

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
Johnston, Charles Clement	b. 30 Apr 1795 - d. 17 Jun 1832	37 yrs.	R29/48

See the on-line "Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress"

The National Intelligencer, June 19, 1832

Distressing Occurrence -- Just as our paper was going to press last evening, a gentleman arrived at our Office from Alexandria, who stated that, when he left that place, a Coroner's inquest was sitting to inquire into the cause of the death of the Hon. Charles C. Johnston, a Representative in Congress from Virginia, whose body had, a short time before, been found in one of the docks. Mr. J. went with a friend on a visit to Alexandria, on Saturday, and, it is supposed, by some accident fell into the dock in the evening, perhaps on his return. We have, however, no certain particulars, save the distressing catastrophe itself.

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The mortal remains of the honorable C.C. Johnston, one of the Representatives in Congress from Virginia, were yesterday morning brought to his lodgings from Alexandria, attended by a Committee of the Corporation of that place.

The circumstances of his death are reported thus: He had gone to Alexandria to visit a friend on Sunday; he passed the evening at his friend's house, and left it, in the midst of the storm then raging, to go to the wharf, with a view to take passage on board the mail-boat "Sydney," which leaves Alexandria at about 9 o'clock, p.m. for the city. He was attended by a servant, who left him when he had shewn him within sight of the wharf. This was the last seen or heard of him until his body was found on Monday afternoon. It is beyond a doubt that he walked into the slip, and struck his head in falling, or he would have saved himself, being an expert swimmer.

This melancholy occurrence cast a gloom yesterday over all Congress. Its fatality, independently of the merits of the deceased, produced a deep sensation. By those who knew him, his death is doubly grieved, his character for talents and integrity being embellished by the most endearing personal qualities. His Funeral took place from the Capitol yesterday afternoon, and was attended by all Congress, both Houses having adjourned as soon as his death was announced yesterday.

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In the Senate

Yesterday, as soon as the Journal had been read, a message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. M. St. Clair Clarke, their Clerk, notifying the Senate of the death of Charles C. Johnston, a member of that House from the State of Virginia, and that his funeral would take place in the afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

On the motion of Mr. Tyler the Senate then adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate, as a mark of respect, will attend the funeral of the Hon. Charles C. Johnston, a member of Congress from Virginia, this day, at half past three o'clock; and, as an additional mark of respect, that the Senators will go into mourning, by wearing crape on the left arm for thirty days.

In motion of Mr. Tazewell, it was then Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet at half past 3 o'clock. On motion of Mr. Tazewell, the Senate then adjourned.

In the House of Representatives.

After the reading of the Journal of the preceding day, Mr. Bouldin, of Virginia, rose and communicated to the House an account of the death, on Sunday last, of the Hon. C.C. Johnston, late one of the Representatives from the State of Virginia. After a well-merited eulogium to the deceased, he moved that the House should attend the funeral; that a Committee should be appointed to superintend the funeral ceremonies; and, that the Members should wear the customary mourning for the usual term of thirty days; which were unanimously adopted: and Mr. Bouldin, Mr. Clay, Mr. Polk, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Nuckolls, Mr. Conner, and Mr. Daniel, having been named as the Committee, it was then ordered that a message be sent to the Senate, communicating to them the melancholy event; and then the House adjourned.

Johnston, Hilda	d. 20 Mar 1913	8 yrs.	R55/7
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The Evening Star, March 20, 1913, p. 14

Automobile Kills Child In Presence of Mother

Hilda Johnston, on Way to School, Run Over by Car Owned by Dr. Borden

While crossing at the intersection of 18th and California streets northwest, on her way to school at the Morgan building this morning, a few minutes before 9 o'clock, Hilda Johnston, eight years old, who resided with her widowed mother at 1855 Oregon avenue northwest, was run over by an automobile operated by Dr. Daniel L. Borden and almost instantly killed.

The child's mother was with her when the accident happened, the police report, and the automobile was backing when it struck her, knocked her down and one wheel passed over her.

Dr. Borden was accompanied to the tenth police station by Deputy Coroner White, his name was recorded as having been arrested, and he was paroled in the custody of Coroner Nevitt.

Accident in Front of Home

The accident happened almost directly in front of Dr. Borden's house at 1801 California street. The physician and his father, the latter dean of George Washington University, were in the automobile, and, it is stated, the car was being backed in order to make a start from in front of the physician's home.

