

Thomas Howard

(- 4 Dec 1832)

Howard. On Tuesday evening, the 4th instant, after a lingering illness, Mr. Thomas Howard, in the 54th year of his age, and for the last thirty years a resident of this city. In his death a large and helpless family have been bereaved of a kind and most affectionate husband and parent. His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence at the corner of N street, south, and 3d street east, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.

Thomas Howard, Worshipful Master 1815-18, had previously served the Lodge in every elective office excepting that of Treasurer, and subsequently, from 1822 to 1828 held the latter position, and in 1814 filled the office of Junior Grand Warden; in 1817 was re-elected Junior Grand Warden and in 1818 elected Senior Grand Warden, retaining that position two years, and in 1826 became Deputy Grand Master. He was initiated Jan. 5, 1807, and received his F.C. and M.M. degrees during the Spring of that year; Feb. 27, 1830, he was made a life member of Naval Lodge (the first to receive that honor) and was thanked by resolution at that time for his "unwearied attention to the financial affairs of the Lodge." His attachment to Masonry was transmitted to his descendants, a son, Wm. E. Howard, serving as Master in 1851, and a grandson, Clement Howard, being at present an honored member of the fraternity.

Will of Thomas Howard, of Washington Co., D.C. (dtd. Nov. 18, 1832, probated Dec. 21, 1832, Book 4, pp. 172-173(173-174); O.S. 1621; Box 11)

Wife Nancy Howard, to bring up and educate children; to her all benefits of real estate wherever located until the youngest of them becomes a lawful age; to her negroes Maria and her two children Ann Sophia and Joseph Cartwright, also Louisa Barton and John Davis; having purchased negro man Michael Shiner for term of 15 yrs., to manumit him at expiration of 8 years if he conducts himself worthy of such a privilege; to aged mother the same provisions left for children; unimproved lots in City of Washington and tract of land in the D.C. to be sold.

Exrs.: Nancy Howard, wife; William Edwin Howard, son

Wits.: John Davis, of Abel; Benjamin Bean; Clement T. Coote