Jacobs

Presbyterian Cemetery · two brothers of the 1812 militia

Presbyterian Cemetery · Christ Church Cemetery · Context, or burial not confirmed

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The Jacobs brothers
Of Fairfax County

Thomas Jacobs
(1770 – 1855) · tailor
Private, 1st Regiment, D.C. Militia, 1812
Built 808 Prince St., c. 1817
Trustee of the Poorhouse; an incorporator of the Widows' Home and Orphan Asylum, 1854
An enslaver (three people in 1810)
Burial: *Christ Church Cemetery*

Presley Jacobs
(c. 1773 – Aug 24, 1852) · Fairfax County
Sergeant, 1st Regiment, D.C. Militia
Fought at the **Battle of the White House**
Burial: *Presbyterian Cemetery, 44:130*

m.

Elizabeth Jacobs
(c. 1778 – Nov 28, 1823)
Wife of Presley
Burial: *Presbyterian Cemetery, 44:130*

Almira (Elmira) Jacobs
(Apr 26, 1810 – Jan 9, 1881)
Taken from her grave by body snatchers the night after her burial, January 1881
Burial: *Presbyterian Cemetery, 44:130*

Margaret Jacobs McKnight
(d. Feb 7, 1888)
Married June 21, 1832

m. 1832

William Henry McKnight
(1800 – 1887)
master builder
Built the **Lyceum** with David Price
→ see the McKnight tree

Brothers in arms: both served as privates in the 1st Regiment, D.C. Militia; Presley came home from the White House a sergeant.

Dates: taken from the gravestones (Pippenger, *Tombstone Inscriptions of Alexandria*, Vol. 1). Presley's stone reads "died August 24th 1852, in the 79th year of his age," placing his birth c. 1773.

Grave Robbers in Alexandria: on the night of January 26, 1881, two men took Almira from her grave; when they fled, police found her body at the foot of the grave. The full story is at gravestonestories.com/grave-robbers-in-alexandria.