

## Mary Pleasonton

( – 18 Apr 1851)

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**Pleasanton.** On the 18th instant at 1 p.m., Mary, consort of Stephen Pleasanton, Esq., Fifth Auditor of the Treasury in the 67th year of her age. The friends and acquaintances of the family are requested to attend her funeral on Tuesday next at 12 o'clock M.

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**Obituary** (From the Philadelphia Inquirer of April 23)

Died, at Washington, on Friday last, Mrs. Mary Pleasanton, wife of Stephen Pleasanton, Esq., and daughter of the late John Hopkins, Esq., of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In the death of this estimable lady, her family has experienced a severe bereavement, and a widespread circle of friends an afflicting loss. It is the lot of few in this world to garner up such stores of affection and esteem as were bestowed upon her, and the lot of few so richly to deserve them. A peaceful self-possession of mind, a warm and generous heart, a sound discriminating judgment, a firm but affectionate sense of duty, regulated all her actions. The poor have lost in her a kind and sympathetic friend; the stranger, whom duty or pleasure brought within her sphere, a generous entertainer. Her hospitality was as unaffected and refined as her association was pleasing and instructive. Her intelligence of character is amply recorded in the minds of a large portion of the most distinguished of the land. Her peaceful virtues will ever be remembered with gratitude by the poor and humble. To the partner of her bosom and her surviving children, she has left a rich legacy of virtues to be cherished. May the remembrance of these in some measure soothe the anguish which her loss has occasioned! This humble memorial is the heartfelt tribute of a friend who, in a long course of years has witnessed what he has recorded and felt what he desires may not be easily forgotten.