# Ramsay

*Christ Church burial ground (Old Town) · the founder, the Treasurer of Alexandria, and children who tied the founding families together*

Christ Church burial ground (Old Town) · Presbyterian Cemetery · Buried elsewhere · Context, or burial not confirmed

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**Maj. Dennis McCarty & Sarah Martha Ball**
Sarah was a first cousin of Washington's mother

**William Ramsay**
(1716 – Feb 10, 1785) · Galloway, Scotland
With John Carlyle and John Pagan, **chose the site of Alexandria**, 1748; a founding trustee
The town's first and only **Lord Mayor**, 1761
Postmaster; Justice of Fairfax County
Signed the Fairfax Resolves; helped form the Fairfax Independent Company, 1774; an enslaver
Washington walked in his funeral
**Burial:** *unmarked; a Scotch pine marks the spot*

*Married*

**Ann Ball McCarty Ramsay**
(1730 – Apr 1, 1785) · Lancaster County, Va.
Elected **Treasurer of Alexandria**: raised more than $75,000 for the cause, praised by Jefferson
Died seven weeks after William; Washington walked in her funeral, Apr 4
**Burial:** *beside William, unmarked*

**Dr. William Ramsay Jr.**
(c. 1755 – 1795)
Princeton, with Washington's help
Surgeon on the privateer **George Washington**, 1779
**Burial:** *said to be here; unconfirmed*

**Col. Dennis Ramsay**
(1756 – Sept 1, 1810)
As mayor, the first to call Washington "Mr. President," 1789
Pallbearer at Washington's funeral
A "midnight judge"
m. Jane Allen Taylor, 1785
Sons in the 1812 militia: Lt. William (1787–1822, 42:72) and Anthony (1792–1814)
**Burial:** *Presbyterian Cemetery, 42:72*

**Ann "Nancy" Ramsay Allison**
m. Capt. Robert Allison Sr., 1784
→ see the Allison tree

**Sarah "Sally" Ramsay Porter**
m. Thomas Porter, 1788
→ see the Porter tree
**Burial:** *Congressional Cemetery*

**Eight children** in all. Their marriages tied the founding families together: the Allisons and Porters of the Meeting House, and Jane Taylor, daughter of the patriot Jesse Taylor. The Ramsay House, the city's visitor center, is a 1956 reconstruction.