

renomination; was appointed a commissioner to adjust the claims of the Choctaw Indians in 1837; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1841); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1840 to the Twenty-seventh Congress; moved to Trenton, N.J., and resumed the practice of law; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1844; appointed chief justice of the supreme court of New Jersey in 1853, but declined; appointed Minister to Prussia on May 24, 1853, and served until August 10, 1857; again resumed the practice of law; delegate to the peace convention held in Washington, D.C., in 1861 in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; reporter of the supreme court of New Jersey 1862-1872; commissioner of the sinking fund of New Jersey from 1864 until his death; died in Trenton, N.J., November 18, 1873; interment in the cemetery of the First Reformed Dutch Church, Somerville, N.J.

**VUCANOVICH, Barbara Farrell**, a Representative from Nevada; born Barbara Farrell in Camp Dix, New Jersey, June 22, 1921; attended Miss Quinn's School, Albany, N.Y.; graduated from Albany Academy for Girls, Albany, N.Y., 1938; attended, Manhattan College of Sacred Heart, New York, N.Y., 1938-1939; businesswoman; staff, United States Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, 1974-1982; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1976 and 1980; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-eighth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 1997); not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress in 1996; member of the White House Commission to Select White House Fellows, 2002.

**VURSELL, Charles Wesley** (cousin of Carl Bert Albert), a Representative from Illinois; born in Salem, Marion County, Ill., February 8, 1881; attended the public schools of Marion County, Ill.; hardware merchant in 1904; sheriff of Marion County 1910-1914; member of the State house of representatives 1914-1916; owner and publisher of the Salem Republican 1916-1948; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-eighth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1959); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958 to the Eighty-sixth Congress; retired and resided in Salem, Ill., where he died September 21, 1974; interment in East Lawn Cemetery.

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**WACHTER, Frank Charles**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Baltimore, Md., September 16, 1861; attended private schools and St. Paul's Evangelical School at Baltimore, Md.; learned the trade of clothing cutter and in 1892 engaged in the cloth-shrinking business; member of the jail board of Baltimore 1896-1898; unsuccessful candidate for police commissioner of Baltimore in 1898; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1907); was not a candidate for renomination in 1906; resumed his former business pursuits in Baltimore; member of the board of managers of Maryland Penitentiary from 1909 until his death in Baltimore, Md., on July 1, 1910; interment in Loudon Park Cemetery.

**WADDELL, Alfred Moore**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Hillsboro, Orange County, N.C., September 16, 1834; attended Bingham's School and Caldwell Institute in Hillsboro; was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1853; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1855 and began practice in Wilmington, New

Hanover County, N.C.; clerk of a court of equity 1858-1861; delegate to the Constitutional Union National Convention at Baltimore in 1860; engaged in newspaper work; edited the Wilmington Daily Herald in 1860 and 1861; served as lieutenant colonel of the Third Cavalry, Forty-first North Carolina Regiment, during the Civil War; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1879); chairman, Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Forty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of law and also engaged in literary pursuits; editor of the Charlotte Journal-Observer in 1881 and 1882; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1880 and 1896; mayor of Wilmington 1898-1904; died in Wilmington, N.C., March 17, 1912; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

**WADDILL, Edmund, Jr.**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Charles City County, Va., May 22, 1855; educated by private tutors and attended Norwood Academy; deputy clerk of the courts of Charles City, New Kent, Hanover, and Henrico Counties and of the circuit court of the city of Richmond; studied law privately and in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; was admitted to the bar in 1877 and commenced the practice of law in Richmond in 1878; judge of the Henrico County Court in 1880; resigned in 1883 to accept the position of United States attorney for the eastern district of Virginia, which position he held until 1885; member of the State house of delegates from 1886 to March 4, 1889, when he resigned; unsuccessful Republican candidate for election in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; successfully contested as a Republican the election of George D. Wise to the Fifty-first Congress and served from April 12, 1890, to March 3, 1891; was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; resumed the practice of law in Richmond, Va.; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1892 and 1896; appointed judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia March 22, 1908, and served until June 2, 1921, when he was appointed as judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit and was presiding judge at the time of his death in Richmond, Va., April 9, 1931; interment in Hollywood Cemetery.

**WADDILL, James Richard**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Springfield, Greene County, Mo., November 22, 1842; attended private schools and Springfield College; during the Civil War enlisted as a private in the Union Army and served from 1861 to 1863, when he resigned, having attained the rank of first lieutenant; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1864 and commenced practice in Springfield, Mo.; prosecuting attorney of Greene County 1874-1876; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); resumed the practice of law and also engaged in mining operations near Joplin, Mo.; died in Deming, Luna County, N.Mex., June 14, 1917; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

**WADE, Benjamin Franklin** (brother of Edward Wade), a Senator from Ohio; born in Feeding Hills, near Springfield, Hampden County, Mass., October 27, 1800; received his early education from his mother; moved with his parents to Andover, Ohio, in 1821; taught school; studied medicine in Albany, N.Y., 1823-1825; returned to Ohio; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1828 and commenced practice in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Ashtabula County 1835-1837; member, State senate 1837-1838, 1841-1842; judge of the third judicial court of Ohio 1847-1851; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate

to fill the vacancy in the term commencing March 4, 1851, caused by the failure of the legislature to elect; reelected as a Republican in 1856 and 1863 and served from March 15, 1851, to March 3, 1869; unsuccessful candidate for re-nomination in 1868; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses; chairman, Committee on Territories (Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, and Thirty-ninth Congresses); unsuccessful Republican candidate for the vice presidential nomination in 1868; resumed the practice of law in Jefferson, Ohio, in 1869; appointed a government director of the Union Pacific Railroad; member of the Santo Domingo Commission in 1871; died in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio, on March 2, 1878; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

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**WADE, Edward** (brother of Benjamin Franklin Wade), a Representative from Ohio; born in West Springfield, Hampden County, Mass., November 22, 1802; received a limited schooling; moved to Andover, Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1821; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1827 and commenced practice in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio; justice of the peace of Ashtabula County in 1831; moved to Unionville in 1832; prosecuting attorney of Ashtabula County 1833; moved to Cleveland in 1837; elected as a Free-Soil candidate to the Thirty-third Congress and reelected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1861); was not a candidate for renomination in 1860; died in East Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, August 13, 1866; interment in Woodland Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

**WADE, Martin Joseph**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Burlington, Chittenden County, Vt., October 20, 1861; moved to Iowa with his parents at an early age; attended the common schools and St. Joseph's College (later Columbia University), Dubuque, Iowa; was graduated from the law department of the University of Iowa at Iowa City in 1886; was admitted to the bar the same year and practiced in Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, 1886-1893; judge of the eighth judicial district of Iowa 1893-1903; lecturer in the law department of the University of Iowa 1891-1903 and professor of medical jurisprudence 1895-1905; president of the Iowa State Bar Association in 1897 and 1898; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1905); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1904 to the Fifty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession in Iowa City, Iowa; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1904 and 1912; appointed judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa in 1915 and served until his death April 16, 1931, in Los Angeles, Calif., while on a visit in that State; interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Iowa City, Iowa.

**WADE, William Henry**, a Representative from Missouri; born near Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, November 3, 1835; attended the common schools, Grove Academy, and Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio; engaged in agricultural pursuits; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army April 17, 1861, and was mustered out April 26, 1866; moved to Missouri in May 1866 and resumed agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives 1881-1884; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1891); chairman, Committee on Labor (Fifty-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Fifty-second Congress;

again engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Springfield, Greene County, Mo., January 13, 1911; interment in Maple Park Cemetery.

**WADLEIGH, Bainbridge**, a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Bradford, Merrimack County, N.H., January 4, 1831; attended the common schools and Kimball Union Academy, Plainfield, N.H.; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1850 and commenced practice in Milford, Hillsborough County, N.H.; served six terms as town moderator; member, State house of representatives 1855-1856, 1859-1860, 1869-1872; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1879; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878; chairman, Committee on Patents (Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Privileges and Elections (Forty-fifth Congress); resumed the practice of law in Boston, Mass., where he died January 24, 1891; interment in West Street Cemetery, Milford, N.H.

**WADSWORTH, James**, a Delegate from Connecticut; born in Durham, Middlesex County, Conn., July 8, 1730; received a thorough English training and was graduated from Yale College in 1748; studied law and was admitted to the bar; town clerk 1756-1786; justice of the peace in 1762; appointed judge of the New Haven County Court in 1773 and promoted to presiding judge five years later; member of the committee of safety; served in the Revolutionary Army as a colonel and brigadier general of Connecticut Militia, and as a second major general 1777-1779; Member of the Continental Congress 1784; member of the State executive council 1785-1789; State comptroller in 1786 and 1787; member of the State ratification convention in 1788 and opposed adoption of the Constitution; died in Durham, Conn., September 22, 1817; interment in the Old Cemetery.

**WADSWORTH, James Wolcott** (father of James Wolcott Wadsworth, Jr.), a Representative from New York; born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 12, 1846; attended Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, Conn.; served in the Civil War as captain on the staff of Gen. G.K. Warren and was made brevet major; after the war settled in Geneseo, N.Y., and engaged in agricultural pursuits; supervisor of Geneseo 1873-1876; member of the State assembly in 1878 and 1879; State comptroller in 1880 and 1881; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Eldridge G. Lapham; reelected to the Forty-eighth Congress and served from November 8, 1881, to March 3, 1885; elected to the Fifty-second and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1907); chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-ninth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1906 to the Sixtieth Congress; elected president of the board of managers for the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers; engaged in agricultural pursuits and interested in livestock; member of the New York State Constitutional Convention in 1914; president of the Geneseo Valley National Bank; died in Washington, D.C., on December 24, 1926; interment in the family plot in Temple Hill Cemetery, Geneseo, N.Y.

**WADSWORTH, James Wolcott, Jr.** (son of James Wadsworth), a Senator and a Representative from New York; born in Geneseo, N.Y., August 12, 1877; received preparatory education at St. Mark's School, Southboro, Mass.; graduated from Yale University in 1898; during the Spanish-American War served as a private in the Puerto Rican campaign in 1898; engaged in livestock and agricultural pursuits near Geneseo, N.Y., and as manager of a ranch in Texas

1911-1915; member, New York State assembly 1905-1910, serving as speaker 1906-1910; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1914; reelected in 1920 and served from March 4, 1915, to March 3, 1927; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1926; chairman, Committee on Military Affairs (Sixty-sixth through Sixty-ninth Congresses); Republican whip 1915; resumed agricultural pursuits; elected to the Seventy-third and to the eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1951); was not a candidate for renomination in 1950; appointed by President Harry Truman chairman of the National Security Training Commission in 1951 and served until his death in Washington, D.C., June 21, 1952; interment in Temple Hill Cemetery, Geneseo, N.Y.

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**WADSWORTH, Jeremiah**, a Delegate and a Representative from Connecticut; born in Hartford, Conn., July 12, 1743; attended the common schools; went to sea in 1761; became first mate of a vessel and subsequently master; served as deputy and commissary general 1775-1778 during the Revolution; Member of the Continental Congress in 1788; member of the Connecticut ratification convention in 1788; elected to the First, Second, and Third Congresses (March 4, 1789-March 3, 1795); was not a candidate for reelection; member of the State house of representatives in 1795 and of the State executive council 1795-1801; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Hartford, Conn., April 30, 1804; interment in Ancient Burying Ground.

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**WADSWORTH, Peleg**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Duxbury, Mass., May 6, 1748; attended public and private schools, and was graduated from Harvard College in 1769; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Kingston, Mass.; served in the Revolutionary Army as an aide to Gen. Artemas Ward in 1776; engineer under General Thomas in 1776 and 1777; brigadier general of militia in 1777; adjutant general of Massachusetts in 1778; moved to Portland, Maine (then a district of Massachusetts), in 1784 and became a land agent; served in the Massachusetts senate in 1792; elected to the Third Congress and reelected as a Federalist to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1807); moved to Oxford County, Maine, in 1807 to survey and improve a large tract of land granted to him by the Government; died in Hiram, Oxford County, Maine, November 12, 1829; interment in the family cemetery at Wadsworth Hall.

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**WADSWORTH, William Henry**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Maysville, Mason County, Ky., July 4, 1821; attended town and county private schools; was graduated from Augusta College, Bracken County, Ky., in 1841; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1844 and commenced practice in Maysville, Ky.; member of the State senate 1853-1856; presidential elector on the Constitutional Union ticket in 1860; elected as a Unionist to the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1865); was not a candidate for renomination in 1864; during the Civil War served as aide to General Nelson, with the rank of colonel, at the Battle of Ivy Mountain;

appointed United States commissioner to Mexico, under the treaty of Washington for the adjustment of claims, by President Grant in 1869; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1887); was not a candidate for renomination in 1886; resumed the practice of law; died in Maysville, Mason County, Ky., April 2, 1893; interment in Maysville Cemetery.

**WAGENER, David Douglas**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Easton, Pa., October 11, 1792; attended the common schools; captain of the Easton Union Guards 1816-1829; engaged in mercantile pursuits; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses and elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1841); chairman, Committee on Militia (Twenty-fifth Congress); established the Easton Bank in 1852 and was its president until his death in Easton, Northampton County, Pa., October 1, 1860; interment in Easton Cemetery.

**WAGGAMAN, George Augustus**, a Senator from Louisiana; born in Caroline County, Md., in 1782; completed preparatory studies under private tutors; studied law; admitted to the bar in Caroline County, Md., in 1811; served in the War of 1812 under General Andrew Jackson at New Orleans; settled in Baton Rouge, La., and commenced the practice of law in 1813; attorney general of the third district of Louisiana in 1813; judge of the third judicial circuit court in 1818; assistant judge of the criminal court in New Orleans in 1819; interested in sugarcane growing; secretary of state of Louisiana 1830-1832; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward Livingston and served from November 15, 1831, to March 3, 1835; resumed the practice of law in New Orleans and also again engaged in sugarcane planting; participated as a principal in a duel and received injuries from which he died in New Orleans, La., March 31, 1843; interment in Girod Cemetery.

**WAGGONNER, Joseph David, Jr.**, a Representative from Louisiana; born in Plain Dealing, Bossier Parish, La., September 7, 1918; graduated from Plain Dealing High School, Plain Dealing, La., 1935; B.A., Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La., 1941; United States Navy, 1942-1945, 1951-1952; businessman; member of the Bossier Parish school board, 1954-1960; member of the Louisiana state board of education, 1960; president, United Schools Committee of Louisiana, 1961; president, Louisiana school boards association, 1961; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-seventh Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Overton Brooks, and reelected to the eight succeeding Congresses (December 19, 1961-January 3, 1979); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978; is a resident of Bossier City, La.

**WAGNER, Earl Thomas**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, April 27, 1908; attended parochial and public schools; was graduated from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1930; was admitted to the bar in September 1930 and commenced the practice of law in Cincinnati, Ohio; district counsel of Home Owners Loan Corporation in 1933 and 1934; special counsel to the attorney general of Ohio in 1937 and 1938; city solicitor of Sharonville, Ohio, in 1938 and 1939; member of the board of education of the Cincinnati School district 1944-1947; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1951); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1950 and for election to the

United States House of Representatives in 1952 and 1954; resumed the practice of law; city solicitor of Addyston, Ohio, in 1952 and 1953; general counsel for a savings and loan bank in Cincinnati; was a resident of Cincinnati, until his death there on March 6, 1990.

**WAGNER, Peter Joseph**, a Representative from New York; born at Wagners Hollow in the town of Palatine, Montgomery County, N.Y., August 14, 1795; moved to Fort Plain, N.Y., with his parents in 1805; completed preparatory studies; attended Fairfield Academy in 1810 and 1811; was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1816; studied law; was admitted to the bar in September 1819 and commenced practice at Fort Plain, N.Y.; also engaged in agricultural pursuits and banking; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1834 to the Twenty-fourth Congress; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1841); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of War (Twenty-sixth Congress); continued the practice of law at Fort Plain until May 1873, when he retired; died at Fort Plain, Montgomery County, N.Y., September 13, 1884; interment in Fort Plain Cemetery.

**WAGNER, Robert Ferdinand**, a Senator from New York; born in Nastatten, Province Hessen-Nassau, Germany, June 8, 1877; immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1885 and settled in New York City; attended the public schools; graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1898 and from New York Law School in 1900; admitted to the bar in 1900 and commenced practice in New York City; member, State assembly 1905-1908; member, State senate 1909-1918, the last eight years as Democratic floor leader; chairman of the State Factory Investigating Commission 1911-1915; delegate to the New York constitutional conventions in 1915 and 1938; justice of the supreme court of New York 1919-1926; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1926; reelected in 1932, 1938 and 1944 and served from March 4, 1927, until his resignation on June 28, 1949, due to ill health; chairman, Committee on Patents (Seventy-third Congress), Committee on Public Lands and Surveys (Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Congresses), Committee on Banking and Currency (Seventy-fifth through Seventy-ninth Congresses); author of the National Labor Relations Act ("Wagner Act"), that created the National Labor Relations Board in 1935; delegate to the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference at Bretton Woods in 1944; died in New York City, May 4, 1953; interment in Calvary Cemetery, Queens, New York City.

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**WAGONER, George Chester Robinson**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 3, 1863; attended the public schools and Beaumont Hospital Medical College, St. Louis, Mo.; president of the Wagoner Undertaking Co. and secretary and treasurer of the H.H. Wagoner Realty Co., St. Louis, Mo.; successfully contested as a Republican the election of James J. Butler to the Fifty-seventh Congress (February 26, 1903-March 3, 1903); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1904 to the Fifty-eighth Congress; resumed business activities; died in St. Louis, Mo., April 27, 1946; interment in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

**WAINWRIGHT, Jonathan Mayhew**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City December 10, 1864;

was graduated from Columbia College and Columbia School of Political Science, New York City, in 1884, and from Columbia Law School in 1886; was admitted to the bar the same year and practiced in New York City and in Westchester County, N.Y.; served in the Twelfth Infantry of the New York National Guard 1889-1903; also served in the war with Spain as captain of the Twelfth Regiment, New York Volunteers; member of the State assembly 1902-1908; served in the State senate 1909-1913; appointed as a member of the first New York State Workmen's Compensation Commission in 1914 and served until 1915; served as lieutenant colonel, inspector general's department, New York National Guard, on the Mexican border in 1916; during the First World War served as a lieutenant colonel in the Twenty-seventh Division, 1917-1919; Assistant Secretary of War from March 14, 1921, to March 4, 1923, when he resigned; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1931); was not a candidate for renomination in 1930; resumed the practice of law; member of the Westchester County Park Commission 1930-1937; died in Rye, N.Y., June 3, 1945; interment in Greenwood Union Cemetery.

**WAINWRIGHT, Stuyvesant, II**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City March 16, 1921; moved to East Hampton, N.Y., in 1927; graduated from Westminster School, Simsbury, Conn.; interrupted legal studies at Yale University when twenty years of age to enlist as a private in the United States Army on January 30, 1942; attended officers candidate school; went overseas December 30, 1943, rose through the ranks, and was commanding officer of O.S.S. units of the First Army; returned to the States June 10, 1945, and spent the last three months of his service as adviser on intelligence coordination in the War Department in Washington, D.C.; was discharged as a captain December 13, 1945; lieutenant colonel in the Active Army Reserve; resumed legal studies and graduated from Yale University Law School in 1947; was admitted to the bar in 1948 and commenced practice in New York City; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1961); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1960 to the Eighty-seventh Congress; political science instructor at Rutgers University, 1960-1961; resumed the practice of law; president, 1975-1979, and director, 1975-1985, Miltope Corp.; is a resident of Wainscott, N.Y.

**WAIT, John Turner**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in New London, Conn., August 27, 1811; moved with his mother to Norwich, Conn.; attended the common schools and Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., for two years; engaged in mercantile pursuits; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1836 and began practice in Norwich; State's attorney for the county of New London 1842-1844 and 1846-1854; unsuccessful candidate for election as Lieutenant Governor in 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857; served in the State senate in 1865 and 1866, the latter year as president pro tempore; member of the State house of representatives in 1867, 1871, and 1873, serving as speaker in 1867; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry H. Starkweather; reelected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from April 12, 1876, to March 3, 1887; was not a candidate for renomination in 1886; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Norwich, Conn., April 21, 1899; interment in Yantic Cemetery.

**WAKEFIELD, James Beach**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Winsted, Conn., March 21, 1825; at-

tended the public schools at Westfield, Mass., and Jonesville, N.Y.; was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1846; studied law in Painesville, Lake County, Ohio; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Delphi, Ind., in 1852; moved to Shakopee, Minn., in 1854; first judge of the probate court of Faribault County, Minn.; elected as a member of the State house of representatives in 1858, 1863, and 1866, serving as speaker in the session of 1866; member of the State senate 1867-1869; appointed receiver of the United States Land Office at Winnebago City, Minn., June 1, 1869, and served until January 15, 1875, when he resigned; Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota 1875-1877; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); retired from public life; died at Blue Earth, Faribault County, Minn., August 25, 1910; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Painesville, Ohio.

**WAKEMAN, Abram**, a Representative from New York; born in Greenfield Hill, Fairfield County, Conn., May 31, 1824; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from Herkimer Academy, New York; studied law at Little Falls, N.Y.; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New York City in 1847; member of the State assembly in 1850 and 1851; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); unsuccessful Republican candidate for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1856; at the outbreak of the Civil War raised the Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers; postmaster of New York City from March 21, 1862, to September 18, 1864; surveyor of the port of New York City; resumed the practice of law; died in New York City June 29, 1889; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**WAKEMAN, Seth**, a Representative from New York; born in Franklin, Vt., January 15, 1811; attended the common schools; moved to Batavia, N.Y., where he studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law; district attorney for Genesee County 1850-1856; member of the State assembly in 1856 and 1857; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867 and 1868; elected as a Republican to the Forty-second Congress (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1873); was not a candidate for renomination in 1872; resumed the practice of law; died in Batavia, Genesee County, N.Y., January 4, 1880; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

**WALBRIDGE, David Safford**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Bennington, Vt., July 30, 1802; attended the common schools; moved to New York in 1820 and engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits at Genesee from 1820 to 1826 and at Jamestown from 1826 to 1842; moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1842; again engaged in mercantile pursuits; became a large landowner and stock raiser; member of the State house of representatives in 1848; served two terms in the State senate; served as permanent chairman of the first Republican State convention held July 6, 1854, at Jackson, Mich.; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1859); resumed his former pursuits; appointed postmaster of Kalamazoo by President Johnson; died in Kalamazoo, Mich., June 15, 1868; interment in Mountain Home Cemetery.

**WALBRIDGE, Henry Sanford** (cousin of Hiram Walbridge), a Representative from New York; born in Norwich, Conn., April 8, 1801; attended school in Bennington, Vt.; moved to Ithaca, Tompkins County, N.Y., in 1820; stud-

ied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Ithaca; clerk of the board of supervisors of Tompkins County in 1824; member of the State assembly in 1829; president of the village council of Ithaca, Tompkins County, in 1829 and again in 1842; again a member of the State assembly in 1846; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1852; trustee of Ithaca Academy 1858-1868; judge and surrogate of Tompkins County 1859-1868; moved to Leonia, N.J., in 1868 and practiced law in New York City; killed in a railroad accident at Bergen Tunnel near Hoboken, N.J., January 27, 1869; interment in Ithaca City Cemetery, Ithaca, N.Y.

**WALBRIDGE, Hiram** (cousin of Henry Sanford Walbridge), a Representative from New York; born in Ithaca, Tompkins County, N.Y., February 2, 1821; moved to Ohio with his parents, who settled in Toledo in 1836; attended the public schools and the University of Ohio at Athens; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1842 and commenced practice in Toledo; appointed brigadier general of militia in 1843; moved to New York and engaged in mercantile pursuits at Buffalo; member of the board of aldermen; moved to New York City in 1847 and continued mercantile pursuits; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1854; resumed his former pursuits in New York City; unsuccessful Union candidate for election in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; president of the International Commercial Convention held in Detroit, Mich., July 11, 1865; elected as a delegate to the Southern Loyalist Convention at Philadelphia in 1866; died in New York City December 6, 1870; interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

**WALCOTT, Frederic Collin**, a Senator from Connecticut; born in New York Mills, Oneida County, N.Y., February 19, 1869; attended the public schools of Utica, N.Y.; graduated from Lawrenceville (N.J.) School in 1886, from Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., in 1887, and from Yale University in 1891; moved to New York City in 1907 and engaged in the manufacture of cotton cloth and in banking; moved to Norfolk, Conn., in 1910, but continued his business connections in New York City; during the First World War served with the United States Food Administration; president of the Connecticut Board of Fisheries and Game 1923-1928; chairman of the Connecticut Water Commission 1925-1928; member, State senate 1925-1929, serving as president pro tempore 1927-1929; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1929, to January 3, 1935; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1934; commissioner of welfare of Connecticut 1935-1939; member of the advisory committee of the Human Welfare Group of Yale University 1920-1948; regent of the Smithsonian Institution 1941-1948; died in Stamford, Conn., on April 27, 1949; interment in Center Cemetery, Norfolk, Conn.

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**WALDEN, Greg**, a Representative from Oregon; born in The Dalles, Oreg., January 10, 1957; B.S., University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., 1981; member of the Oregon state house of representatives, 1989-1995; member of the Oregon state senate, 1995-1997; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Sixth and to the two succeeding Congress (January 3, 1999-present).

