

CHRONOLOGY

- 16 Oct 1795** Born Grafton, Vermont
- ca. 1821** Moves to Washington to study law with Elias B. Caldwell
- 27 Sep 1821** Married Sarah Apthorp Bulfinch, daughter of Charles Bulfinch, Architect of the Capitol. David Hall joins the social circle of the Bulfinch's which includes their close friend, Judge Cranch
- 1829 Wrote A Digested Index of the Laws of the Coroporation of the City of Washington: to the Twenty-Sixth Council
- 22 May 1829 Sarah Apthorp dies, interred Congressional Cemetery
- 10 Oct 1830 Mary Bradley, his sister, dies of consumption, interred Congressional Cemetery
- 5 Dec 1830** Hall represents Beverly Snow (free black tavernkeeper) in civil case before the Circuit Court.
- 8 Jun 1832 Daughter of David and Sarah dies, interred Congressional Cemetery
- 28 Aug 1833 Child of David and Sarah dies, interred Congressional Cemetery
- 1834 Together with M. St.Clair Clarke (Range 49 Site 114) compiled Cases of Contested Elections in Congress From the years 1789 to 1834, Inclusive
- 14 May 1834 Married Margaret Maria Conduct, daughter of Congressman Lewis Conduct
- 6 Aug 1836 Margaret Maria dies, interred Congressional Cemetery
- 25 Dec 1838 Married Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth, daughter of Maj. Martin Ellsworth
- 1842** Along with Giddings and others has inside knowledge of Torrey and Smallwood activities
- Dec. 1843** "Escape" attempt of his slave is reported in the Baltimore Sun. He provides counsel to Torrey and Bush.
- 28 Dec 1843** Represented William Jones, falsely imprisoned as a runaway, whose petition was introduced in Congress by Joshua Giddings
- 1844** Defended Bush, owner of livery stable where Smallwood's horses were kept – won his acquittal
- 30 Oct 1847** Thomas Garnett writes to ask for help in negotiating purchase of runaway slave's children
- 19 Apr 1848** With Giddings & Hamlin visited jail to offer help to slaves and officers (Drayton and Sayres) of the Pearl. Briefly represents Drayton and Sayres until Horace Mann is recruited to handle the case. Briefly did research for Mann.
- 27 Jun 1848** Wrote to Salmon P. Chase to locate a possibly kidnapped free husband and wife.
- Nov 1848** Negotiated with a slave's owner to allow time to purchase her, Harriet Scott's, freedom and loaned her brother \$200. Chaplin and Noble raised the remaining \$300.

- 1851** Presented \$6,000 note for Chaplin's bail which he forfeited when Chaplin did not appear for trial.
- 1852** Secretary of the Whig National Committee.
- 1852** U.S. v. Bail of Chaplin, Hall loses and judgment rendered against him for \$6,000. Equivalent amount of his property is seized.
- 1853** Hall wrote sale contract for purchase of Weems brothers.
- ca. 1857 Hall suffers fall from which he never fully recovers.
- 1861** Property seized in 1852 is released to him.
- 24 Dec 1870** David A. Hall dies, interred Congressional Cemetery
- 6 Apr 1874 Abigail Wolcott Hall dies, interred Congressional Cemetery
Seven children survive to adulthood, one by Margaret and the others by Abigail.