

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

Lot Number: 300 Space: G 83

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Walking Tour # 11

Find A Grave # 7504187

Name: **Ridgely, Henry Moore, US Rep.**



Birth date: August 6, 1779 Death date: August 6, 1847 Burial Date: Age: 68
b. Dover, DE

Spouse: Sarah *Banning* Ridgely (1787-1837), m. November 21, 1803; 2nd wife Sally Ann *Comegys* Ridgely (1805-1887), m. May 17, 1842 – no children by second wife

Children: John Banning Ridgely (1807-1808); Willamina Moore Ridgely (1809-1810); Abraham Ridgely (1811 - ?); Elizabeth Ridgely (1813-1833); Ann *Ridgely* DuPont (1815-1898); Dr. Henry Ridgely (1817-1904); Juliet Ridgely (1819-1820); Nicholas Ridgely (1820-1849); Eugene Ridgely (1823-1894); Mary Ridgely (1824-1825); Charles George Ridgely (1826-1826); Willamina Moore Ridgely Johnson (1822-1859); Edward Ridgely (1831-1900)

Parents: Dr. Charles Greenberry Ridgely (1738-1785) and 2nd wife Ann *Moore* Ridgely (2nd wife) (1732-1810) m. June 2, 1774 (1st wife of Charles was Mary Wyncoop Ridgely (1744-1772))

Siblings: Willamina Ridgely (1775-1808); Anne Ridgely (1775 – 1860); Mary Ridgely (1777 – 1855); George Wemyss Ridgely (1781-1800); Ann Ridgely (1784 – 1805); Nicholas Greenberry Ridgely (1762 – 1830); ½ siblings Henry Ridgely (1753 – 1762); Richard Ridgely (1755 – 1824); Frederick Ridgely (1757 – 1824); Ann Ridgely, (1759 -?); Lydia Ridgely (1760 – 1808); Henry Mare Ridgely (1763 – 1811); Greenberry Ridgely (1764 – 1803); Elizabeth Ridgely (1766 – 1834); Nicholas Ridgely (1770 – 1829); Sarah Ridgely (1770 – 1839)



Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next pages;

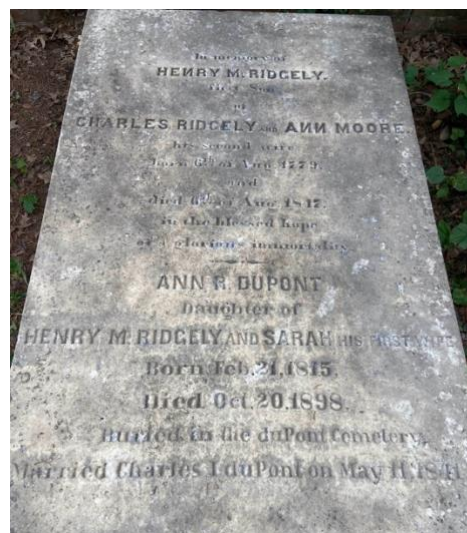
Service/occupation information: U.S. Congressman 1811-1815; President of Farmer’s Bank, 40+ years

Marker: Cenotaph for his daughter Ann R. duPont included on marker

Officiate:

Lot Owner: Ridgely

Inscription: see next page



DIMENSIONS: H 72” x W 35” x D 15”

Note backwards N in "Ann Moore"

STYLE: ledger

Repairs needed: mortar missing and brick loose; rubbing

Inventory date: May 1, 2019

Recorder: Nancy Quinn

In memory of
Henry M. Ridgley
first son of
Charles Ridgely & Ann Moore
his second wife
born 6th of Aug. 1779
and
died 6th of Aug. 1847
in the blessed hope
of a glorious immortality.

Ann R. duPont
Daughter of
Henry M. Ridgely & Sarah his first wife
Born Feb. 21, 1815
Died Oct. 20, 1898
Buried in the duPont Cemetery
Married Charles I. duPont on May 11, 1841

Retrieved from Find A Grave on November 29, 2021:

Author: Russ Pickett

US Congressman, US Senator. Elected to represent Delaware in the United States House of Representatives and served from March 4, 1811 to March 3, 1815. Appointed as Secretary of State of Delaware by Governors John Clark, Jacob Stout, John Collins, Caleb Rodney, Joseph Haslet, Charles Thomas and Samuel Paynter serving from 1817 to 1827. Elected to the United States Senate to fill a vacancy and served from January 12, 1827 to March 3, 1829.

From Ridgely Family History 1694-19th century:

“Nicholas Ridgely’s brother Henry Moore Ridgely (1779-1847), was a lawyer who was severely wounded in a duel in April of 1803. After he recovered, he married Sarah Banning in November 1803 and had eight children, including Nicholas (b. 1820) and Henry (b. 1817)”

HON. HENRY MOORE RIDGELY,

OF DELAWARE.



HENRY MOORE RIDGELY, was the son of Dr. Charles Greenbury Ridgely and Ann Moore, his second wife, his mother being the daughter of William Moore, Esq., of Moore Hall. He was born in the town of Dover, Delaware, August 6th, 1779. He received a classical education at Dickinson College, and graduated with honor at that institution during the presidency of the celebrated Dr. Nesbit. He studied law in Lancaster, Penna., under the direction of the Hon. Charles Smith, and was admitted to the Bar in or about 1802, rapidly making his way into a very lucrative practice. His forensic talent, combined with much courtesy of manner and great moral integrity, gave him a commanding influence. He was contemporary with the elder Bayard, the Reads, Rodney, Van Dyke, Robinson, Hall, Clayton, McLane, Black, and other eminent lawyers of that school, and continued his practice, influence and eminence in their midst until he retired from the active duties of his profession, a few years before his death.