**WALDEN, Hiram**, a Representative from New York; born in Pawlet, Vt., August 21, 1800; attended the district schools; moved to Berne, Albany County, N.Y., in 1818 and to Waldenville, Schoharie County, N.Y., in 1821; engaged in the manufacture of axes; major general of militia; member of the State assembly in 1836; was one of the supervisors of the town of Wright in 1842; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); chairman, Committee on Patents (Thirty-first Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1850 to the Thirty-second Congress; resumed his former manufacturing pursuits; was also employed in the customhouse in New York City; lived in retirement until his death in Waldenville, N.Y., July 21, 1880; interment in Pine Grove Cemetery, Berne, Albany County, N.Y.

**WALDEN, Madison Miner**, a Representative from Iowa; born near Scioto, Brush Creek, Adams County, Ohio, October 6, 1836; moved to Iowa in 1852; attended Denmark Academy, Lee County, Iowa, and Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and was graduated from Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, in 1859; served in the Union Army as captain in the Sixth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and the Eighth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, from May 1861 to May 1865; taught school; published the Centerville (Iowa) Citizen 1865-1874; member of the State house of representatives in 1866 and 1867; served in the State senate in 1868 and 1869; Lieutenant Governor of Iowa in 1870; elected as a Republican to the Forty-second Congress (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1873); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1872; engaged in agricultural pursuits and coal mining in Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa; was appointed chief clerk in the office of the Solicitor of the Treasury in 1889 and served until his death in Washington, D.C., July 24, 1891; interment in Oakland Cemetery, Centerville, Iowa.

**WALDHOLTZ, Enid Greene**, a Representative from Utah. *See* GREENE, Enid.

**WALDIE, Jerome Russell**, a Representative from California; born in Antioch, Calif., February 15, 1925; attended Antioch public schools; graduated from University of California, 1950; graduated from University of California School of Law, Boalt, Calif., 1953; United States Army, 1943-1946; member of California state assembly, 1959-1966, majority leader, 1961-1966; elected as a Democrat by special election to the Eighty-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative John F. Baldwin; reelected to the four succeeding Congresses (June 7, 1966-January 3, 1975); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of California in 1974; public advocate; chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, 1978-1979; executive director, White House Conference on Aging, 1980; member, California Agricultural Relations Board, 1981-1985.

**WALDO, George Ernest**, a Representative from New York; born in Brooklyn, N.Y., January 11, 1851; attended the public schools of Scotland, Conn., and Brooklyn, N.Y., Doctor Fitch's Academy, South Windham, Conn., Natchaug High School, Willimantic, Conn., and studied two years in Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., class of 1872; studied law in New York City; was admitted to the bar in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in 1876 and practiced in New York City 1876-1883 and in Ulysses, Nebr., 1883-1889; village attorney of Ulysses, Nebr., for several years; for four years a member of the board of trustees and school director of Ulysses High

School; returned to New York City in 1889; member of the New York assembly in 1896; commissioner of records of Kings County, N.Y., 1899-1904; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1900; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth Congresses (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1909); was not a candidate for renomination in 1908; resumed the practice of law in New York City; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1913, to Pasadena, Calif., in 1918, and continued the practice of his profession; died in Pasadena, Calif., June 16, 1942; remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in the New Cemetery, Scotland, Conn.

**WALDO, Loren Pinckney**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Canterbury, Conn., February 2, 1802; attended the common schools; taught school; engaged in agricultural pursuits; moved to Tolland, Conn., in 1823; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1825 and commenced practice in Somers; superintendent of schools; postmaster of Somers in 1829 and 1830; returned to Tolland in 1830; member of the State house of representatives 1832-1834 and in 1839; clerk of the State house of representatives in 1833; State's attorney 1837-1849; judge of probate for Tolland district in 1842 and 1843; member in 1847 of the committee to revise the statutes; a member of the State house of representatives in 1847 and 1848; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (Thirty-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1850 to the Thirty-second Congress; commissioner of the school fund of Connecticut; Commissioner of Pensions under President Pierce from March 17, 1853, until January 10, 1856, when he resigned to become judge of the superior court of Connecticut 1856-1863; moved to Hartford, Conn., and resumed the practice of his profession; again a member of a committee to revise the statutes, in 1864; died in Hartford, Conn., September 8, 1881; interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**WALDON, Alton R., Jr.**, a Representative from New York; born in Lakeland, Fla., December 21, 1936; graduated from Boys High School, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1954; B.S., John Jay College, New York, N.Y., 1968; J.D., New York Law School, New York, N.Y., 1973; United States Army, 1956-1959; appointed deputy commissioner, State Division of Human Rights in 1975; counsel, Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; member of the New York state assembly, 1983-1986; delegate to the Democratic national convention, 1984 and 1988; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-ninth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Joseph P. Addabbo (June 10, 1986-January 3, 1987); unsuccessful candidate for renomination to the One Hundredth Congress in 1986; appointed to the New York state investigation commission; was an unsuccessful candidate for the special election to the One Hundred Fifth Congress on February 3, 1998; member of the New York state senate, 1990-2000; judge, New York state court claims, 2000 to present.

**WALDOW, William Frederick**, a Representative from New York; born in Buffalo, N.Y., August 26, 1882; attended the common schools; apprenticed as a plumber and later engaged as a plumbing contractor; elected a member of the board of aldermen of Buffalo in 1912 and 1913; member of the New York Republican State committee in 1916; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1919); unsuccessful for reelection in 1918 to the Sixty-sixth Congress; resumed former business pursuits; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1920; sheriff of Erie County, N.Y., 1921-1923; died in Snyder (a

suburb of Buffalo), N.Y., April 16, 1930; interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

**WALDRON, Alfred Marpole**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 21, 1865; educated in the public schools of Philadelphia; engaged in the insurance business; member of the Philadelphia Select Council 1911-1924; member of the Republican city committee 1916-1936; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1924, 1928, and 1932; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-third Congress (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1935); did not seek renomination in 1934; resumed the insurance business; died in Philadelphia, Pa., June 28, 1952; interment in North Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**WALDRON, Henry**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Albany, N.Y., October 11, 1819; attended Albany Academy, and was graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., in 1836; moved to Michigan in 1837 and was employed as a civil engineer in railroad work; settled in Hillsdale, Mich., in 1839; member of the State legislature in 1843; a director of the Michigan Southern Railroad 1846-1848; active in promoting the construction of the Detroit, Hillsdale & Southwestern Railroad and served as its first president; president of the Second National Bank of Hillsdale from the date of its organization until 1876; presidential elector on the Whig ticket in 1848; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1861); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Treasury (Thirty-fourth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1860; elected to the Forty-second, Forty-third, and Forty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1877); chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining (Forty-second Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1876; elected president of the First National Bank of Hillsdale in 1876 and served until his death in Hillsdale, Hillsdale County, Mich., September 13, 1880; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**WALES, George Edward**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Westminster, Windham County, Vt., May 13, 1792; attended the common schools; studied law in Westminster and Woodstock, Vt.; was admitted to the bar in 1812 and commenced practice at Hartford, Vt.; treasurer of the White River Bridge Co. in 1818; member of the State house of representatives 1822-1824 and served as speaker; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; town clerk of Hartford, Windsor County, Vt., 1840-1860; judge of probate for the Hartford district 1847-1850; died in Hartford, Vt., January 8, 1860; interment in Hartford Cemetery.

**WALES, John**, a Senator from Delaware; born in New Haven, Conn., July 31, 1783; pursued preparatory studies and was graduated from Yale College in 1801; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1801 and commenced the practice of law at New Haven, Conn.; moved to Philadelphia, Pa., and continued to practice law; moved to Baltimore, Md., in 1813, where he remained until 1815; moved to Wilmington, Del., in 1815 and was president of the National Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine; secretary of State of Delaware 1845-1849; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John M. Clayton and served from February 3, 1849, to March 3, 1851; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1851; one of the founders of Delaware College, Newark, Del.; died in

Wilmington, Del., on December 3, 1863; interment in Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery.

**WALGREN, Douglas**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Rochester, Monroe County, N.Y., December 28, 1940; attended the public schools of Mount Lebanon, Pa.; graduated from Mount Lebanon High School, 1958; B.A., Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 1963; LL.B., Stanford (Calif.) University, 1966; admitted to the California bar in 1966 and commenced practice in Menlo Park; staff attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1967-1968; engaged in private practice in Pittsburgh, 1969-1972; corporate counsel, Behavioral Research Laboratories, Inc., Palo Alto, Calif., 1973-1975; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 1991); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1990 to the One Hundred Second Congress; public policy consultant; is a resident of Mount Lebanon, Pa.

**WALKER, Amasa**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in East Woodstock, Conn., May 4, 1799; moved with his parents to North Brookfield, Mass.; attended the district school; in 1814 entered commercial life in North Brookfield; in 1825 moved to Boston, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1840; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1836; delegate to the first international peace conference at London in 1843 and at Paris in 1849; lecturer on political economy at Oberlin College, Ohio, 1842-1848; member of the Massachusetts house of representatives in 1849; served in the State senate in 1850; secretary of state of Massachusetts in 1851 and 1852; member of the State constitutional convention in 1853; lecturer on political economy at Harvard University 1853-1860; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Goldsmith F. Bailey and served from December 1, 1862, to March 3, 1863; was not a candidate for election to the Thirty-eighth Congress; lecturer on political economy at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., 1859-1869; author of several books on political economy; died in North Brookfield, Mass., October 29, 1875; interment in Maple Street Cemetery.

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**WALKER, Benjamin**, a Representative from New York; born in London, England, in 1753; attended the Blue-Coat School; immigrated to the United States and settled in New York City; served in the Revolutionary War as aide-de-camp to General von Steuben and subsequently as a member of the staff of General Washington; naval officer of customs at the port of New York from March 21, 1791, to February 20, 1798; moved to Fort Schuyler (now Utica), N.Y., in 1797; agent of the great landed estate of the Earl of Bath; elected as a Federalist to the Seventh Congress (March 4, 1801-March 3, 1803); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1802; died in Utica, N.Y., January 13, 1818; interment in the Old Village Burying Ground on Water Street; reinterment, June 17, 1875, in Forest Hill Cemetery.

**WALKER, Charles Christopher Brainerd**, a Representative from New York; was born in Drewsville, near Keene, N.H., June 27, 1824; completed preparatory studies; moved to Corning, Steuben County, N.Y., in 1848; postmaster of Corning 1856-1860; was a contractor and also engaged in the hardware and lumber business; during the Civil War served as brigade quartermaster with the rank of captain in the New York State Militia; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions at Charleston in 1860 and at Baltimore in 1872; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-

fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); resumed former business activities; member of the board of control of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station from June 10, 1885, until his death in Corning, N.Y., January 26, 1888; interment in Palmyra Cemetery, Palmyra, Wayne County, N.Y.

**WALKER, David** (brother of George Walker and grandfather of James David Walker), a Representative from Kentucky; born in Brunswick County, Va., birth date unknown; attended public and private schools; served in the Revolutionary War as a private under General Lafayette; was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown; moved to Logan County, Ky.; clerk of county and circuit courts; member of the State house of representatives, 1793-1796; served as major on the staff of Governor Shelby of Kentucky in the Battle of the Thames during the War of 1812; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth and to the succeeding Congress (March 4, 1817-March 1, 1820); died on March 1, 1820, in Washington, D.C.; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

**WALKER, E. S. Johnny**, a Representative from New Mexico; born in Fulton, Ky., June 18, 1911; attended the public schools; moved with family to Albuquerque, N.Mex., in 1926; graduated from Albuquerque High School; attended University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and the National University (now George Washington University) in Washington, D.C.; served in North African and European Theaters of Operation, 1942-1945; member of State house of representatives, 1949-1952 (majority whip); commissioner, State Land Office, 1953-1956 and 1961-1964; commissioner of the State Bureau of Revenue, 1960; organizer, director, and member of the State Oil and Gas Accounting Commission; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1969); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-first Congress; died in Albuquerque, N.Mex., on October 8, 2000; interment at Santa Fe National Cemetery.

**WALKER, Felix**, a Representative from North Carolina; born on the south branch of the Potomac River, in Hampshire County, Va. (now West Virginia), July 19, 1753; attended country school on the Congaree River, near Columbia, S.C., and in Burke County, N.C.; moved with his father to what became Lincoln County, N.C., and in 1768, to what became Rutherford County, N.C.; was employed as a merchant's clerk at Charleston, S.C., in 1769; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; in company with Daniel Boone and others formed the settlement of Boonsboro, Ky., in 1775; clerk of the court of Washington district (most of which is now in Tennessee) in 1775 and 1776 and of the county court of Washington County (now chiefly in Tennessee) in 1777 and 1778; fought in the Revolutionary and Indian wars; clerk of court of Rutherford County, N.C., 1779-1787; member of the State house of commons in 1792, 1799-1802, and 1806; resumed agricultural pursuits and was also a trader and land speculator in Haywood County, N.C.; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth Congress and reelected to the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1823); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1822 to the Eighteenth Congress; moved to Mississippi about 1824 and engaged in agricultural pursuits and trading; died in Clinton, Hinds County, Miss., in 1828; interment probably in a private cemetery.