Mrs. Johnston and the child were each carrying an umbrella. At the corner it is stated the child ran ahead of her mother, her umbrella probably hiding the automobile from view or preventing her from realizing it was being backed.

Suddenly the automobile struck the child, knocked her down and passed over her at about her waist before occupants of the car realized there was any one in the way. Dr. Borden quickly stopped the car before a second wheel passed over the child.

Child Carried to Home of Physician

Policeman Shipley, who happened to be a passenger on a street car near the scene of the accident, rushed to the automobile and picked up the dying child. He took her in his arms into Dr. Borden's home, where everything possible was done for her.

Drs. Sterling Ruffin and Charles Stanley White were summoned. They made quick responses, but they soon realized that the patient was dying, and that nothing could be done that would save her life.

Coroner Nevitt reached the house about the time the child died. An undertaker took charge of the body and took it to the home of Mrs. Johnston on Oregon avenue. Tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock a jury of six men will view the body at the morgue, and will hear the testimony of witnesses.

No Charge Against Dr. Borden

No formal charge was preferred against Dr. Borden at the police station, the record showing he had been arrested to await the result of Coroner Nevitt's investigation of the accident. Dr. William Cline Borden, father of the young man who was operating the automobile, told a Star reporter that he looked out on one side of the car and his son looked out on the other to make sure there was nobody in the way.

Neither saw the child, stated the physician and he thought she must have darted across the street directly in rear of the car. The car was going very slowly at the time, he stated, and it was stopped the instant the one wheel passed over the child.

Dr. Borden was told that Mrs. Johnston called to her child not to cross the street, he said and Mrs. Johnston said he thought the child did not hear her.

Johnston, James

d. 24 Feb 1877

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The Evening Star, February 24, 1877

An Old Man Shot Dead

The Man Who Fired The Shot Says It Was An Accident

This morning about 7 o'clock, Mr. James Johnston, who keeps a small store at the corner of K and 14th streets southeast, was shot and almost instantly killed by a ball from a pistol fired by George N. Powell, a young colored man. It appears that Powell drives the bread wagon of Mr. John Appich, and was in the habit of delivering bread at Johnston's store. This morning he was at the store as usual at a few minutes of 7 o'clock, and having delivered his bread he was examining a small Sharp's four barreled pistol which he states Johnston offered to sell him, and in handling it one of the barrel's accidentally went off. The ball struck Mr. Johnston in the vicinity of the heart, and Powell greatly alarmed at what he had done immediately drove to Dr. Adams' office and asked him to hurry to the place and then drove to the eighth precinct station where he gave himself up to Lieut. Austin and stated the case as above. Mr. Johnston lived but a few minutes after the occurrence, and was dead when Dr. Adams reached the place. Mr. Johnston is an old man about 70 years of age, and for many years kept a saloon near the eastern terminus of H street, but for a few years past assisted by his nephew has carried on a little store at 14th and K streets southeast.

The coroner held an inquest, and the jury found a verdict that death was caused by a pistol shot wound by the hands of George D. Powell, and that the shooting was entirely accidental. Powell, who had been in custody, was therefore discharged.

Johnston, James A. d. 29 Jul 1850 82 yrs. **R46/229**

Johnston. On the 29th instant after a few days' illness, Mr. James Johnston, in the 83d year of his age. His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend his funeral tomorrow evening at 5 o'clock from his late residence on the corner of 1st and East Capitol streets.

Johnston, John F. d. 4 May 1904 **R24/66**

Johnston. On May 4, 1904 at 6:30 o'clock a.m., John F. Johnston, beloved husband of Susanna Johnston. Funeral from his late residence, 820 K street southeast Friday at 8:30 o'clock thence to St. Peter's Church where requiem high mass will be said. Relatives and friends invited.

Johnston, Josiah Stoddard b. 24 Nov 1784 - d. 13 May 1833 49 yrs. **R57/160©**

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A Representative and a Senator from Louisiana; born in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Conn., November 24, 1784; moved with his father to Kentucky in 1790; sent to New Haven, Conn., in 1796 to attend primary school; was graduated from Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1805; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Alexandria, La. (then the Territory of Orleans); elected to the first Territorial legislature in 1805 and served until the adoption of the State constitution in 1812; appointed major in the Territorial militia June 6, 1809; colonel of militia in 1814 and organized a regiment for the defense of New Orleans, but reached the city after the battle; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives in 1812; State district judge 1812-1821; elected as a Democrat to the 17th Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1822 to the 18th Congress; appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Brown; elected and reelected and served from January 15, 1824, until his death, caused by an explosion on the steamboat "Lioness," on the Red River in Louisiana, May 19, 1833; interment in Rapides Cemetery, Pineville, La.

The National Intelligencer, Monday, June 10, 1833

We announce today an event which has stricken our own hearts with grief, and will convey a pang to thousands of bosoms throughout the Union: We allude to the untimely death, of Josiah Stoddard Johnston, the able and honored Senator of the State of Louisiana. The circumstances of this sad event, as disclosed in the account taken from the New Orleans papers, are so shocking as make the heart sicken at their recital, and are calculated to add to the poignancy of the general grief for the loss of so sterling a patriot, so upright a citizen, so accomplished a gentleman, so kind a friend.

If it would at all alleviate the regrets of our readers at this melancholy catastrophe, we could here remind them of the honorable station which he held, the prospect of a long and prosperous life, which lay before him, to be spent in the society of a most interesting and devotedly attached family; and we could moralize, from this sad event, on the deceitfulness of all earthly hope, and the transitoriness of all human blessings.

But, we refrain. To other and abler hands we relinquish the task of doing justice to the memory of the deceased, and, as far as possible, of consoling those who mourn his loss, by a proper tribute to his eminent private virtues and his exemplary public character.

The National Intelligencer, July 12, 1833

The Late Senator Johnston

From the New Orleans Argus on May 27

The citizens of New Orleans on Saturday last received a shock to their feelings, of which it is hoped they may be long spared the repetition. We give, in another column, the particulars of the loss of the Lioness steamboat on Red River. It will be seen what a frightful loss of valuable lives this unfortunate accident has occasioned. The death of Josiah S. Johnston, particularly, has caused a great sensation. It is not surprising. His loss is a loss to the State of Louisiana, which she will not easily repair. It will be difficult for her to replace in the Senate of the United States his talent, and still more difficult to replace the influence acquired there by him--the result of sound talent, amiable manners, and great honesty of purpose.

Mr. Johnston was a native of Connecticut, but was taken in early infancy by his father to Kentucky. He received his education in the latter State, and emigrated to Louisiana at the close of the year 1804, or the commencement of 1805. His whole life since, with a few short intervals, has been spent in the public service. He served in the first Territorial Legislature which was convened in New Orleans, and he continued a leading and efficient member of that body until Louisiana was admitted into the Union. Immediately after the organization of the State Government he accepted an important office in the judiciary, and filled it with credit and usefulness, until he was elected to the House of Representatives of the United States. He continued to

serve as a member of that body for two Congresses, and after a short interval was selected by the Legislature for the office of Senator in Congress, and there he has since remained; a period, if the writer mistakes not, of eleven years.

We have not the time to enumerate important measures connected with the prosperity of this State, of which he was either the promoter, or the ardent and efficient supporter. It is less necessary; for his public services are known to all. Those who only knew him as a public man will regret his loss. Those who knew him intimately will mourn it. It will be long again before they can meet with the same warm heart and cool head—the same absence of, and contempt for, profession and pretense; and the same ready performance of all the duties which friendship imposed.

The National Intelligencer, July 16, 1833

Notice of Mr. Senator Johnston

From the New England Magazine For July

The melancholy tidings reached us about a fortnight since, of the shocking death of Mr. Senator Johnston, of Louisiana. The circumstances of this most distressing event, as related in the newspapers, are substantially as follows: The steamboat *Lioness*, on her way from Alexandria, on the Red River, to Natchitoches, blew up, on the morning of the 19th of May, about daylight, and as the boat was passing the Rigolet Bon Dieu. Three successive explosions, following each other with great rapidity, were heard at a considerable distance. The fore cabin, the deck above the boiler (which in the Western steamboats is placed on the main deck forward, towards the bow of the vessel,) and the hold under the boiler, were scattered in fragments over the water. Many of the passengers, who were thrown from the boat, saved themselves, by laying hold of these fragments. In about two minutes after the explosion, the hull of the boat sunk, leaving a portion of the ladies' cabin floating on the surface. Several gentlemen and all the ladies who were passengers in the boat, were saved in this part of the wreck. The disaster is said to have been occasioned by a quantity of gunpowder, which had been shipped in the boat, and which was ignited by a candle taken into the hold by two of the crew. Among the passengers severely wounded or bruised, was Mr. Edward D. White, Representative of the New Orleans district in Congress. Of those who perished, was Mr. Josiah S. Johnston, one of the Senators of the United States from Louisiana.

