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ALEXANDER SCAMMELL WADSWORTH
1790-1851

The fine bust of Alexander Scammell Wadsworth represented here was recently presented to the Society by Mr. George Wadsworth Wells of Shelton, Connecticut. It had been in his family for years, most recently at the home of an aunt living in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It will be placed in the Wadsworth Room of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House.

Alexander Scammell was born in that house on May 7, 1790. His father, General Peleg, named him in honor of a close friend and classmate at Harvard who was taken prisoner and died at the siege of Yorktown.

Alexander entered the Navy as Midshipman at the age of fourteen and remained in service until his death, achieving rank of Lieutenant in 1810, Commander in 1816, and Captain in 1825. Twenty-four of his forty-six years of Naval service were spent at sea where he served under such giants as William Bainbridge (on the Frigate *President*) and Isaac Hull (on the *Constitution*). In the Society's Library are the journals kept at sea by Alexander while serving aboard these famous ships during some of their most notable engagements.