**WALKER, Francis** (brother of John Walker), a Representative from Virginia; born at "Castle Hill," near Cobham, Albemarle County, Va., June 22, 1764; magistrate

of Albemarle County; colonel of the Eighty-eighth Regiment, Virginia Militia; member of the State house of delegates 1788-1791 and 1797-1801; elected to the Third Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1795); died at "Castle Hill," near Cobham, Va., in March 1806; interment in the family cemetery at "Castle Hill."

**WALKER, Freeman**, a Senator from Georgia; born in Charles City, Charles City County, Va., October 25, 1780; attended the common schools; moved to Augusta, Ga., in 1797; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1802 and commenced practice in Augusta; member, State house of representatives 1807-1811; mayor of Augusta 1818-1819; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Forsyth and served from November 6, 1819, to August 6, 1821, when he resigned; mayor of Augusta 1823; died in Augusta, Richmond County, Ga., September 23, 1827; interment in the Walker Family Cemetery in Augusta, Ga.

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**WALKER, George** (brother of David Walker and great uncle of James David Walker), a Senator from Kentucky; born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1763; attended the common schools; served in the Revolutionary War; moved to Jessamine County, Ky., in 1794; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Nicholasville, Ky., in 1799; a commissioner of the Kentucky River Co. in 1801; member, State senate 1810-1814; appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George M. Bibb and served from August 30 to December 16, 1814, when a successor was elected; died in Nicholasville, Ky., in 1819; interment on his estate near Nicholasville.

**WALKER, Gilbert Carlton**, a Representative from Virginia; born in South Gibson, Susquehanna County, Pa., August 1, 1833; received a thorough English training and was graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., in 1854; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1855 and practiced in Owego, Broome County, N.Y., 1855-1859 and in Chicago, Ill., 1859-1864; moved to Norfolk, Va., in 1864 and continued the practice of law; also engaged in banking; Governor of Virginia 1869-1874; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); chairman, Committee on Education and Labor (Forty-fourth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; settled in Binghamton, N.Y., in 1879 and practiced law; moved to New York City in 1881 and continued the practice of law; served as president of the New York Underground Railroad Co.; died in New York City, May 11, 1885; interment in Spring Forest Cemetery, Binghamton, N.Y.

**WALKER, Isaac Pigeon**, a Senator from Wisconsin; born near Wheeling, Va. (now West Virginia), November 2, 1815; moved to Danville, Ill., in early youth; attended the common schools; was employed as a clerk in a store; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1834 and commenced practice in Springfield; served one term in the State house of representatives; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1840; moved to Wisconsin Territory in 1841, settled in Milwaukee, and continued the practice of law; member, Territorial legislature 1847-1848; upon the admission of Wisconsin as a State into the Union was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate; reelected in 1849 and served from June 8, 1848, to March 3, 1855; chairman, Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Thirtieth Congress), Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Thirty-first through Thirty-third Congresses), Committee on Agriculture (Thirty-second Congress), Committee on Indian Affairs



(Thirty-second Congress); engaged in agricultural pursuits in Waukesha County; returned to Milwaukee and resumed the practice of law; died there March 29, 1872; interment in Forest Home Cemetery.

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**WALKER, James Alexander** (great grandfather of Manley C. Butler), a Representative from Virginia; born near Mount Meridian, Augusta County, Va., August 27, 1832; attended private schools, and was graduated from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., in 1852; studied law in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1854 and 1855; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice in Newbern, Pulaski County, Va., in 1856; attorney for the Commonwealth in 1860; entered the Confederate Army in April 1861 as captain of the Pulaski Guards, afterwards Company C, Fourth Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Brigade; promoted to lieutenant colonel and assigned to the Thirteenth Virginia Infantry in July 1861, becoming colonel in March 1862; was promoted to brigadier general and assigned as commander of the Stonewall Brigade in May 1863; member of the house of delegates of Virginia in 1871 and 1872; elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 1877; until 1893 was a member of the Democratic Party; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1899); chairman, Committee on Elections No. 3 (Fifty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1898 to the Fifty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Wytheville, Wythe County, Va., October 21, 1901; interment in East End Cemetery.

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**WALKER, James David** (grandson of David Walker, nephew of John McLean [1791-1830] and Finis Ewing McLean, cousin of Wilkinson Call, and great nephew of George Walker), a Senator from Arkansas; born near Russellville, Logan County, Ky., December 13, 1830; attended private schools in Kentucky and Ozark Institute and Arkansas College, Fayetteville, Ark.; moved to Arkansas in 1847; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1850 and commenced practice in Fayetteville, Washington County, Ark.; judge of the circuit court, fourth judicial district; during the Civil War served as colonel of the Fourth Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, Confederate Army; captured at Oak Hills, Mo., in 1861 and imprisoned for two years; resumed the practice of law in Fayetteville, Ark., in 1865; solicitor general of the State of Arkansas; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1876; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1879, to March 3, 1885; declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1884; resumed the practice of law in Fayetteville, Ark., and died there on October 17, 1906; interment in the Walker family cemetery.

**WALKER, James Peter**, a Representative from Missouri; born near Memphis, Lauderdale County, Tenn., March 14, 1851; attended the public schools and the boys' college at Durhamville, Tenn.; employed in early youth as a clerk in a country store; moved to Missouri in 1867 and settled near Kennett, Dunkin County; engaged in agricultural pursuits; moved to Point Pleasant, New Madrid County, in 1871 and engaged in transportation on the Mississippi River; engaged in the dry-goods business at Dexter, Mo., in 1876, and later, in 1882, in the buying and selling of grain; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1880; unsuccessful

candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1884; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses and served from March 4, 1887, until his death; had been unanimously nominated as the Democratic candidate for reelection to the Fifty-second Congress on the day of his death; died July 19, 1890, in Dexter, Stoddard County, Mo.; interment in Dexter Cemetery.

**WALKER, John** (brother of Francis Walker), a Delegate and a Senator from Virginia; born at "Castle Hill," near Cobham, Albemarle County, Va., February 13, 1744; received private schooling and graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., in 1764; moved to "Belvoir," Albemarle County, and engaged in planting; commissioned with his father to make special terms with the Indians at Fort Pitt, Pa., so as to retain their friendship during the Revolutionary War; served as an aide to General George Washington in 1777 with the rank of colonel; Delegate to the Continental Congress 1780; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law; appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Grayson and served from March 31 to November 9, 1790, when a successor was elected; was not a candidate for reelection; resumed his agricultural pursuits; died near Madison Mills, Orange County, Va., December 2, 1809; interment in the family cemetery on the Belvoir estate near Cismont, Va.

**WALKER, John Randall**, a Representative from Georgia; born near Blackshear, Pierce County, Ga., February 23, 1874; graduated from Jasper Normal College, Jasper, Fla., 1895; graduated from the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., 1898; lawyer, private practice; member of the Georgia state house of representatives, 1907-1908; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third and to the two succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1919); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1918; died on July 21, 1942, in Blackshear, Ga.; interment in the Walker family burying grounds, Pierce County, Ga.

**WALKER, John Williams** (father of Percy Walker and great-great-grandfather of Richard Walker Bolling), a Senator from Alabama; born in Amelia County, Va., August 12, 1783; attended a private school; graduated from The College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1806; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1810 and commenced practice in Huntsville, Ala.; member, Territorial house of representatives 1817, and served as speaker; president of the State constitutional convention in 1819; upon the admission of Alabama as a State into the Union was elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate and served from December 14, 1819, to December 12, 1822, when he resigned; died in Huntsville, Madison County, Ala., April 23, 1823; interment in Maple Hill Cemetery.

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**WALKER, Joseph Henry**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., December 21, 1829; moved with his parents to Hopkinton in 1830 and to Worcester, Mass., in 1843; attended the public schools; engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes; established the business of manufacturing leather in Chicago, Ill., in 1868; member of the common council of Worcester 1852-1854; served in the State house of representatives in 1879, 1880, and 1887; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1899); chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection

in 1898 to the Fifty-sixth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; died in Worcester, Mass., April 3, 1907; interment in the Rural Cemetery.

**WALKER, Lewis Leavell**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Lancaster, Garrard County, Ky., February 15, 1873; attended Lancaster (Ky.) Academy, Garrard College, Lancaster, Ky., and Central University, Richmond, Ky.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1894 and commenced practice in Lancaster, Ky.; also engaged in banking; prosecuting attorney of Garrard County in 1901; city attorney of Lancaster 1907-1910; served as trustee of the University of Kentucky, at Lexington, Ky., 1908-1915; judge of the thirteenth judicial district of Kentucky in 1910 and 1911; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first Congress (March 4, 1929-March 3, 1931); was not a candidate for renomination in 1930; continued the practice of law in Lancaster, Ky., until his death there on June 30, 1944; interment in Lancaster Cemetery.

**WALKER, Percy** (son of John Williams Walker and great-great-uncle of Richard Walker Bolling), a Representative from Alabama; born in Huntsville, Madison County, Ala., in December 1812; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1835; commenced the practice of medicine in Mobile, Ala.; served in the campaign against the Creek Indians; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Mobile; State's attorney for the sixth judicial district; member of the State house of representatives in 1839, 1847, and 1853; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1856; died in Mobile, Ala., December 31, 1880; interment in Magnolia Cemetery.

**WALKER, Prentiss Lafayette**, a Representative from Mississippi; born near Taylorsville, Smith County, Miss., August 23, 1917; attended the public schools of Las Cruces, N. Mex., and Taylorsville and Mize, Miss., and Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., in 1936; entered United States Army in 1944 and served in Pacific Theater; president of Walker Egg Farms, Inc., Mize, Miss.; owner, Walker's Supermarket, 1937-1963; member of the executive committee of the State Game and Fish Commission, 1960; delegate, Republican National Conventions, 1964 and 1968; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-ninth Congress (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1967); was not a candidate for reelection in 1966, but was an independent candidate to the United States Senate; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the United States Senate in 1972; engaged in farming and home building; died on June 5, 1998, in Magee, Miss.; interment in Zion Hill Cemetery, Magee, Miss.

**WALKER, Robert Jarvis Cochran**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near West Chester, Chester County, Pa., October 20, 1838; attended school at East Hampton and Cambridge, Mass.; was graduated from the law department of Harvard University in 1858; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Philadelphia; director of the first school district of Pennsylvania; twice elected to the council of Philadelphia; purchased the Saturday Evening Post in 1874 and was its editor for a short time; engaged in the production of oil; moved to Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pa., in 1875 and engaged in land, lumber, and coal developments; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1882 but his name was presented by his friends; returned to Philadelphia in

1890 and became a manufacturing chemist; died in Philadelphia, Pa., December 19, 1903; interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

**WALKER, Robert John**, a Senator from Mississippi; born in Northumberland, Pa., July 19, 1801; graduated from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1819; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1821 and commenced practice in Pittsburgh, Pa., the following year; moved to Natchez, Miss., in 1826 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate; re-elected, and served from March 4, 1835, to March 5, 1845, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-fourth through Twenty-sixth Congresses); Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of President James K. Polk 1845-1849; declined the mission to China tendered by President Franklin Pierce in 1853; resumed the practice of law; appointed Governor of Kansas Territory in April 1857, but resigned in December 1857; United States financial agent to Europe 1863-1864; again engaged in the practice of law at Washington, D.C., and died there November 11, 1869; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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**WALKER, Robert Smith**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Bradford, McKean County, Pa., December 23, 1942; graduated from Penn Manor High School, Millersville, Pa., 1960; attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., 1960-1961; B.S., Millersville University, Millersville, Pa., 1964; M.A., University of Delaware, Newark, Del., 1968; taught in Millersville public schools, 1964-1967; served in Pennsylvania National Guard, 1967-1973; assistant to Representative Edwin D. Eshleman of Pennsylvania, 1967-1976; delegate and alternate delegate, Republican National Conventions, 1980-1996; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-fifth and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 1997); chairman, Committee on Science (One Hundred Fourth Congress); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress in 1996; is a resident of East Petersburg, Pa.

**WALKER, Walter**, a Senator from Colorado; born in Marion, Crittenden County, Ky., April 3, 1883; attended the public schools; moved to Grand Junction, Colo., in 1903 and engaged in the daily newspaper business, later becoming editor, manager, and chief owner of the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; appointed on September 16, 1932, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles W. Waterman and served from September 26, 1932, until December 6, 1932, when a duly elected successor qualified; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1932 to fill this vacancy; resumed newspaper activities until his death; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1936; died in Grand Junction, Colo., October 8, 1956; interment in Orchard Mesa Cemetery.

**WALKER, William Adams**, a Representative from New York; born in New Hampshire June 5, 1805; attended the common schools and Northampton Law School; was admitted to the bar but never engaged in the practice of law; moved to New York City in 1832; appointed principal of a public school in New York City; county superintendent of common schools 1843-1847; member of the board of aldermen in 1846; defeated for reelection in 1847; served as com-

missioner of jurors until elected to Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; defeated for election to the board of aldermen in 1857; died in Irvington, West Chester County, N.Y., December 18, 1861; interment in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, N.Y.