At the age of twenty-seven, he was made President of the Farmers Bank at Dover, which office he held from the time of its incorporation in 1807, till a short time before

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HON. HENRY MOORE RIDGELY.

his death, when failing health induced him to resign; having then held it for forty consecutive years. He filled many important offices, the duties of which he discharged with great ability. He held the office of Secretary of his native State during the administration of three Governors. He was first appointed by Governor Clark in 1817, afterwards by Governor Stout, and again by Governor Painter. He was elected to Congress in 1811, again in 1813, and refused renomination in 1815. He was frequently elected to the State Legislature, and framed some of its best laws. He succeeded Nicholas Van Dyke in the United States Senate in 1827. He never sought office, but refused distinguished positions which were offered to him. On the death of his brother, Chancellor Nicholas Ridgely, in 1830, the commission was offered to him, and declined. He also declined the office of Chief Justice. While Secretary of State, he collected the papers belonging to that office, which had been scattered in many places, arranged them in proper order, looked up the Archives of the State, and thus saved much of interest and importance. His fondness for reading, and his literary attainments, with a remarkably retentive memory, made him socially a most delightful companion. He was married in 1803 to Sarah, daughter of John Banning, of Dover, Delaware; by this lady he left five children to survive him. He married a second time Sally A., daughter of Governor C. P. Comeys, on the 17th of May, 1822. He died August 6th, 1847, it being the sixty-eighth anniversary of his birth. Ed.

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KNOW all Men by these Presents, That We
Henry M. Ridgely & James Rogers

are firmly held and bound unto *David Hall* Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of Delaware, in the Sum of *five* Hundred Pounds good and lawful Money of America, to be paid to the said *David Hall* Esq, or his Successors; To the which Payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, for and in the whole, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated the *21st* Day of *Nov^r* in the Year of our Lord One Thousand *eight hundred & three*

THE Condition of this Obligation is such, That if there shall not hereafter appear any lawful Let or Impediment, by Reason of any Pre-contract, Consanguinity, Affinity, or any other just Cause whatsoever, but that the above-mentioned

Henry M. Ridgely & Sarah Manning

may lawfully marry; and that there is not any Suit depending before any Judge Ecclesiastical or Civil, for or concerning any such Pre-contract; and also if the said Parties, and each of them, are of the Ages following, to wit, Female of Eighteen, and Male of Twenty-one Years, and are not under the Tuition of his or her Parents, or have the full Consent of his or her Parents or Guardians respectively to the said Marriage; and if they or either of them are not indentured Servants; and do and shall save harmless and keep indemnified the above named *David Hall* Esquire, and his Successors, for and concerning the premises; and shall likewise save harmless and keep indemnified the Clergyman, or Minister, who shall join the said Parties in Matrimony, for, or by Reason of his so doing; then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect; or else to stand and remain in full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and delivered }
in the Presence of }

Arch. Alexander

Henry M. Ridgely Esq

James Rogers Esq

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That we *Henry M. Ridgely and James P. Mild*

are held and firmly bound to the State of Delaware, in the sum of two hundred dollars, lawful money of the said State, to be paid to the said State of Delaware: to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, jointly and severally, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents: sealed with our seals, and dated this *eleventh* day of *May* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *thirty two*

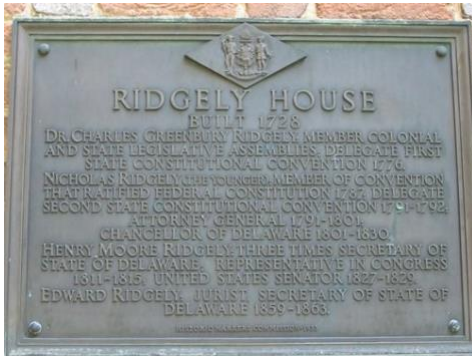
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE WRITTEN OBLIGATION IS SUCH,
That if *Henry M. Ridgely* aforesaid, and *Sally Ann Comings* may lawfully unite themselves in marriage, and if there be no legal objection to celebrating the rights of marriage between them, then the said obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in force.

Sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }

G. M. K. A. L. O. U. S.

H. M. Ridgely

J. P. Mild



RIDGELY HOUSE

BUILT 1728

DR. CHARLES GREENBURY RIDGELY: MEMBER COLONIAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES: DELEGATE FIRST STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 1776.

NICHOLAS RIDGELY (THE YOUNGER): MEMBER OF CONVENTION THAT RATIFIED FEDERAL CONSTITUTION 1787: DELEGATE SECOND STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 1791-1792:

ATTORNEY GENERAL 1791-1801.

CHANCELLOR OF DELAWARE 1801-1830.

HENRY MOORE RIDGELY; THREE TIMES SECRETARY OF STATE OF DELAWARE; REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 1811-1815: UNITED STATES SENATOR 1827-1829.

EDWARD RIDGELY: JURIST, SECRETARY OF STATE OF DELAWARE 1859-1868.

HISTORIC MARKERS COMMISSION - 1933

Ridgely home on The Green, Dover, DE

