Weightman, Richard
From: Washington, D.C.

Records show one
Richard Weightman
Pvt. in Lieut. Thomas H. Blake's Co.,
2nd Regt. (Brent's) District of Columbia
Militia.

Commencement of service: Aug/ 19, 1814
Expiration of service: Oct 8, 1814
CLASS OF 1814.  RICHARD WEIGHTMAN.

Died of disease in St. Augustine, Fla., on October 30, 1841. Was assistant surgeon in U. S. Army.

The Florida War  p. 548
John T. Sprague.
Mr. J. R. Brown  
27 W. Erie Street  
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

Since our correspondence in October 1930, regarding biographical information pertaining to Henry T. Weightman and Richard C. Weightman of the class of Union College in 1814, I have been fortunate enough to uncover additional facts regarding them, which are set out below:

Henry T. Weightman: Born in Alexandria, Virginia, exact date unknown but probably between 1790 and 1796. He died at Washington, D.C. in 1857 and is buried in Congressional Cemetery. He married Phoebe Blows who was born in Alexandria in 1804 and died in Washington August 7, 1833. There was one child, Henry, who was killed in the Southern Army during the Civil War. The father, Henry T. Weightman, became a member of Lebanon Lodge, F.A.A.M. in 1826 and dismissed in 1830. He was a clerk in the Branch U.S. Bank in Washington in 1822, cashier of the Patriotic Bank in 1827-1830, and a clerk in the Navy Department in 1843.

His father was Richard Weightman of Alexandria (born 1769) in England and died in Alexandria in 1812. His mother was Miss Elizabeth Chew, but dates of her birth and death are unknown.

Richard C. Weightman: (The following is copied from "History of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, 1817-1909", page 218). "Born about 1792, Alexandria; D.C. M.D. 1817; University of Maryland; incorporate of the Society under the first charter; Post surgeon and Assistant Surgeon U.S.N.; died October 30, 1841, at Fort Matanzas, Fla. (His father was from Whitehaven, England; on his mother's side he came of the Chew family, Maryland; General Robert (should be Roger) Chew Weightman sometime mayor of Washington, was his brother); educated in Alexandria and at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. When the British entered Washington in 1814, Weightman was captured and imprisoned. Studied medicine with Drs. J. H. Blake and William Jones, supra. Practiced in Washington until appointed Assistant Surgeon in the Army and then ordered to Florida and was on duty at St. Augustine, Fla., until his death, which was caused by a wound and exposure. Buried at Weightman's Bluff, opposite Jacksonville. He never married. See Brown's History, p. 232-290; Powell's History, p. 298."

On pages 3 and 4 of the above reference, it is reported that "A meeting was held Sept. 26, 1817, at which 16 men were present, one of whom was Richard Weightman (Age 24)."

At an organization meeting on Jan. 5, 1818, Weightman was elected Librarian. Weightman served as Librarian 1817-1818.

I am forwarding a copy to the Graduate Council of Union College at Schenectady just in case you have happened to have moved.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Weightman
Mr. J.R. Brown, Jr.,
27 W. Erie street,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Oct. 29 received. Will follow down some of the clues you furnish. I am very much interested to get any information on the previous history of my family which so far as we know can be traced only to Alexandria, Va. What you furnish is therefore most interesting.

I am in receipt of a letter dated Nov. 5, from the War Department, as follows:

No record has been found in the Adjutant General's office concerning Henry T. Weightman, as an officer, or surgeon prior to Civil War. Richard Weightman, who is borne on returns of the Medical Department, as an assistant surgeon in the 30s is shown to have died Oct. 30, 1841 at St. Augustine, Fla.

I feel sure I can secure more information for you, and will advise you as soon as I can develop any.

Very truly yours,

R.H. Weightman

CLASS OF 1814.

DIED: At St. Augustine, on the 30th ult., of dropsy in the chest, Dr. Richard Weightman, U. S. A.

Albany Evening Journal
November 19, 1841.

RICHARD WEIGHTMAN, non-graduate of 1814, was a resident of Alexandria, D.C. and a member of the Philomathean Society.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.
WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

STATEMENT OF THE MILITARY SERVICE OF

RICHARD WEIGHTMAN,
Assistant Surgeon, United States Army, 1818-1841.

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It is shown by the official records that Richard Weightman, born in Washington, D. C., was appointed from Washington, D.C., August 21, 1818, as Post Surgeon, U. S. Army. He accepted his appointment August 22, 1818, and was ordered to Amelia Island, Florida, August 29, 1818, but was given a furlough until September 21, 1818. He reported his arrival at Amelia Island, Fla., October 24, 1818; was appointed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, June 1, 1821, and died while in service October 30, 1841, at Fort Marion, Florida, as an Assistant Surgeon, U.S.A.

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Official statement furnished April 28, 1931.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

[Stamp with signature]
C. H. BRIDGES
Major General,
The Adjutant General.