**WALL, Garret Dorset** (father of James Walter Wall), a Senator from New Jersey; born in Middletown, N.J., March 10, 1783; completed preparatory studies; studied law; licensed as an attorney in 1804 and as a counselor in 1807 and commenced practice in Burlington, N.J.; served in the War of 1812 and commanded a volunteer regiment from Trenton; clerk of the State supreme court 1812-1817; quartermaster general of the State 1815-1837; member, State general assembly 1827; United States district attorney for New Jersey in 1829; elected Governor of New Jersey in 1829, but declined to serve; elected as a Jacksonian (later Democrat) to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1835, to March 3, 1841; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on the Militia (Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses), Committee on the Judiciary (Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses), Committee on Military Affairs (Twenty-fifth Congress); judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey from 1848 until his death in Burlington, N.J., November 22, 1850; interment in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church.

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**WALL, James Walter** (son of Garret Dorset Wall), a Senator from New Jersey; born in Trenton, N.J., May 26, 1820; was tutored privately in Flushing, N.Y., and graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1838; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1841 and commenced practice in Trenton; served as commissioner in bankruptcy; moved to Burlington, N.J., in 1847; mayor of Burlington 1850; was tendered the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1850, but declined; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John R. Thompson and served from January 14 to March 3, 1863; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; resumed the practice of law in Burlington; also engaged in literary pursuits; moved to Elizabeth, N.J., in 1869 where he died June 9, 1872; interment in the churchyard of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington, N.J.

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**WALL, William**, a Representative from New York; born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 20, 1800; received a limited schooling; learned the trade of ropemaking and worked as a journeyman; became a manufacturer of rope; moved to Kings County, Long Island, N.Y., in 1822; trustee, commissioner of highways, supervisor, member of the board of finance, and commissioner of waterworks of Williamsburg (now a part of New York City); mayor of Williamsburg in 1853; was one of the incorporators and for a number of years president of the Williamsburg Savings Bank; also one of the founders of the Williamsburg City Bank (later the First National Bank) and of the Williamsburg Dispensary; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1862; delegate to the Loyalist Convention at Philadelphia in 1866; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., April 20, 1872; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**WALLACE, Alexander Stuart**, a Representative from South Carolina; born near York, S.C., December 30, 1810; received a limited schooling; engaged in planting in his native county; member of the State house of representatives, 1852-1855, 1858-1859 and 1865-1866; successfully contested as a Republican the election of William D. Simpson to the Forty-first Congress; reelected to the Forty-second, Forty-third, and Forty-fourth Congresses and served from May 27, 1870, to March 3, 1877; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Forty-second Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death near York, S.C., June 27, 1893; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery, York, S.C.

**WALLACE, Daniel**, a Representative from South Carolina; born near Laurens, S.C., May 9, 1801; received a limited schooling; moved to Union County in 1833; major general of State militia; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Union and Jonesville, Union County, S.C.; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives 1846-1847; elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James A. Black; reelected to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses and served from June 12, 1848, to March 3, 1853; resumed agricultural pursuits; died in Jonesville, S.C., May 13, 1859; interment in Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Union, S.C.

**WALLACE, David**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa., April 24, 1799; moved with his parents to Brookville, Ind., in 1817; was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1821, and was appointed assistant professor of mathematics in that institution, resigning in 1822; returned to Brookville, Ind.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1824 and practiced; member of the State house of representatives 1828-1830; moved to Covington, Ind., in 1830 and continued the practice of law; Lieutenant Governor of Indiana 1831-1837; Governor 1837-1840; settled in Indianapolis and continued the practice of law; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Twenty-eighth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Indianapolis; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1850; judge of the court of common pleas of Marion County from 1856 until his death in Indianapolis, Ind., September 4, 1859; interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**WALLACE, Henry Agard**, a Vice President of the United States; born on a farm near Orient, Adair County, Iowa, October 7, 1888; attended the public schools; graduated from Iowa State College at Ames in 1910; served on the editorial staff of Wallace's Farmer, Des Moines, Iowa, 1910-1924 and was editor 1924-1929; experimented with breeding high-yielding strains of corn 1913-1933; in 1915 devised the first corn-hog ratio charts indicating probable course of markets; author of many publications on agriculture; appointed Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinet of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and served until September 1940, when he resigned, having been nominated for Vice President; elected in November 1940 as Vice President of the United States on the Democratic ticket with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was inaugurated January 20, 1941, for the term ending January 20, 1945; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1944; appointed Secretary of Commerce and served from March 1945 to September 1946; unsuccessful Progressive candidate for election as President of the United States in 1948; resumed his farming interests; was

a resident of South Salem, N.Y.; died in Danbury, Conn., November 18, 1965; remains were cremated at Grace Cemetery in Bridgeport, Conn., and the ashes interred in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa.

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**WALLACE, James M.**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Hanover Township, Lancaster (now Dauphin) County, Pa., in 1750; pursued preparatory studies in Philadelphia; participated in the Revolution as a member of Capt. James Roger's, Col. Timothy Green's, and Capt. William Brown's companies, and at the close of the war was major of a battalion of Associators; commanded a company of rangers in defense of the frontier in 1779; became major of the Dauphin County Militia in 1796; one of the commissioners of the county 1799-1801; member of the State house of representatives 1806-1810; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Amos Ellmaker to serve; reelected to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses and served from October 10, 1815, to March 3, 1821; declined to be a candidate for renomination and retired to his farm; died near Hummelstown, West Hanover Township, Dauphin County, Pa., December 17, 1823; interment in the Old Derry Church Graveyard, Derry (now Hershey), Pa.

**WALLACE, John Winfield**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Beaver Falls, Beaver County, Pa., December 20, 1818; attended Darlington (Pa.) Academy, where he afterward taught; was graduated from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1846 and commenced the practice of medicine in Darlington; moved to New Castle, Pa., in 1850; held several local offices; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; during the Civil War served as paymaster in the Union Army; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); was not a candidate for renomination in 1876; resumed the practice of medicine in New Castle, Lawrence County, Pa., where he died June 24, 1889; interment in Grandview Cemetery, near Beaver Falls, Beaver County, Pa.

**WALLACE, Jonathan Hasson**, a Representative from Ohio; born in St. Clair Township, Columbiana County, Ohio, October 31, 1824; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Washington College (now Washington and Jefferson University), Washington, Pa., in 1844; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in New Lisbon, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Columbiana County in 1851 and 1853; successfully contested as a Democrat the election of William McKinley, Jr., to the Forty-eighth Congress and served from May 27, 1884, to March 3, 1885; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1884 to the Forty-ninth Congress; appointed judge of the court of common pleas by Governor Hoadley on March 5, 1885, to fill a vacancy and served one year; continued the practice of law until his death in Lisbon, Ohio, October 28, 1892; interment in Lisbon Cemetery.

**WALLACE, Nathaniel Dick**, a Representative from Louisiana; born in Columbia, Maury County, Tenn., October 27, 1845; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, in 1865; returned to the United States in 1867 and engaged in the commission business at New Orleans, La., in 1878; twice elected president of the New Orleans Produce Exchange; active in manu-

facturing enterprises; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Michael Hahn and served from December 9, 1886, to March 3, 1887; was not a candidate for renomination in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; president of Consumers Ice Co., New Orleans, from 1886 until his death July 16, 1894, in Kenilworth, near Asheville, N.C.; interment in Metairie Cemetery, New Orleans, La.

**WALLACE, Robert Minor**, a Representative from Arkansas; born in New London, Union County, Ark., August 6, 1856; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Arizona Seminary, Arizona, La., in 1876; studied law; was admitted to the bar at Little Rock, Ark., in 1879 and commenced the practice of law in El Dorado, Ark.; member of the State house of representatives in 1881 and 1882; United States post office inspector 1887-1891; prosecuting attorney for the thirteenth judicial circuit of Arkansas in 1891 and 1892; assistant United States attorney in 1894; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1911); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; resumed the practice of his profession at Hot Springs and Little Rock and also engaged in lecturing for the Chautauqua and for the Anti-Saloon League; moved to Magnolia, Ark., where he died on November 9, 1942; interment in Magnolia Cemetery.

**WALLACE, Rodney**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in New Ipswich, Hillsborough County, N.H., December 21, 1823; attended the common schools; engaged in the manufacture of paper; was a member of the select council of Fitchburg, Mass., in 1864, 1865, and 1867; served in the State house of representatives in 1873; member of the Governor's council 1880-1882; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first Congress (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1891); was not a candidate for renomination in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; again engaged in the manufacture of paper; died in Fitchburg, Worcester County, Mass., on February 27, 1903; interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

**WALLACE, William Andrew**, a Senator from Pennsylvania; born in Huntingdon, Pa., November 28, 1827; moved with his parents to Clearfield, Pa., in 1836; attended the local schools; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Clearfield; also taught school in Clearfield; member, State senate 1863-1875, and served as speaker 1871; member of the commission to suggest amendments to the constitution of Pennsylvania in 1874; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1880; Democratic Conference Chairman, 1877-1881; chairman, Committee on the Revision of the Laws of the United States (Forty-sixth Congress); resumed the practice of law in Clearfield; member, State senate 1882-1887; became interested in the development of the bituminous coal fields of the Clearfield region; also served as president of the Beech Creek Railroad; died in New York City, May 22, 1896; interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Clearfield, Pa.

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**WALLACE, William Copeland**, a Representative from New York; born in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 21, 1856; was graduated from Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1873, from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1876, and from the law department of Columbia College (now Columbia University), New York City, in 1878; commenced the practice of law in New York City; assistant United States attorney

for the southern district of New York 1880-1883; appointed judge advocate general on the staff of Governor Morton in 1894; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first Congress (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1891); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; resumed the practice of his profession in Brooklyn, N.Y.; also engaged extensively in banking; died at his summer home in Warwick, Orange County, N.Y., September 4, 1901; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**WALLACE, William Henson**, a Delegate from the Territories of Washington and Idaho; born in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, July 19, 1811; attended the common schools of Indiana; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; moved to Iowa in 1837; appointed colonel of State troops; appointed receiver of public money at Fairfield, Iowa; moved to the Territory of Washington in 1853; member of the Territorial council in 1855 and 1856 and served as president of the council; appointed Governor of the Territory of Washington in 1861, but did not qualify, having been elected as a Republican a Delegate from the Territory of Washington to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); was appointed as the first Governor of the Territory of Idaho in 1863; elected as a Republican a Delegate from the Territory of Idaho to the Thirty-eighth Congress and served from February 1, 1864, to March 3, 1865; died in Steilacoom, Pierce County, Wash., on February 7, 1879; interment in Fort Steilacoom Cemetery.

**WALLEY, Samuel Hurd**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., August 31, 1805; attended the common schools and Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; attended Yale College in 1822 and was graduated from Harvard University in 1826; studied law; was admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1831 and practiced in Boston and Roxbury; engaged in banking; treasurer of the Vermont Central Railroad; promoter and first treasurer of the Wisconsin Central Railroad; member of the State house of representatives in 1836 and 1840-1846, serving as speaker 1844-1846; corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions 1848-1867; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; unsuccessful Whig candidate for Governor of Massachusetts in 1855; president of the Revere National Bank; died at Nantasket Beach, Plymouth County, Mass., on August 27, 1877; interment in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.

**WALLGREN, Monrad Charles**, a Representative and a Senator from Washington; born in Des Moines, Iowa, April 17, 1891; moved with his parents to Galveston, Tex., in 1894 and to Everett, Wash., in 1901; attended the public schools and business college of Everett, Wash.; graduated from Washington State School of Optometry at Spokane in 1914; engaged in the retail jewelry and optical business 1915-1932; during the First World War served in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Washington National Guard 1917-1919; adjutant of the Third Battalion of the Washington National Guard 1921-1922; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1933, until his resignation, effective December 19, 1940; elected November 5, 1940, as a Democrat to the United States Senate for the term commencing January 3, 1941; subsequently appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lewis B. Schwellenbach in the term ending January 3, 1941, and served from December 19, 1940, to January 9, 1945, when he resigned; Governor of Washington 1945-1949;

nominated by President Harry S. Truman as chairman of National Security Resources Board in 1949, nomination subsequently withdrawn; member of the Federal Power Commission 1950-1951; engaged in citrus growing in the Coachella Valley, Calif., and the development of uranium claims at Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.; died in Olympia, Wash., September 18, 1961, due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, Wash.

