



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

William H. Chester

Hometown: Sag Harbor

Chester served in the U.S. Navy on the gunboat *USS Picket*.

In August 1861, at the age 22, he mustered in with the rank of Sailor and was later promoted to Quarter-Master.

He was killed by an explosion aboard the gunboat *USS Picket* on September 6, 1862.

He is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor.



1861 ~ 1865



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Religious.

The services in the Presbyterian church on last Sabbath afternoon were unusually interesting, being in reference to the late accident on board the U. S. Gunboat Picket, where several of our young men met with an untimely death. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Edward Hopper, took for his text Psalms 119-71, from which he preached an eloquent discourse—one that will be long remembered by those who heard it.

Sag Harbor Express, September 25, 1862

DIED.

FOSTER.—In this village, on the 18th inst., at the residence of Joshua B. Nickerson, Esq., Miss Sarah B. Foster æ 24 years and 7 mos

NICOLL.—Died! while serving his country, by the explosion of the magazine of the U. S. Gunboat Picket, off Washington, N. C., on the morning of the 6th inst., Commander Sylvester D. Nicoll, of Shelter Island, æ 42 years.

CHESTER.—Died! while serving his country, by the explosion of the magazine of the U. S. Gunboat Picket, off Washington, N. C., on the morning of the 6th inst., Quartermaster Wm. H. Chester, son of John E. Chester, Esq. of this village, æ 22 years, 6 months.

HEDGES.—Died! while serving his country, by the explosion of the magazine of the U. S. Gunboat Picket, off Washington, N. C., on the morning of the 6th inst., Quartermaster Jeremiah L. Hedges, son of Capt. Jeremiah Hedges of this village, æ 23 years, 8 months.

HOWELL.—Died! while serving his country, by the explosion of the magazine of the U. S. Gunboat Picket, off Washington, N. C., on the morning of the 6th inst., Henry B. Howell, son of the late George Howell of this village, æ 22 years.



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Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor