

## Richard Barnes Mason

(8 Aug 1791 - 10 Nov 1841)

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The body of the late Richard B Mason, who accidentally fell into the river from one of the wharves of this town about three months since (November 1841), and was drowned, was found on Saturday morning last near the place where the accident occurred. The recovery of the body was consolation to the relatives and friends of the deceased.

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### **Obituary**

Died, in November last, Richard B. Mason, Esq. for many years a resident of this District, aged about fifty years.

In endeavoring to get on board of a steamboat from the wharf in Alexandria on the night of the 7th November last, Mr. Mason fell into the river and was drowned; and although untiring efforts were made to recover the body for several successive days, yet no traces of it were discovered till Saturday morning, the 5th instant, when it was found floating in the river near the spot where it is supposed to have fallen. On Sunday his funeral took place from his late residence.

Mr. Mason belonged to one of the oldest and best families of the State of Virginia, and inherited many of their best traits. He was zealous in all his purposes, ardent and devoted in his friendships, unbending in his integrity, unbounded in his liberality, and with firmness and courage unquestioned. He has left behind him a most interesting family to lament his death, and a large circle of friends and acquaintances who cannot soon forget his many acts of hospitality and disinterested kindnesses.