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**WALLHAUSER, George Marvin**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newark, Essex County, N.J., February 10, 1900; attended the grade schools and graduated from Barringer High School, Newark, N.J., in 1918; during the First World War served as a hospital corpsman in the United States Naval Reserve 1918-1922; graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1922; associated with United States Realty & Investment Co., Newark, N.J., in 1928, serving on board of directors and as treasurer and vice president in 1940; enrolled in Columbia University in 1941 and completed courses in real-estate appraising in 1942; chairman, Maplewood (N.J.) Planning Board, 1946-1954; member, Maplewood Township Committee, 1954-1957; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-sixth, Eighty-seventh, and to the Eighty-eighth Congresses (January 3, 1959-January 3, 1965); was not a candidate for renomination to the Eighty-ninth Congress; senior vice president, United States Realty and Investment Company; commissioner, New Jersey Highway Authority, 1970-1972, and chairman, 1972-1975; was a resident of Maplewood, N.J., until his death in Livingston, N.J., on August 4, 1993.

**WALLIN, Samuel**, a Representative from New York; born in Easton, Northampton County, Pa., July 31, 1856; moved with his parents to Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N.Y., in 1864; attended the public schools and Amsterdam Academy; engaged in the manufacture of carpets and rugs; served as alderman 1889-1892; mayor of Amsterdam in 1901 and 1902; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third Congress (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1915); was not a candidate for renomination in 1914; resumed his business activities in Amsterdam, N.Y., where he died December 1, 1917; interment in Green Hill Cemetery.

**WALLING, Ansel Tracy**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Otsego County, N.Y., January 10, 1824; moved to Erie County, Pa., where he attended a local academy; studied medicine and practiced a short time; learned the art of printing; moved to Ohio in 1843 and engaged in newspaper work; clerk of the State legislature in 1851 and 1852; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1852 and practiced; moved to Keokuk, Iowa, and was editor of the Daily Times 1855-1858; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1856; returned to Ohio in 1861 and settled in Circleville, Pickaway County, where he resumed the practice of law; member of the State senate in 1865; served in the State house of representatives in 1867 and was elected speaker pro tempore; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); unsuccessful candidate for renomination; again engaged in the practice of law; died in Circleville, Ohio, June 22, 1896; interment in Forest Cemetery.

**WALLOP, Malcolm**, a Senator from Wyoming; born in New York City, February 27, 1933; attended the public schools of Big Horn, Wyo., and the Cate School, Carpenteria, Calif.; graduated, Yale University 1954; businessman and cattle rancher; member, Wyoming house of representatives

1969-1972; member, Wyoming senate 1973-1976; served in the United States Army 1955-1957; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1976, reelected in 1982 and 1988 and served from January 3, 1977 to January 3, 1995; not a candidate for reelection in 1994; founded Frontiers of Freedom Institute in 1994 to study issues related to Constitutional freedoms; member, Commission to Assess U.S. National Security Space Management and Organization ("Rumsfeld Space Commission") 2000-2001.

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**WALLS, Josiah Thomas**, a Representative from Florida; born in Winchester, Frederick County, Va., December 30, 1842; received a limited schooling; engaged in truck farming; moved to Florida; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1868; served in the State senate 1869-1872; presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Forty-second Congress and served from March 4, 1871, to January 29, 1873, when he was succeeded by Silas L. Niblack, who contested his election; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1875, to April 19, 1876, when he was succeeded by Jesse J. Finley, who contested his election; resumed his occupation as truck farmer; died in Tallahassee, Fla., May 15, 1905; interment in the Negro Cemetery.

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**WALN, Robert**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 22, 1765; received a limited schooling; engaged in mercantile pursuits and in East India and China trade; member of the State legislature for several years; member of the city council of Philadelphia and served as president of the select council; elected as a Federalist to the Fifth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Swanwick; reelected to the Sixth Congress and served from December 3, 1798, to March 3, 1801; became interested in the operation of ironworks and during the War of 1812 erected a cotton factory in Trenton; served as president of the Philadelphia Insurance Co. and as a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania; died in Philadelphia, January 24, 1836; interment in Friends' Arch Street Burial Ground.

**WALSH, Allan Bartholomew**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Trenton, N.J., August 29, 1874; attended Immaculate Conception Parochial School and the public schools of Trenton; employed with an electrical concern in Trenton 1900-1911; member of the State house of assembly in 1910 and 1911; secretary of the Mercer County Board of Taxation in 1912 and 1913; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1915); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1914 to the Sixty-fourth Congress; engaged in the real estate brokerage business; served as an internal-revenue agent in New Jersey and Wisconsin from 1915 to 1920, when he resigned to engage in private practice as a consultant and adviser in the field of federal laws; again appointed as an internal-revenue agent and served from 1933 until 1940, when he retired due to physical disability and resided in Palm Beach, Fla.; died in New York City, August 5, 1953; interment in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Trenton, N.J.

**WALSH, Arthur**, a Senator from New Jersey; born in Newark, Essex County, N.J., February 26, 1896; educated

in the public schools, by private tutor, and at the New York University School of Commerce at New York City; began his career as a recording violinist for Thomas A. Edison in 1915 and later held executive positions with the Edison Enterprises; during the First World War served as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps 1917-1919; lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve 1929-1932; colonel in the New Jersey National Guard 1941-1943; member of the New Jersey Workmen's Compensation Investigating Commission 1932-1933; New Jersey director of the Federal Housing Administration 1934-1935, and as deputy and later as assistant administrator at Washington, D.C., 1935-1938; presidential elector in 1940 on the Democratic ticket; member of the New Jersey State Board of Regents in 1941 and 1942; member of the board of directors of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce in 1943; commissioner of the Port of New York Authority in 1943; appointed on November 26, 1943, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. Warren Barbour and served from November 26, 1943, to December 7, 1944, when a duly elected successor qualified; was not a candidate for election to the vacancy in 1944; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Seventy-eighth Congress); resumed his former business pursuits; died in New York City, N.Y., December 13, 1947; interment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover, N.J.

**WALSH, David Ignatius**, a Senator from Massachusetts; born in Leominster, Worcester County, Mass., November 11, 1872; attended the public schools; graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., in 1893 and from Boston University Law School in 1897; admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Fitchburg, Mass., in 1897, later practicing in Boston; member, State house of representatives 1900-1901; lieutenant governor of Massachusetts 1913 and Governor 1914-1915; delegate at large to the Massachusetts constitutional convention in 1917 and 1918; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1919, to March 3, 1925; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1924; resumed the practice of law in Boston; elected to the United States Senate on November 2, 1926, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Cabot Lodge and took his seat December 6, 1926; reelected in 1928, 1934 and 1940 for the term ending January 3, 1947; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1946; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor (Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Congresses), Committee on Naval Affairs (Seventy-fourth through Seventy-seventh and Seventy-ninth Congresses); retired from political activities and resided in Clinton, Mass., until his death; died in Boston, Mass., June 11, 1947; interment in St. John's Cemetery, Clinton, Mass.

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**WALSH, James Joseph**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City May 22, 1858; attended the public schools and St. James' Parochial School; was graduated from Manhattan College in 1877 and from the law department of Columbia University, both in New York City, in 1879; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and commenced practice in New York City; inspector of common schools 1889-1894; presented credentials as a Democratic Member-elect to the Fifty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1895, to June 2, 1896, when he was succeeded by John M. Mitchell, who had contested his election; resumed the

practice of law in New York City; appointed city magistrate in 1905, which office he held until his death in New York City on May 8, 1909; interment in Calvary Cemetery, Long Island City, N.Y.

**WALSH, James T.** (son of William F. Walsh), a Representative from New York; born in Syracuse, Onondaga County, N.Y., June 19, 1947; graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse, N.Y., 1966; B.A., St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y., 1970; United States Peace Corps, 1970-1972; Department of Social Services, N.Y., 1972-1974; business executive; member of the Syracuse, N.Y., common council, 1977-1985, president, 1986-1988; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred First and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1989-present).

**WALSH, John Richard**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Martinsville, Morgan County, Ind., May 22, 1913; attended the public schools; was graduated from Indiana University Law School in 1934; was admitted to the bar July 27, 1934, and engaged in the practice of law in Martinsville, Ind., until 1941; Morgan County attorney in 1935 and 1936; deputy attorney general of Indiana in 1941; served in the United States Army with the Thirty-fifth Infantry Division from May 18, 1942, until discharged as a technical sergeant June 15, 1943; in 1943 continued the practice of law in Anderson, Ind.; chief deputy prosecuting attorney of Madison County, Ind., in 1945 and 1946; probate commissioner for Madison County Circuit Court in 1948; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1951); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1950 and for election in 1954 to the Eighty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Anderson and continued in practice until his death; member of board of directors and secretary-treasurer, State Security Life Insurance Co., Anderson, Ind., 1953-1958; secretary of state of Indiana from December 1, 1958, to November 30, 1960; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1960; county attorney of Madison County, 1964-1965; was a resident of Anderson, Ind., until his death there on January 23, 1975; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery, Martinsville, Ind.

**WALSH, Joseph**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston (Brighton), Mass., December 16, 1875; attended public schools in Falmouth, Mass., and Boston University Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1906 and practiced in New Bedford; served as a fish culturist and clerk in the United States Bureau of Fisheries at Woods Hole, Mass., 1900-1905; also engaged in newspaper reporting in Boston and New Bedford, Mass.; member of the State house of representatives in 1905; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1915, to August 2, 1922, when he resigned to accept a judicial position; appointed August 2, 1922, as a justice of the superior court of Massachusetts, in which capacity he served until his death in New Bedford, Mass., January 13, 1946; interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**WALSH, Michael**, a Representative from New York; born in Youghal, near Cork, Ireland, May 4, 1810; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland; immigrated to the United States and settled in Baltimore, Md.; learned the trade of lithographic printer; moved to New York City; member of the State assembly in 1839; in 1843 established the Subterranean, which he stopped after two years when convicted for the publication of a libel; elected as a member of the State assembly in 1846 and again in 1848; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-

third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; after his term in Congress was employed as a newspaper reporter; died in New York City March 17, 1859; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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**WALSH, Patrick**, a Senator from Georgia; born in Ballingarry, County Limerick, Ireland, January 1, 1840; immigrated to the United States in 1852 with his parents, who settled in Charleston, S.C.; became a journeyman printer in 1857; attended night schools, high school, and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1859-1861; returned to Charleston and entered the State military service; moved to Augusta, Ga., in 1862 and for thirty-two years was connected with the press of that city, most of the time as manager and editor of the *Augusta Chronicle*; treasurer and general manager of the Southern Associated Press; member, city council of Augusta 1870; member, State house of representatives 1872, 1874, 1876; member of the Democratic National Executive Committee for four years; member of the World's Columbian Exposition Commission at Chicago in 1893; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alfred H. Colquitt; subsequently elected and served from April 2, 1894, to March 3, 1895; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1894; resumed his newspaper interests; mayor of Augusta 1897-1899; died in Augusta, Ga., March 19, 1899; interment in the City Cemetery.

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**WALSH, Thomas James**, a Senator from Montana; born at Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wis., June 12, 1859; attended the public schools; taught school; graduated from the law department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1884; admitted to the bar in 1884 and commenced practice at Redfield, Dakota Territory; moved to Helena, Mont., in 1890 and continued the practice of law; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1906 to the Sixtieth Congress and in 1910 to the United States Senate; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1912; reelected in 1918, 1924, and 1930 and served from March 4, 1913, until his death; chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining (Sixty-third through Sixty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Pensions (Sixty-fifth Congress), Committee on the Disposition of Useless Executive Papers (Sixty-sixth Congress); died on March 2, 1933, on a train near Wilson, N.C., while en route to Washington, D.C., to accept the appointment as Attorney General in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Cabinet; funeral services were held in the Chamber of the United States Senate; interment in Resurrection Cemetery, Helena, Mont.

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**WALSH, Thomas Yates**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Baltimore, Md., in 1809; completed preparatory studies and attended St. Mary's College at Baltimore 1821-1824; studied law; was admitted to the bar on July 30, 1832, and commenced practice in Baltimore; member of the city council in 1847 and 1848; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Baltimore, Md., January 20, 1865; interment in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Cemetery.

**WALSH, William**, a Representative from Maryland; born near Tullamore, County Kings, Ireland, May 11, 1828; attended a local school; immigrated to the United States in 1842 and settled in Virginia; was graduated from Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Virginia in 1850 and commenced practice in Cumberland, Md., in 1852; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); chairman, Committee on Revision of the Laws (Forty-fifth Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1878; resumed the practice of law; died in Cumberland, Md., May 17, 1892; interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

**WALSH, William Francis**, a Representative from New York; born in Syracuse, Onondaga County, N.Y., July 11, 1912; graduated from Most Holy Rosary High School, Syracuse, N.Y., 1930; A.B., St. Bonaventure College, 1934; attended Catholic University School of Social Work, 1939-1940; M.A., social work, University of Buffalo, 1949; attended Syracuse University, Maxwell School, 1950; LL.D., St. Bonaventure University, 1970; enlisted as a private in the United States Army, One Hundred and First Antitank Battalion, 1941; served in Pacific Theater; honorably discharged, 1946, with rank of captain, United States Air Force; elected Welfare Commissioner, Onondaga County, 1959; elected mayor of Syracuse, 1961; reelected, 1965, and served until 1969; member, New York State Public Service Commission, 1970; delegate, New York State Republican conventions, 1966-1970; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1968; elected as a Republican-Conservative to the Ninety-third and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1973-January 3, 1979); was not a candidate for reelection in 1978 to the Ninety-sixth Congress; is a resident of Syracuse, N.Y.

