

Augustine Seaton

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At Fort Gibson, in the Arkansas Territory, on the 19th day of November last, in the 26th year of his age, Lieutenant Augustine F. Seaton, of the army of the United States, eldest son of William W. Seaton, Esq., of Washington, D.C. His deeply afflicted Parents have been thus called to mourn over their first born, the pride, the joy, the hope of their lives. His premature decease is scarcely less mourned by a circle of affectionate relatives, and numerous friends, to whom his manly virtues, his purity of morals, and his amiable temper endeared him.

He died, says the Official Report of his death, "after a long illness, contracted in the execution of his duty, while on command in the Prairies last Summer; an officer of much promise and greatly esteemed, and who bid fair to become an ornament to his profession."

"We should but increase the poignancy of your grief," say a committee of officers of the Post, in announcing the sad event to his Parents, "were we to dwell upon the graces of his person, the accomplishments of his mind, the attaching social qualities of your Son."

Such is the universal language of those who knew him, and such, with his unspotted fame, the only consolation to his Parents for his death, at a far distance from them, of disease contracted in the most zealous and faithful discharge of duty, in a description of public service which has, in proportion to numbers, been more fatal to life, from the dangers of climate and circumstance, than the bloodiest battle-field.