



IN MEMORIAM.

Original Member.

Henry Bruce,

Commodore United States Navy, retired.

Born in Machias, Me., February 12, 1796.

Died in Somerville, Mass., February 9, 1895.

Appointed Midshipman U. S. N. November 9, 1813, and ordered to U. S. Sloop of War "Frolic," 18 guns (Master Comdt. J. Bainbridge), on December 31, 1813.

Sailed from Boston Harbor, February 18, 1814, and captured Brig "Little Fox" in North Atlantic, March 17, 1814.

Fired on a Carthaginian Privateer Schooner, 9 guns and 70 men, on April 3, 1814, in West Indies, upon refusal to heave to, which was afterward reported to have been sunk.

Made prisoner of war April 20, 1814, off Havana, and carried into Bermuda, on capture of the "Frolic" by H. B. M. Frigate "Orpheus," 36 guns, and Schooner "Shelburne," 12 guns, after a chase of 13 hours, during which the "Frolic" threw overboard all her guns and anchors; was a prisoner of war for six months.

Retained in Service at the Peace of 1815.

Ordered to Philadelphia for duty on board the Ship of the Line "Franklin," June 23, 1817, and on March 28, 1820, was ordered to duty on the "Independence," 74 guns.

In 1821 he was on duty in Boston, and in the following year at New York.