

## Charles Beale Hamilton

(1792 – 24 Apr 1851)

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*The National Intelligencer, April 26, 1851*

At his residence in this city, on Thursday, the 24th instant, Dr. Charles Beale Hamilton, in the 60th year of his age.

Dr. Hamilton entered the Navy in 1811 as surgeon's mate, and served under Commodore Warrington during the whole of the last war with Great Britain with distinguished usefulness and ability. After the close of the war he continued in the naval service for several years as surgeon, and finally resigned his commission to practice his profession, in which he had acquired eminent skill and experience, both as a surgeon and physician. Preferring the pleasing and active pursuits of agriculture, however, to the profession of medicine, he abandoned the practice, except within a very limited circle, and purchased a farm a few miles from Washington to which, by his industry and science, he gave in a few years a beauty and fertility that attracted every eye. Dr. Hamilton was a gentleman of high moral character; just, humane, benevolent, and useful; high-minded and honorable in no ordinary degree; and in all the relations of life most exemplary. He sinks into the grave with a memory embalmed in the affections of all who knew him--for "none knew him but to love him"--leaving behind him an afflicted widow to lament her irreparable loss, and to mourn over her melancholy bereavement.

The Funeral of Dr. Hamilton will take place at 12 o'clock today from his late residence on south B street, Capitol Hill. The friends of the Family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral.

*History of the Medical Society of D.C., 1811-1909*

Born 1792. M.D.(?). Entered the Navy as Assistant Surgeon, April 2, 1811; was made Surgeon, April 15, 1814; served under Commodore Waring during the entire war with Great Britain. Resigned from the Navy, April 12, 1826, and went into private practice. Preferred agricultural pursuits, and, except that he continued to practice within a limited circle, he lived on a farm a few miles from Washington. Died April 24, 1851.

*Will of Charles Beale Hamilton, of Washington City, D.C. (dtd. March 10, 1851, probated May 3, 1851; Book 6, pp. 436-437; O.S. 3178; Box 21)*

To wife Eliza Hamilton, all property; at her demise to her relations.

Exrx.: Eliza Hamilton, wife

Wits.: George Watterston; Nathaniel M. McGregor; Maria Watterston