**WALTER, Francis Eugene**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Easton, Northampton County, Pa., May 26, 1894; attended the public schools, preparatory school at Princeton, N.J., Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and George Washington University and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; during both World Wars served in the air service of the United States Navy; was admitted to the bar in 1919 and commenced practice in Easton, Pa.; director of the Broad Street Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and of the Easton National Bank, Easton, Pa.; solicitor of Northampton County, Pa., 1928-1933; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1928; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the fifteen succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1933, until his death in Washington, D.C., May 31, 1963; chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities (Eighty-fourth through Eighty-eighth Congresses); co-sponsor of the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952; interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

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**WALTERS, Anderson Howell**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa., May 18, 1862; attended the public schools and was graduated from Johnstown High School in 1878; employed as a telegrapher and clerk with the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. 1878-1880; entered the service of the Johnstown Water Co. and the Johnstown Gas Co., in 1881 and was assistant superintendent of these companies in 1889 and general manager and secretary 1895-1902; delegate to the Republican State conventions in 1890, 1892, 1898, and 1904; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1896; chairman of the Republican city committee 1896-1899; member of the

Republican State committee 1898-1902; member of the Johnstown City Council 1900-1904; editor and proprietor of the Johnstown Tribune from 1902 until his death; elected as a member of the board of trustees of the Johnstown Savings Bank in 1907; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third Congress (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1915); was not a candidate for renomination; elected to the Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1919-March 3, 1923); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Labor (Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination; elected to the Sixty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1925-March 3, 1927); was not a candidate for renomination; died in Johnstown, Pa., December 7, 1927; interment in Grandview Cemetery.

**WALTERS, Herbert Sanford**, a Senator from Tennessee; born in Leadvale, Jefferson County, Tenn., November 17, 1891; attended the public schools of Jefferson County, the Baker-Himmell School in Knoxville, the Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, the Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; chairman of the board of Walters & Prater, Inc., and a prominent banker; member, State house of representatives 1933-1935; commissioner of the State Highway Department 1934-1935; appointed on August 20, 1963, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Estes Kefauver and served from August 20, 1963, to November 3, 1964; was not a candidate for election in 1964 to the unexpired term; trustee, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., 1961-1973; president, Walters & Prater, Inc.; died in Knoxville, Tenn., August 17, 1973; interment in Jarnagin Cemetery, Morristown, Tenn.

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**WALTHALL, Edward Cary**, a Senator from Mississippi; born in Richmond, Va., April 4, 1831; moved to Mississippi as a child; attended St. Thomas Hall, Holly Springs, Miss.; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1852 and commenced practice in Coffeerville, Miss.; elected district attorney for the tenth judicial district of Mississippi in 1856 and reelected in 1859; during the Civil War entered the Confederate Army as a lieutenant; promoted to lieutenant colonel, colonel, brigadier general, and major general; resumed the practice of law in Coffeerville; moved to Grenada, Miss., in 1871 and continued the practice of law until 1885; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lucius Q.C. Lamar; was subsequently elected to fill the vacancy; reelected in 1889 and served from March 9, 1885, to January 24, 1894, when he resigned due to ill health; was again elected for the term beginning March 4, 1895, and served from that date until his death in Washington, D.C., April 21, 1898; chairman, Committee on Military Affairs (Fifty-third Congress), Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Fifty-fifth Congress); funeral services were held in the Chamber of the United States Senate; interment in Holly Springs Cemetery, Holly Springs, Miss.

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**WALTON, Charles Wesley**, a Representative from Maine; born in Mexico, Oxford County, Maine, December 9, 1819; attended the common schools and was instructed at home and by private tutors; studied law; was admitted



to the bar in Oxford, Maine, in 1841 and commenced practice in Mexico, Maine, in 1843; also practiced law in Dixfield, Maine; attorney for Oxford County 1847-1851; moved to Auburn, Maine, in 1855 and continued the practice of law; attorney for Androscoggin County 1857-1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress and served from March 4, 1861, to May 26, 1862, when he resigned to accept a judicial appointment; associate justice of the State supreme court 1862-1897; was not a candidate for reappointment; resided in Portland, Cumberland County, Maine, until his death on January 24, 1900; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

**WALTON, Eliakim Persons**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Montpelier, Vt., February 17, 1812; attended the common schools; apprenticed to a printer; studied law, but did not practice; engaged in journalism and compiling; editor of "Walton's Vermont Register"; organizer and first president of the Editors and Publishers' Association, holding the office of president for more than twenty years; after the retirement of his father in 1853 was sole proprietor of the Watchman until 1868; served in the State house of representatives in 1853; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, and Thirty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1863); declined to be a candidate for reelection and returned to his editorial and literary labors; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864; member of the State constitutional convention in 1870; served in the State senate in 1875 and 1877; trustee of the University of Vermont and of the State agricultural college 1875-1887; president of the Vermont Historical Society 1876-1890; died in Montpelier, Washington County, Vt., December 19, 1890; interment in Green Mount Cemetery.

**WALTON, George** (brother of John Walton and cousin of Matthew Walton), a Delegate and a Senator from Georgia; born in Cumberland County, Va., in either 1749 or 1750; apprenticed as a carpenter; attended the common schools; moved to Savannah, Ga., in 1769; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1774 and commenced practice in Savannah, Ga.; secretary of the Provincial Congress in 1775 and a member of the committee of intelligence; member, council of safety in 1775 and later president of that body; member, State house of representatives; member of the Continental Congress 1776, 1777, 1780, and 1781; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; served in the Revolutionary War and was captured at Savannah; colonel in the First Georgia Battalion; Governor of Georgia 1779; commissioner to treat with the Indians and to negotiate a treaty with the Cherokees in Tennessee in 1783; chief justice of Georgia 1783-1789; member of the Augusta Board of Commissioners 1784-1785; represented Georgia in the settlement of the boundary line between South Carolina and Georgia in 1786; elected as a delegate to the convention to frame the Federal Constitution in 1787, but declined; Governor of Georgia 1789; was appointed first judge of the superior courts of the eastern judicial circuit in 1790; appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Jackson and served from November 16, 1795, to February 20, 1796, when a successor was elected; trustee of Richmond Academy and of the University of Georgia; moved to Augusta; again appointed judge of the superior circuit of Georgia and served from 1799 until his death at his home, "College Hill," near Augusta, Richmond County, Ga., February 2, 1804; interment in Rosney Cemetery; reinterment in 1848 beneath the monument in front of the courthouse on Greene Street, Augusta, Ga.

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**WALTON, John** (brother of George Walton and cousin of Matthew Walton), a Delegate from Georgia; born in Virginia in 1738; became a planter near Augusta, Ga.; delegate from St. Paul Parish to the Provincial Congress at Savannah, Ga., in 1775; elected to the Continental Congress February 26, 1778; signed the Articles of Confederation on behalf of Georgia on July 24, 1778; held office of surveyor of Richmond County for several years; died at New Savannah, Ga., in 1783.

**WALTON, Matthew** (cousin of George Walton and John Walton), a Representative from Kentucky; birth date unknown; received a limited schooling; member of the conventions held in Danville in 1785 and 1787; member of the first State constitutional convention, 1792; member of the Kentucky state house of representatives, 1792, 1795, and 1808; elected as a Republican to the Eighth and Ninth Congresses (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1807); died in Springfield, Ky., January 18, 1819; interment in Springfield Cemetery.

**WALTON, William Bell**, a Representative from New Mexico; born in Altoona, Blair County, Pa., January 23, 1871; attended the public schools and South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N.J.; moved to New Mexico in 1891; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1893 and commenced practice at Deming, N.Mex.; member of the State house of representatives in 1901 and 1902; clerk of Grant County 1903-1906; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1908; chairman of the New Mexico Democratic central committee in 1910; member of the New Mexico constitutional convention in 1911; served in the State senate 1912-1916; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1919); did not seek renomination, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1918; resumed the practice of law in Silver City, N.Mex.; elected district attorney of the sixth judicial district November 2, 1926; reelected in 1928 and served until 1932; continued the practice of law until 1934, when he retired from active pursuits; died in Silver City, N.Mex., April 14, 1939; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**WALWORTH, Reuben Hyde**, a Representative from New York; born in Bozrah, Conn., October 26, 1788; moved to New York with his parents, who settled on a farm near Hoosick in 1796; attended the common schools; taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1809 and commenced practice in Plattsburgh in 1810; master in chancery and circuit judge in 1811; served in the War of 1812; aide-de-camp to Gen. Benjamin Mooers and division judge advocate with rank of colonel; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); was not a candidate for renomination in 1822; judge of the fourth judicial district of New York 1823-1828; moved to Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, N.Y., in October 1828; chancellor of the State of New York from 1828 to 1848, when the office of chancellor was abolished; unsuccessful candidate for election as Governor in 1848; appointed as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court by President Tyler in 1844, but was not confirmed by the Senate; died in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., November 27, 1867; interment in Greenridge Cemetery.

**WAMP, Zachary Paul**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Fort Benning, Chattahoochee County, Ga., October 28, 1957; graduated from the McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1976; attended University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. and University of Tennessee; real estate broker; unsuccessful candidate for election to the One Hundred Third Congress in 1992; elected as a Republican to the One

Hundred Fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1995-present).

**WAMPLER, Fred**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Carriers Mills, Saline County, Ill., October 15, 1909; B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., 1931; M.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., 1940; United States Navy, 1944-1946 and 1950-1954; United States Navy Reserve, 1946-1949 and 1954-1960; teacher; broadcaster; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-sixth Congress (January 3, 1959-January 3, 1961); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Eighty-seventh Congress in 1960; appointed to the Indiana-Illinois Wabash Valley Interstate Commission, 1961-1962; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Eighty-eighth Congress in 1962; Regional Coordinator, Department of the Interior, 1963-1970; coordinator, Ohio state Department of Natural Resources and Transportation, 1971-1976; died on June 8, 1999, Mason, Ind.; interment in Roselawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Ind.

**WAMPLER, William Creed**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Pennington Gap, Lee County, Va., April 21, 1926; attended the public schools in Bristol, Va.; enlisted on May 21, 1943, in the United States Navy as a seaman and served for twenty-seven months until discharged September 29, 1945; member of the Naval Reserve, V-6; resumed his education and was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., in 1948 and studied law at the University of Virginia 1948-1950; reporter, Bristol, Va.-Tennessean in 1950 and 1951; reporter, editorial writer, Big Stone Gap (Va.) Post 1951; reporter, copy editor, Bristol Herald Courier in 1951 and 1952; member of board of visitors of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.; Republican assistant campaign manager for Ninth Congressional District elections in 1948; president of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia in 1950 and served as keynote speaker and permanent chairman of the Ninth District Republican Convention the same year; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third Congress (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1955); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1954 to the Eighty-fourth Congress; with Atomic Energy Commission from January 1955 to March 1956; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1956 to the Eighty-fifth Congress; vice president and general manager of Wampler Brothers Furniture Co., Bristol, Va., 1957-1960; vice president and general manager of Wampler Carpet Co., 1961-1966; elected to the Ninetieth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1983); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1982; is a resident of Bristol, Va.

**WANGER, Irving Price**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in North Coventry, Chester County, Pa., March 5, 1852; attended the public schools of North Coventry and Pottstown, and Hill School in Pottstown; deputy prothonotary of Chester County in 1871; commenced the study of law at Norristown in 1872; deputy prothonotary of Montgomery County 1873-1875; was admitted to the bar December 18, 1875, and commenced the practice of law in Norristown, Pa.; elected burgess of Norristown in 1878; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1880; elected district attorney of Montgomery County in 1880 and again in 1886; served as chairman of the Montgomery County Republican committee in 1889; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third and to the eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1911); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Fifty-fifth through Sixty-first Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; lived

for a short time in Wilmington, Del.; resumed the practice of his profession in Media and Norristown, Pa., in 1920; died in Norristown, Pa., January 14, 1940; interment in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pottstown, Pa.

