

Peter W. Gallaudet

(21 Apr 1756 – 17 May 1843)

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In this city, on the morning of the 17th instant, Peter W. Gallaudet, in the 88th year of his age.

All the excellences of the patriot, philanthropist, and Christian were in beautiful harmony in the character of this venerable man. Early in life he took his stand for the rights of his country, and shared in the battle of Trenton and other distinguished actions of the Revolution.

He was honored with the special confidence of Washington. His untiring exertions in originating and striving to establish the Washington Manual Labor School is a proof of his noble benevolence and the Howard Institution of our city can bear witness how faithfully he devoted himself to the cause of charity. His whole life was a beautiful and instructive practical commentary upon Christian duties.

To him death had no sting, for the hand Divine had extracted it, and his victory over the grave was achieved through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died in great peace and holy joy. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

His funeral will take place from his late residence on 12th street near E on Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. His friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

Will of Peter Wallace Gallaudet (dtd. March 21, 1840, probated June 3, 1843 Book 5, pp. 328-331 Box 16)

To eldest son Thomas, family Bible, folio size, containing the family register, and common prayer book of the Episcopal church, with his father's name Thomas Gallaudet on the cover mahogany bookcase and secretary.

To eldest daughter Catherine, a sum of money coming to him from the U.S. government, for services in my family silver table and tea spoons.

To daughter Ann, wife of son-in-law C.F. Cruse, mahogany wardrobe, silver mug with the initials of my dear wife Jane name thereon, during her life these articles to be returned, on her decease to my eldest son Thomas to descend to the eldest surviving male heir from generation to generation. Pieces of furniture were made in Philadelphia by a celebrated cabinet maker by the name of Mr. Claypoole, about the year 1786 silver cup was from my parents.

To six children, books from his private library, divided and placed in six lots by son Thomas, to be chosen by his children in this order: Edward, Theodore, James, Ann Catherine, and Thomas.

To grandson Peter Wallace Gallaudet, bearing my name, my book "Marshall's Life of Washington."

Testator had been in the book business in N.Y., which was attended with loss after some years of business in Philadelphia, he had endeavored to settle with his creditors, but his account books, ledger, etc., were destroyed at the fire of the old Treasury. Mentioned in these dealings were: Joshua Latrop Thomas Leiper, of Phila. Anson G. Phelps John Brown, of Ky. John Burchan, his former partner John Perine, of N.J. Robert Imlay, of Allentown, N.J. He also had money due him which might be collected indebted to Gray, of London, for \$80, as of firm Hopkins & Gray, brokers.

To son Edward, my watch.

Testator had been endeavoring for the 5 or 6 years to get up an institution to be called Washington Manual labor school and male orphan asylum. If it should go into operation, he desired the heirs of his creditors to have entered free in this school, six boys as pupils, to continue until of age.

Exr.: Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, son

Wits.: Michael Nourse Francis Lowndes