The loss of this gentleman is justly to be accounted a public calamity. He sustained, in the Congress of the United States, a reputation for intelligence, candor, and probity, not surpassed by that of any other member. His death, in the prime of life, and in the meridian of his usefulness, by a most distressing casualty, and at a distance from his family, make it an occurrence, which cannot but strike the public mind, and must be regarded by his friends in every part of the Union with the most painful emotion. The following brief outline of his active and useful career, will apprise those who were unacquainted with him of the extent of the loss which the public has suffered from this most unexpected and distressing event.

Mr. Josiah Stoddard Johnston was a native of Connecticut. At the age of nineteen or twenty he removed, with his father, the late Dr. Johnston, of that State, to the neighborhood of Maysville, where his father continued to reside, till his decease the last year. Mr. Johnston's professional education was received in Kentucky; but after a short time passed there, he resolved to enter on the wide field of liberal adventure, which was opening in the southwestern part of the Union. After a short time spent at Natchez, he determined to repair to the Red River country, where he established himself at Alexandria, in the parish of Rapides, in the profession of the law. Nothing could seem more uninviting than the state of society, which then existed in this part of the country. The population consisted of a remnant of Spanish colonists, and of adventurers from the United States. The neighborhood of the Spanish frontier rendered it a stopping place for many persons, whose relations to society, in the old States, were such as to make it very convenient for them to be able, at any moment to escape into a foreign jurisdiction. The new government was, as yet, scarcely organized; and, in a population of this description, could derive no strength from that public opinion, which is the best support of all governments. Something very near a state of nature accordingly prevailed, with very little borrowed from civilization but its vices. Fatal quarrels were continually happening. The neighborhood was distracted by feuds of the most embittered character. Affrays in the streets were of constant occurrence, and duels not less so. Every body went armed; and life was too easily taken to be a high account. Where life is so little regarded, manners of course are wild and reckless.

Such was the population, in which Mr. Johnston, a young New Englander, established himself at the age of two or three and twenty, in the practice of the law,

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We observe that in the sketch of the life of Senator Johnston, he is said to have married the daughter of Dr. Sibley of Mass. Of that state Dr. Sibley was we presume a native but for many years preceding his emigration to Louisiana, he had been an inhabitant of Fayetteville, in the state of North Carolina.

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
Johnston, Lewis John	d. 19 Jan 1910	4 yrs. 5 mo. 11 days	R121/209
Johnston. On January 19, 1910 at 4:25 p.m., Lewis J. Johnston, Jr., only son of Lewis J. and the late Eleanor A. Johnston (nee Schopf) of Richmond, Va., aged 4 years 5 months and 11 days. Funeral Friday morning, January 21 from 619 A street s.e. (Richmond and Baltimore papers please copy).			
Johnston, Marie Antoinette Estelle	d. 15 Dec 1848		R56/61
Johnston. In this city on yesterday morning after a severe and painful illness, Mrs. Marie Antoinette Estelle Johnston, wife of Edward W. Johnston, Esq. The funeral will take place from her late residence at 2 o'clock this day which the friends of the family are invited to attend.			
Johnston, Robert	d. 6 May 1853		R45/62
<i>The National Intelligencer, May 9, 1853</i> Yesterday was truly a gloomy day and in great contrast with its Sabbatical predecessor The funeral of Robert Johnston, formerly Second Assistant Postmaster General also took place.			
Johnston, Sarah H.	d. 7 Jul 1888	84 yrs.	R45/63
Johnston. On Saturday morning, July 7, 1888, in the 85th year of her age, Mrs. Sarah H. Johnston, widow of the late Robt. Johnston, of Washington, D.C. Notice of funeral in Sunday and Monday morning papers.			
Johnston, Susan Summers	d. 8 Dec 1846	2 yrs. 5 mo.	R46/112
Johnston. At the Navy Yard on Sunday night, 6th instant, Susan Summers, aged 2 years and 5 months, daughter of Lieutenant Z.F. Johnston, U.S. Navy.			
Johnston, Susanah	d. 5 Mar 1911		R24/66
Johnston. On Sunday, March 5, 1911 at 1 a.m. of pneumonia, Susanna Johnston wife of the late John F. Johnston. Funeral from her late residence, 702 G street southeast, at 9:30 Wednesday March 8, thence to St. Peter's Church where requiem mass will be said. Relatives and friends invited.			