

## David Watterston

( - 22 Feb 1823)

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W.B. Bryan, *"The Beginnings of the Presbyterian Church in the District of Columbia,"* Columbia Historical Society (April 11, 1904), Vol. 8, pp. 43-66.

David Watterston was a native of Jedberg, Scotland, and came to this city in the year 1791 and was employed on the Capitol Bldg. When he died on the 22d day of February, 1823, in the 70th year of his age, he had been a resident of the city for 32 years and was spoken of in the *Intelligencer* as one of the oldest inhabitants of Washington. His son, George Watterston, was for a number of years the Librarian of Congress. In connection with Robert Speiden, he opened a marble yard near the Capitol in the summer of 1799, the firm describing themselves in an advertisement in the "*Centinel of Liberty*," as stone cutters from Edinburgh. After a lapse of one year came the announcement of the dissolution of the partnership, Mr. Watterston retiring from the firm.

*Will of David Watterston*, of City of Washington (dtd. 1817, probated March 12, 1823, Will Book 3)

To son George Watterston, all real estate, lands and buildings held, in fee simple or leased, except the house I now occupy, situated on Square 729, which house and my lease-hold estate and interest I give to daughter Mary, wife of George Burns.

Release to daughter Mary and son-in-law George Burns, all debts due.

Negro man George and Moses to be freed from servitude or slavery after the day of my decease; all my wearing apparel to negro man George.

Exrs.: George Watterston, son; neighbors Alexander McCormick and William Emack

Wits.: John McLeod; John Boyle; John MacLeod