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Obituary for John Shaw from the Maryland Gazette of 5 March 1829:

"Departed this life on the morning of Thursday the 26th, Mr. John Shaw, in the 83rd year of his age. In noticing the demise of this gentleman, justice to his memory requires that we should say something more of him than that he has finished his course upon earth. There were points to his character, which received the earnest approbation of good men while he lived and which, though we shall barely mention the most prominent of them, deserve to be remembered and imitated now he has disappeared from amongst us. Mr. Shaw was not only one of the oldest and respectable inhabitants of this city but, until disqualified from active life by age and its incumbent infirmities, was one of the most useful of them. In the gallant and arduous struggle for our independence, he espoused the cause of freedom and followed the then truly responsible and difficult station of armourer to the state. In that office he acquitted himself completely to the satisfaction of the public, shown by his having been continued in it after that struggle had successfully terminated. He was gifted by nature with strength, as well as fortitude of mind, and possessed a degree of self-control which rarely permitted the calmness of temper for which he was remarkable to be disturbed. Thus happily constituted, he pursued his way, content in the precious rectitude of his heart and the just aim of his actions. Notwithstanding his earthly existance had been protected by Divine Providence to a time beyond that allotted to most men, his whole conduct remained free from reproach and he descended into the grave survived by a fair and unblemished reputation and in peace with the human family. He was not afraid to die! -- a life characterized by industry, temperance, strict integrity, and punctual attention to religious duty had stripped death of its terror and prepared him for that awful event. To conclude - he was a good man who lived sincerely beloved by his family and deservedly esteemed by his fellow citizens; and has, we trust, passed from this world of care to partake of the joys promised to the righteous."

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