

## William Byrd Page

(14 May 1798 – 14 Aug 1849)

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**Page.** In this city yesterday evening, William Byrd Page, late of Frederick county, Va. His friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence (Mrs. Lanphier's south side of Pennsylvania ave.) this evening at 5 o'clock.

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The friends of the late William Byrd Page, in their grief for his death, are soothed by the recollection of his virtues. He was the eldest son of William Byrd Page, of Fairfield, (Va.) a man whom his contemporaries justly regarded as the pattern of a Virginia gentleman of the old school. The same sincerity, uprightness, generosity, and urbanity which had characterized the father, were found also in the son. Mr. Page, the younger, was very early in life affected with deafness, which steadily increased, operating to impair greatly his usefulness to the community and to himself, while it unfitted him for that place in the social circle which his mind and manners eminently entitled him to occupy. But this affliction could not prevent his sterling merits and amiable demeanor from making their proper impression on all who knew him. Faithful in duty and an affectionate relation, he was ever prompt to perform any office of friendship or benevolence, at whatever inconvenience to himself. Truly indeed has a surviving friend remarked of him, that kinder heart than his never beat in a human breast.

Mr. Page was born in Frederick county, in Virginia, on the 14th of May, 1798, and died in this city on the 14th of August, 1849.

NOTE: The son of William Byrd Page, Sr. and Ann Lee Page. Ann was the sister of "Light Horse Harry", Richard Bland (R28/24 removed), and Theodoric (R56/62). She was the Aunt of Robert E. Lee. William Byrd Page, Jr. was therefore the cousin of Robert E. Lee.