

Henry Harper Hazard, Sr. (1804 – 8 Aug 1873)

Hazard. Suddenly on Friday, August 8th, in the Wawaset disaster, Henry H. Hazard, aged 70 years, formerly of Westmoreland county, Va., but for thirty years a citizen of Washington.

Fallen--as sets the sun at eve
To rise in splendor where
His kindred luminaries shine
Their heaven of bliss to share;
Beyond earth's stormy battle-field
He reigns in triumph now,
Sweeping a harp of wondrous song,
With glory on his brow.

Funeral from Christian Church, (Vermont avenue and N streets, near 14th) on Friday morning, August 15th, at 11 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend. [Richmond and Fredericksburg papers please copy]

The Evening Star, Thursday, August 14, 1873

Recovery of the Body of Mr. Hazard--Arrival of Remains in this City

About 10 o'clock last night the tug boat Mary Lewis (which left here yesterday morning to carry coffins and a burial party down to the scene of the late disaster on the Potomac) arrived at the 7th street wharf, bringing the bodies of Mr. H.H. Hazard and Daniel Lynch, the latter having been disinterred where it was buried above Chatterton, and the former brought up from near Hampstead, two miles below Mathias Point, King George county, Va., and about twelve miles below the scene of the disaster.

Long and Successful Search for the Body of Mr. Hazard

It is probable that the body of Mr. Hazard sunk in the channel and rose on the ebb tide, and was carried down to the point named. The body floated ashore Sunday night, and was buried on Monday morning last, after having been identified by a pocket knife belonging to the son of the deceased, Harvey Hazard, on which was engraved a Masonic emblem, and some papers found in his pocket designating the street and number of his residence in Washington. Mr. Hazard was a native of King George county, Va., and had not visited his old home for nearly forty years. On board the tug last night were the two sons of Mr. Hazard--Harvey and Willie--also, Mr. G.W. Pratt, his son-in-law, all of whom have been in constant search for their father's body since the disaster. On Sunday they spent the entire day on the Virginia shore, running from point to point whenever they could hear of a body being drawn from the water. On Monday they got a boatman to set them across on the Maryland side, near Nanjemoy, where they traversed the shore down to near Port Tobacco, and returning extended their searches to above Maryland Point, and then recrossed the river to the fish-houses this side of Chatterton, and after getting refreshments laid down to get some rest at the house of a Mr. Grant, and were awakened Tuesday morning and told that the body of their father had been found about a mile below Mathias' Point and twelve below Chatterton. Thither they turned their steps, and arrived after a tedious journey, and had the body disinterred. They were much gratified to find it in a remarkable state of preservation, very little changed in appearance, free of bruises, and not touched by the crabs. Capt. Gedney, who heard of the finding of the remains while at Chatterton, dispatched his tug with a coffin, in which the body was placed and brought to this city, as stated above. These young gentlemen have

shown wonderful energy and perseverance under a chain of difficulties, from their first landing on Saturday night at Stewart's wharf until their arrival last night. They are all three nearly exhausted physically, and had it not been for meeting good friends, though strangers to them, they would hardly have stood it so well.

The bodies of Hazard and Lynch were taken in charge last night by the undertakers to prepare them for burial.

The Evening Star, August 15, 1873

The Funeral of Mr. Hazard

took place this morning at 11 o'clock, under the direction of Mr. Burgdorf, and was attended by a large assemblage of mourning friends. The body was in a fine walnut coffin, handsomely decorated, and covered with a beautiful wreath of flowers. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Summy, Knowles, Roose, Hillman, W.B. Gove, and S.W. Tucker. The funeral took place from the Christian Church, where impressive services were held by Rev. J.G. Butler, pastor of the Memorial Lutheran Church.