind, and manners eminently amiable and correct. His deportment, while he officiated in the post office attached to the House of Representatives, conciliated the good will of every member of that body, without a single exception in the knowledge of the writer. His attention, correctness, and readiness, obtained for him the highest confidence. Mr. Claxton was the third son of his parents, and brother to Captain Alexander Claxton, of the United States' Navy and Midshipman Thomas Claxton, who fell so nobly in the battle of Lake Erie. The severe bereavement of such a son, following in quick succession on the death of a most excellent husband and father, excites for his respectable mother and surviving relatives the sympathy of all who know them.