

Mary Randolph Dickins

(1840 – 30 Jul 1849)

Dickens. On Monday evening the 30th ultimo at Oak Hill the residence of Mrs. R. Fitzhugh in Fairfax county, Va., Mary Randolph a lovely and interesting daughter of Francis A. and Margaret H. Dickens, aged 9 years and 5 months.

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We learn from the Alexandria Gazette that a most lamentable accident occurred on Monday evening last, in Fairfax county, near the residence of David Fitzhugh, Esq., about ten miles from Alexandria. The horses attached to a spring wagon, in which Mrs. M.A. Fitzhugh, Miss Dickins, and two other ladies were riding, took fright and ran off with great fury. The wagon was dashed against a tree, and broken to pieces. Miss Dickins, about twelve years of age, a most interesting girl, daughter of Francis A. Dickins, Esq. of this city, was so severely injured that she died in an hour or two after the accident. Mrs. Fitzhugh was very much injured, but it is hoped, from the report of the physicians, that her wounds are not dangerous. Another of the ladies had her arms shattered, and in other respects was much bruised; and the other young lady was slightly injured. Such was the violence of the concussion of the wagon against the tree, that it is a wonder the whole party were not killed. This melancholy accident is deeply regretted in the whole neighborhood.