

Harbaugh, Daniel	d. 16 Sep 1871		R55/46
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Harbaugh. September 16, Daniel Harbaugh. Funeral will take place from the residence of the late M.V. Harbaugh, 711 Mt. Vernon Place, Sunday, September 17 at 2 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Harbaugh, Leonard	d. 12 Sep 1822		R55/45
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Harbaugh. Yesterday at his residence on the Capitol Hill, Mr. Leonard Harbaugh, an old and respectable inhabitant of this city.

The Evening Star, September 22, 1855

The District in the Olden Time

The following letter, exhumed from the musty records, will be interesting to our readers. While perusing it, we would suggest that they institute a comparison with what was then predicted and what has since been accomplished. As for the elegance and strength of the Federal bridge, however, they will readily form their own conclusions.

Georgetown, (Md.) August 8, 1792

On Saturday, the 4th instant, the corner stone of the western abutment of the Federal bridge (being the second corner-stone of the same) was laid in due form by Uriah Forrest, Mayor of this town, in presence of the Aldermen, the Recorder, and Common Council, attended by a numerous concourse of respectable citizens of the place, who assembled on the occasion. After the ceremony was over the company returned to Mr. Suter's Fountain Inn, where a handsome entertainment was given by the Mayor to the workmen and others concerned in erecting the bridge.

A correspondent observes that it must afford general satisfaction to every well-wisher of the prosperity of Washington to be assured that the public works now being carried on in this place are conducted with spirit and enterprise, and at the same time with that due regard to economy which is so absolutely necessary in all extensive public undertakings when a country is but in its infancy. The Federal bridge, which will exceed, when finished, for elegance and strength, anything of the kind heretofore attempted in this country, will be completed in a few weeks, and it is confidently expected that, against the day in October next which is advertised for the sale of lots in the city, the Superintendent of the President's house will have all matters in readiness for the laying of the corner-stone of the same, (the third in the Federal city,) which will afford the gentlemen concerned in the superintendence of the Federal buildings and those who are proprietors of land in the city an opportunity of displaying their taste in the brilliancy of a third procession, and of exhibiting their liberality in an entertainment suitable to the occasion, which may be a further inducement to purchasers, and thereby benefit themselves as well as contribute to the honor and future prosperity of the city of Washington.

Bryan, Wilhelmus Bogart, A History of the National Capital, Vol I, New York: The MacMillan Company, 1914,

p.189-190: In the spring of 1792 the commissioners made a contract with Leonard Harbaugh of Baltimore for the erection of a stone bridge across Rock Creek on a line with K Street. This was in furtherance of L'Enfant's scheme of providing an outlet for the post road through the city. ... Harbaugh's plan of building arches was defective and the bridge fell down. [Footnote: The bridge consisted of three arches of stone, and before the evil days came upon it was regarded as an important public enterprise. The corner-stone of the eastern abutment was laid on the national anniversary in the presence of the commissioners and citizens. There was a procession and "a discourse suitable to the occasion," and toasts were drunk (Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, July 10, 1792). A month later the corner-stone of the western abutment was laid with similar formality.]

p. 243: The loss to the city by the failure of the Harbaugh bridge was secured as far as was possible by getting from the luckless experimenter, for it appears the bridge was after a plan of his own invention, a mortgage on his property in this city.

p. 314: The commissioners felt justified in beginning the erection of one of the proposed executive buildings. The treasury was the one selected, and by the middle of November 1798, "the foundation of that building, which was one hundred and forty-seven feet long and fifty-seven feet six inches wide is dug out." ... A contract was made with Leonard Harbaugh to erect the building for the sum of \$39,511, and to have it completed by the first of July, 1800.

At the time, Mr. Hadfield finished the plans for the treasury office, it was intended to erect a similar structure for the use of the other executive departments west of the president's house. However, that part of the plan was not carried out, until the following year, the contract being awarded, July 29, 1799, to Leonard Harbaugh.

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
<p>p. 360 -- (1800) The contract for building the bridge was awarded to Leonard Harbaugh, whose device for arches brought the first bridge on the line of K Street down in ruins a few years earlier, but in this instance the recognized rules for bridge building were evidently observed, as the structure stood.</p>			
Harbaugh, Rebecca	b. 15 Sep 1798 - d. 14 Dec 1818	20 yrs. 3 mos.	R55/46
<p>Daughter of Leonard Harbaugh and Rebecca Rineback. Never married</p>			