

Elijah Richardson Craven

(3 Feb 1796 – 4 Dec 1823)

Craven. In this city, about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Elijah R. Craven, A.M. and M.D. Professor of Botany in the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia. In his decease, Society is bereft of a useful member--learning, of an accomplished proficient--his profession, of one of its brightest ornaments--the infant Seminary, with which he was connected, of a valuable professor: And his aged parents, his companion and relatives, have maintained a loss which time can never repair. Could all the virtues which adorn the most improved state of humanity, escape the shaft of Death, had he still lived.

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Born Feb. 3, 1796, Morrisville, N.J. A.B., 1815, Princeton; M.D., 1819, Univ. Penn. Died Dec. 4, 1823, from hemorrhage caused by being thrown from his horse. Son of John Craven. Studied medicine with Dr. P.S. Dorsey, Philadelphia, Pa. After graduation, practiced in Washington. Sometime Prof. Botany, Columbian College, D.C.