

Charles Washington Goldsborough

(1777 - 14 Dec 1843)

Goldsborough. On the morning of the 14th instant, Charles W. Goldsborough, Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing of the Navy Department and one of the oldest and respected residences of the city. The funeral will take place from his late residence on G street west this day (Sat.) at 12 o'clock.



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We find in a letter from Washington to the Boston Post the annexed correct, though inadequate, notice of the warm-hearted gentleman and preeminently able bureau officer, the late Mr. Goldsborough:

"Mr. Charles W. Goldsborough, chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing in the Navy Department, died at his residence in this city this morning. Mr. Goldsborough had been nearly half a century in the employ of the Government. He was employed as a clerk in the Navy Department at its first organization, when the seat of Government was at Philadelphia, and came from thence to this place when the Government was

removed here. He was the chief clerk in that Department while Robert Smith was its Secretary, and he remained so until sometime in 1813, when he was left out by Mr. Jones. When the Board of Navy Commissioners was instituted in 1815, Mr. Goldsborough was appointed clerk in that office, in which place he continued till 1834, when, Mr. Paulding having vacated the place of Secretary of the Board, Mr. Goldsborough was appointed thereto. He held this latter place till 1842, when the Navy Department was reorganized into five separate bureaus, and he was then placed at the head of that of Provisions and Clothing. He was a native of Maryland, highly educated, and possessed in an eminent degree the finer qualities of the heart."

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Testimonial of Respect for the Memory of Charles W. Goldsborough, Esq. Deceased.

Late President of the "Provident Association of Clerks" in the Executive Departments of the General Government within the District of Columbia.

At the annual meeting (on the 30th ultimo) of the above-named incorporation, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the association, and on motion ordered to be published:

The "Provident Association of Clerks" in the Executive Departments of the General Government would not do justice to themselves nor to the memory of their late President, Charles W. Goldsborough, Esq., were they to suffer this occasion of their first assembling after his death to pass without an expression of their deep and heartfelt regret at the loss of one with whom they had long been associated, and for whom, whilst living, it was their pride to give repeated evidences of their highest respect and esteem: Therefore--

Resolved, That the members of this Association tender to the widow and family of the said deceased their deep sympathy in the severe affliction with which, in his loss, they have been visited.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution, signed by the President and Secretary, be transmitted to the widow of the deceased.

T.H. Gilliss, President, A.H. Mechlin, Secretary.

Notes:

Married: William H. Fitzhugh of Virginia and Miss Anna Maria Goldsborough, daughter of the Hon. Charles Goldsborough were married January 11, 1814 at Shoal Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland by the Rev. Mr. Bain.

His son (Charles H.) died at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 29, 1851 of typhoid fever.