

## William Henry

( – 8 Feb 1846)

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**Henry.** In this city, yesterday morning, William Henry, Esq. of the Land Office, formerly of Kentucky in the 73rd year of his age. His friends and acquaintances are invited to attend the funeral tomorrow (Sabbath) at 3 p.m. from his late residence on H street near 9th.

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### **Obituary**

William Henry, born in the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, late a clerk in the General Land Office, died in Washington, aged 72 years, 1 month and 16 days.

"The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." -- Ecclesiastes

These great truths, applicable to all times and all places, come as healing balm to our soul, as we stand in the awful presence of the dead -- the death chamber, where the sighs of bereaved relatives teach us the most solemn lessons. William Henry, born December 21st, 1773, submitted on the morning of February 6th, 1846, to the supreme fiat. A few days since and his smile met and was returned by friends and relatives. His wife, children, and grandchildren rejoiced in his presence; but, past the limit assigned to the sons of earth, why should we mourn when our parent is at rest. Why should we mourn. Alas! We mourn for the best of all causes; we mourn because the Creator has given us the healing power to mourn--has made the memory of the departed a memento for good; and while we weep, the seeds of future eternal joy are watered by our tears to rise and bloom forever.