

Nothing of interest has been discovered concerning Hayes' career as customs inspector; his name appears on the manuscript records of the Baltimore Customs House in connection with routine inspections, but that is all.

Hayes continued as an employee of the Customs House until his death on September 30, 1822. His obituary referred to him as "an old and respected inhabitant of this city", and stated that he had "left three children to lament the loss of a worthy parent".⁴¹ He was buried in Westminster Cemetery, where a monument still stands to his memory.

His three children, James, John, and Phebe - his wife, Mrs. Belinda Hayes had died in 1818⁴² - by the terms of their father's will,⁴³ fell heir, except for a few minor bequests, to an estate valued at \$11,082.58,⁴⁴ including the residence in Gough Street, Fell's Point, and stock of the United States government, Baltimore banks, and turnpikes leading out of Baltimore.

John Hayes' life was quiet, and he left few clues which throw light on his personality. He was a good printer - as proved by the excellent productions of his press, and the length of time he continued in the

41 Federal gazette. October 4, 1822.

42 Hayes family Bible records.

43 Baltimore, Wills. Liber W.B. 11, folio 464.

44 Baltimore. Inventories. Liber W.B. 33, folio 499, and liber W.B. 34, folio 236.