

SAMUEL B. HEARN.

Samuel B. Hearn, who died at his home, in Port Royal, Va., on October 9, 1917, was a native of Delaware, where he was born January 28, 1841; but he had lived in Virginia since the close of the War between the States, in which he served gallantly as a member of the 1st Battalion of Maryland Cavalry. While living north of the Mason and Dixon line Mr. Hearn's convictions led him to oppose his brothers, who fought in the Northern army, and during the excitement of the war's beginning he slipped away to join forces with the South. Crossing Chesapeake Bay with twelve companions on August 22, 1862, he reached Richmond three days later and on August 30 became a member of the 1st Maryland Battalion, which went into camp of instruction at Charlottesville. His first march with the troops was through Maryland into Pennsylvania, and he took part in the battles of Gettysburg, North Mountain, Brandy Station, and Second Manassas; later he took part in the battle against Kilpatrick and Dahlgren in their raid around Richmond.

Early in 1864, while returning from a furlough to his old home in Delaware, he was captured at the mouth of Hollins Straits and taken to Baltimore, charged with being a spy. He and three others were convicted and sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted, and he was sent to the Albany penitentiary. When the Confederate authorities learned of his whereabouts, an exchange was effected, and he returned to Richmond in February, 1865, and was there when the city was evacuated. With others, he started to join General Johnston in North Carolina, but, learning that he had surrendered, returned to Richmond and was there discharged from the army.

The Old Dominion had a hold on his heart, and in December, 1869, he settled near Port Royal, on the Rappahannock River, and there he was married to Miss Mary Virginia Gibbs, and their home was at Hickory Grove, near Port Royal.

Mr. Hearn was a quiet, forceful man, devoted to family and friends. For forty-one years he was superintendent of the Sunday school of his Church. He is survived by his wife and ten children, three sons and seven daughters, all residents of the State except one son, who is in the United States navy.