

Samuel Hanson

(1752 – 16 Dec 1830)

Hanson. On Thursday morning the 16th instant, after a short indisposition, Colonel Samuel Hanson of Samuel, in the 78th year of his age.

Born in affluence, of one of the most distinguished families of Maryland, he received the best education this country afforded. To the accomplishments of a classical and belles lettres scholar, were added in the person of Col. Hanson the blandness and suavity of a polished gentleman. As his heart was the seat of kindness, may his spirit rest in peace!

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence on Capitol Hill, on Saturday, the 18th inst. at 11 o'clock, a.m. Pension Records: Officer in Army of Revolution, Maryland Line. Had command of Militia from Charles County in 1781 - Lieutenant Colonel; joined Army shortly after Battle of Germantown. Served from November 20, 1777 to May 8, 1778, at time British ships entered the Potomac. Widow, Mary Hanson, was granted pension (\$162.50 p.a.) on February 8, 1837, according to Pension Records of the Revolutionary War.

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The following, respecting our late venerable fellow townsman, Col. S. Hanson, is also, from the Baltimore Gazette:

On the 16th Dec. 1830, in the 78th year of his age, and after a short indisposition, Colonel Samuel Hanson, of Samuel; a resident of Washington, and the father-in-law of the late Daniel Sheffey. Their deaths were separated by the interval of only a few days; thus doubling the weight of sorrow to their most respectable and amiable relatives.

In all the relations of life, Colonel Hanson was exemplary. As a companion, whether in the elegant assembly, at the social board, or in the familiar intercourse of domestic life, he was alike pleasing. He was erudite without preciseness, and facetious without impertinence. His wit and humor were continually sparkling to the amazement and delight of all who were so happy as to witness their coruscation's. In the highest heaven of convivial pleasure he never forgot, notwithstanding, the polished manners and the correct tone of discourse which distinguish the gentlemen.

His uniform cheerfulness under all the changes of his many colored life (for the frowns of fortune no less than its smiles were known to him,) conveys a useful lesson against despondency; while such a frame of mind, we have the authority of an elegant moralist for saying, is not a little acceptable to Him that giveth and taketh away those comforts and emoluments to which we so fondly cling.

But it is not the friends and acquaintance alone of Col. Hanson to whom this notice of his death is addressed:--he is not without claims upon the gratitude of his country. At that interesting period, the war of our Revolution, Col. H. Commanded a regiment of volunteer militia, composed chiefly of opulent planters and farmers, at the head of which he marched from Charles County, and arrived too late for the battle of Germantown, yet in time to bear a part in the dangerous warfare which immediately succeeded that engagement. Of patriotic ardor he had an example before his eyes in the person of his father Samuel Hanson, Esq. of Charles County, who, at a very critical season of the war, remitted to General Washington, as a gratuity, and out of his own means, the sum of eight hundred pounds sterling in specie for the use of the American army.

As the crowning ornament of a character in which there is so much to love and admire, Colonel Hanson's piety was warm and unaffected, justly entitling him to the appellation of that "highest style of man," a Christian.

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Samuel Hanson, son of Samuel and Anne (Hawkins) Hanson was born about 1752 in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. On November 20, 1777, he joined the Continental Army of George Washington with the rank of captain. It was in this capacity and at Philadelphia that he married Mary Key, sometimes spelled Kay, at the Church of Christ and St. Peter's on April 29, 1777, by the Rev. Jacob Duckle. He severed his relations with the Continental Establishment in May 1778, and returned to his father's seat in Maryland. Within a short time he was commissioned a lieutenant-colonel of the militia and served in that capacity for a considerable period.

Children of Samuel and Mary (Key) Hanson

1. Maria Hanson, born Dec. 30, 1781 (m. Daniel Sheffley, 30 Jan 1812)
2. Samuel Hanson, born May 14, 1786, married Matilda Calloway Hickman
3. Isaac Kay Hanson, born Jan. 14, 1790, married Maria H. Jones, 22 Aug 1815
4. Thomas Hanson, born Aug 10, 1792
5. Ann Hanson, born Dec. 9, 1793, died spinster D.C. Will proved D.C. 1872 naming niece Serena L. Weightman
6. John Hanson, born 1795, died 1796
7. Louisa Serena Hanson, born Feb 25, 1799, died May 23, 1840, married Roger Chew Weightman, May 5, 1812

After the war Samuel Hanson settled in Alexandria, Va., when on August 11, 1787, he conveyed property. A portion of the deed reads as follows: "Samuel Hanson, son of Samuel Hanson late of Charles County but at present of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mary his wife of the first part and Henry Rozer of Prince Georges County, Maryland, of the second part" ... conveyed for 9300 pounds of tobacco "Jockey's Discovery" containing 15 acres "granted to Lord Baltimore to Samuel Hanson father of the said Samuel" and also land in Mattawoman Creek called "Acquinick". The witnesses were Richard Barnes and Hoskins.

Later he settled in the National Capital, where he died in 1830 aged 78 years. One reference stated that he died on December 16, 1830, another on December 30, same year.

His widow, Mary Hanson, aged 75, of Washington, applied on November 28, 1836, for a pension by rights of her deceased husband's Revolutionary services under the Act of 1836. She stated that her husband commanded a militia regiment at the time the H.M.S. Roebuck and other ships were in the Potomac River and when the dwelling of Colonel Lyles was burned by the marauders. As evidence of his services, she submitted a copy of a ledger showing the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hanson with the militia of Charles County.

At this time William Horner, aged 71 of Fauquier County, Virginia, certified that the applicant Mary Hanson was the widow of Colonel Samuel Hanson and that he (Horner) was the son of Anne Hanson who married Samuel Hanson, Sr., of Charles County, the father of Lieutenant-Colonel Hanson. That he lived in the home of Colonel Samuel Hanson, Sr., for sometime, particularly from August 1774 to June 1782, and that about March 1778 Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hanson, Jr., married Mary Key and brought her to the home of his father in Charles County. He furthermore stated that he remembered when Samuel Hanson left home about 1778 to join the army. In 1837 Horner made an additional deposition in which he certified that Samuel Hanson commanded a militia regiment in Charles County, when the

British were in the Potomac above Mt. Vernon, and remembered seeing Hanson paying off the officers who had served with him in the militia.

R.C. Weightman of Washington certified that he lived in the home of Colonel Samuel Hanson, and that since his death he had continued to remain in the same house which was now the home of his widow.