**WARBURTON, Herbert Birchby**, a Representative from Delaware; born in Wilmington, New Castle County, Del., September 21, 1916; attended the public schools of Wilmington, Del., and Reading, Pa.; graduated from University of Delaware, Newark, Del., in June 1938, and from Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa., in June 1941; took reserve officers training course at University of Delaware and commissioned a second lieutenant; began active Army duty as first lieutenant of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Antiaircraft Battalion in September 1941; graduated from Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in September 1945 and became battalion commander in October 1945; was relieved from active duty as a major in December 1945; was admitted to the Delaware bar in absentia in April 1942 and began the practice of law in Wilmington, Del., in January 1946; city solicitor 1949-1952; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third Congress (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1955); was not a candidate for re-nomination in 1954 but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate; appointed special assistant to Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell March 2, 1955, and served until November 7, 1957; general counsel, Post Office Department, from November 7, 1957, to January 20, 1961; minority counsel to the House Government Operations subcommittee, serving from March 1961 to September 1964; executive director, American Orthotics and Prosthetics Association and the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics; was a resident of Frankford, Del., until his death July 30, 1983 in Lewes, Del.; cremated and family retained ashes.

**WARBURTON, Stanton**, a Representative from Washington; was born in Sullivan County, Pa., April 13, 1865; moved to Iowa with his parents, who settled in Cherokee in 1868; attended the public schools; was graduated from Cherokee (Iowa) High School in 1884 and from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1888; moved to Tacoma, Wash., in 1888; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1889 and commenced practice in Tacoma; member of the State senate 1896-1904; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-second Congress (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1913); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1912 to the Sixty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law in Tacoma, Wash.; died in Boston, Mass., December 24, 1926; interment in Mountain View Burial Park, Tacoma, Wash.

**WARD, Aaron** (uncle of Elijah Ward), a Representative from New York; was born in Sing Sing (now Ossining), N.Y., on July 5, 1790; completed preparatory studies in Mount Pleasant Academy; served in the War of 1812 as lieutenant and captain in the Twenty-ninth Infantry; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Sing Sing; district attorney for Westchester County; served in the State militia as colonel, brigadier general, and major general; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1829); was not a candidate for reelection; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second, Twenty-third, and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1837); was not a candidate for reelection to the Twenty-fifth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Twenty-eighth Congress; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1846; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for secretary of state in 1855; trustee

of Mount Pleasant Academy; died at the home of his son-in-law in Georgetown, D.C., March 2, 1867; interment in Dale Cemetery, Ossining, N.Y.

**WARD, Andrew Harrison**, a Representative from Kentucky; was born near Cynthiana, Harrison County, Ky., on January 3, 1815; attended the county schools and Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky.; clerk on a steamboat on the Tombigbee River for several years; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1844 and commenced practice in Cynthiana, Ky.; city attorney of Cynthiana in 1860; unsuccessful candidate for election to the State house of representatives in 1861; member of the State house of representatives 1863-1865; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Green Clay Smith and served from December 3, 1866, to March 3, 1867; was not a candidate for renomination in 1866; resumed the practice of law and subsequently became president of the National Bank of Cynthiana; died in Cynthiana, Ky., April 16, 1904; interment in Battle Grove Cemetery.

**WARD, Artemas** (father of Artemas Ward, Jr.), a Delegate and a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Shrewsbury, Mass., November 26, 1727; attended the common schools and was prepared for college by a private tutor; was graduated from Harvard College in 1748; justice of the peace in 1752; a representative in the general assembly many terms and served in the executive council; lieutenant colonel in the provincial army during the French and Indian War; appointed brigadier general by the provincial congress of Massachusetts on October 27, 1774, and was made commander in chief of the Massachusetts forces on May 19, 1775; appointed by the Continental Congress as major general on June 17, 1775; chief justice of the court of common pleas of Worcester County in 1776 and 1777; president of the Massachusetts Executive Council 1777-1779; member of the State house of representatives 1779-1785, serving as speaker in 1785; Member of the Continental Congress 1780-1781; elected to the Second and Third Congresses (March 4, 1791-March 3, 1795); died in Shrewsbury, Mass., October 28, 1800; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

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**WARD, Artemas, Jr.** (son of Artemas Ward), a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Shrewsbury, Mass., January 9, 1762; was graduated from Harvard University in 1783; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1783 and commenced the practice of law in Weston; member of the State house of representatives 1796-1800 and again in 1811; moved to Charlestown in 1800; member of the board of overseers of Harvard University 1810-1844; elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); served in the State senate in 1818 and 1819; member of the State constitutional convention in 1820; chief justice of the court of common pleas from 1820 to 1839; died in Boston, Mass., October 7, 1847.

**WARD, Charles Bonnell**, a Representative from New York; born in Newark, N.J., April 27, 1879; attended the public schools and was graduated from Pennsylvania Military College at Chester in 1899; moved to New York and settled in DeBruce, Sullivan County, in 1903; engaged in agricultural pursuits; editor and owner of the Liberty Register at Liberty, N.Y., 1910-1928; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1925); declined to be a candidate

for reelection in 1924 to the Sixty-ninth Congress; resumed agricultural pursuits; owner and operator of the DeBruce Inn Club until his death; died at Liberty, N.Y., May 27, 1946; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Newark, N.J.

**WARD, David Jenkins**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Md., September 17, 1871; attended the public schools; farmer; lumberjack; merchant; real estate business; member of the Maryland state house of delegates, 1915-1917; chair of the Democratic state central committee of Wicomico County, 1918-1926; member of the Maryland state senate, 1926-1934 and 1938-1939; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States T. Alan Goldsborough; reelected to the Seventy-seventh and to the succeeding Congress (June 8, 1939-January 3, 1945); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1944; died on February 18, 1961, in Salisbury, Md.; interment in Parsons Cemetery.

**WARD, Elijah** (nephew of Aaron Ward), a Representative from New York; born in Sing Sing (now Ossining), N.Y., September 16, 1816; pursued classical studies; engaged in commercial pursuits in New York City and at the same time attended the law department of New York University; was admitted to the bar in 1843 and commenced practice in New York City; judge advocate general of the State 1853-1855; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1856; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1859); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1858 to the Thirty-sixth Congress; elected to the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1865); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law in New York City; elected to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); chairman, Committee on Commerce (Forty-fourth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; died in Roslyn, Nassau County, N.Y., February 7, 1882; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City.

**WARD, Hallett Sydney**, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Gatesville, Gates County, N.C., August 31, 1870; attended the public schools; was graduated from the law department of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1893; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Winton, N.C.; member of the State senate in 1899 and 1901; mayor of Plymouth, N.C., in 1902 and 1903; solicitor of the first judicial district of North Carolina 1904-1910; moved to Washington, N.C., in November 1904 and engaged in the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1925); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1924; resumed the practice of law; served in the State senate in 1931; died in Washington, N.C., March 31, 1956; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

**WARD, Hamilton**, a Representative from New York; born in Salisbury, Herkimer County, N.Y., July 3, 1829; attended the common schools and was privately tutored; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Phillipsville (now Belmont), N.Y., in 1851; district attorney of Allegany County 1856-1859 and 1862-1865; appointed in 1862 by the Governor as commissioner to raise and equip troops for the Civil War; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Forty-first Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1871); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Fortieth Congress); was not a candidate for renomi-

nation in 1870; delegate to nearly all State conventions from 1858 to 1890; attorney general of New York in 1880 and 1881; member of the State constitutional commission in 1890; appointed and subsequently elected justice of the State supreme court and served from 1891 until his death in Belmont, Allegany County, N.Y., December 28, 1898; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

**WARD, James Hugh**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Chicago, Ill., November 30, 1853; attended the public schools of Chicago and was graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, in 1873; attended the Union College of Law in Chicago, and was graduated in 1876; was admitted to the bar in July 1876, and practiced; was elected supervisor of the town of West Chicago in 1879; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1887); did not seek renomination in 1886; resumed the practice of his profession in Chicago, Cook County, Ill. where he died on August 15, 1916; interment in Calvary Cemetery.

**WARD, Jasper Delos**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Java, Wyoming County, N.Y., February 1, 1829; attended Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., in 1849 and 1850; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1852 and commenced practice in Chicago, Ill.; member of the board of aldermen of Chicago in 1855, 1856, 1859, and 1860; during the Civil War enlisted in the Western Engineers Regiment in 1861 and served for about eight months; member of the State senate 1862-1870; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; United States attorney for the northern district of Illinois 1875-1877; moved to Colorado in 1877 and settled in Leadville; appointed by Governor Pitkin as judge of the fifth judicial district of Colorado and served from March 5, 1881, to January 3, 1882, declining to be a candidate for election to the same office; moved to Denver, Colo., and resumed the practice of law; died in Denver, Colo., August 6, 1902; interment in Fairmount Cemetery.

**WARD, Jonathan**, a Representative from New York; born in the town of Eastchester, N.Y., September 21, 1768; received a limited schooling; assessor of Eastchester in 1791; sheriff of Westchester County 1802-1806; served in the State senate in 1807; member of the council of appointment in 1809; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth Congress (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1817); member of the State constitutional convention in 1821; surrogate of Westchester County 1828-1840; died in the town of Eastchester, N.Y., September 28, 1842.

**WARD, Marcus Lawrence**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newark, N.J., November 9, 1812; received a limited schooling; engaged in candle manufacturing; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1860 and 1864; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New Jersey in 1862; elected Governor in 1865 and served from January 16, 1866, to January 18, 1869; was chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1866; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; died in Newark, N.J., April 25, 1884; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**WARD, Matthias**, a Senator from Texas; born in Elbert County, Ga., October 13, 1805; was raised in Madison County, Ala.; received a college education in Huntsville, Ala.; taught school two years; studied law; moved to the Republic of Texas in 1836 and settled in Bowie, Montague County,

and subsequently in Clarksville, Red River County, in 1845; engaged in trading; served a number of years in the Congress of the Republic of Texas; moved to Jefferson, Marion County, Tex.; served in the State senate; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. Pinckney Henderson and served from September 27, 1858, to December 5, 1859, when a successor was elected; died at Warm Springs, near Raleigh, N.C., October 5, 1861; interment in the Old City Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.

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**WARD, Michael Delavan**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in White Plains, Westchester County, N.Y., January 7, 1951; graduated from Atherton High School; B.S., University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., 1974; business executive; sales representative; member of the Kentucky state house of representatives, 1989-1993; special assistant to County Judge/Executive, Jefferson County, Ky., 1985-1989; Peace Corps volunteer (The Gambia, West Africa); business owner; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Fourth Congress (January 3, 1995-January 3, 1997); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

**WARD, Samuel**, a Delegate from Rhode Island; born in Newport, R.I., May 27, 1725; educated privately; settled in Westerly, R.I., in 1745; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the general assembly 1756-1759; one of the founders of Rhode Island College (now Brown University), Providence, R.I., in 1756; chief justice of Rhode Island in 1761 and 1762; Governor under the royal charter in 1762, 1763, and 1765-1767; trustee of Brown University 1764-1776; Member of the Continental Congress 1774-1776; died in Philadelphia, Pa., March 26, 1776; interment in the churchyard of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; reinterment in the Old Cemetery, Newport, R.I., in 1860.

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**WARD, Thomas**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newark, N.J., about 1759; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Newark, N.J.; served as captain and major during the Whisky Insurrection in 1794; sheriff of Essex County, N.J., in 1797; elected one of the judges of the Essex County Court in 1804 and reelected in 1809; member of the legislative council in 1808 and 1809; elected as a Republican to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); was senior officer of the New Jersey Cavalry at the time of his death in Newark, N.J., March 4, 1842; interment in the churchyard of the First Presbyterian Church.

**WARD, Thomas Bayless**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Marysville, Union County, Ohio, April 27, 1835; moved with his parents to La Fayette, Ind., in May 1836; attended Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., and was graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in June 1855; clerk of the city of La Fayette in 1855 and 1856; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced the practice of his profession in La Fayette, Ind.; city attorney in 1859 and 1860; mayor of La Fayette 1861-1865; judge of the superior court of Tippecanoe County, Ind., 1875-1880; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth and

Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); was not a candidate for renomination in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession in La Fayette, Tippecanoe County, Ind., where he died January 1, 1892; interment in Springvale Cemetery.

**WARD, William**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1837; attended Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.; learned the art of printing in the office of the Delaware County Republican, Chester, Pa.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in August 1859 and commenced practice in Chester; also engaged in the land business and banking; member of the city council of Chester and city solicitor; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1883); was not a candidate for renomination in 1882; resumed the practice of his profession and his former business pursuits in Chester, Pa., where he died February 27, 1895; interment in the Rural Cemetery.

**WARD, William Lukens**, a Representative from New York; born in Pemberwick, town of Greenwich, Fairfield County, Conn., September 2, 1856; moved to Port Chester, N.Y., with his parents in 1863; attended Friends Seminary, New York City, and the school of mines of Columbia College, New York City (class of 1878); engaged in the manufacture of bolts, nuts, and rivets in Port Chester, N.Y.; chairman of the Republican State committee for several years; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1899); resumed his former manufacturing pursuits in Port Chester, Westchester County, N.Y.; member of the Republican National Committee 1904-1912; died in New York City, July 16, 1933; interment in the family mausoleum in Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y.

**WARD, William Thomas**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Amelia County, Va., August 9, 1808; attended the common schools and St. Mary's College, near Lebanon, Ky.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Greensburg, Ky.; served in the Mexican War as major of the Fourth Kentucky Volunteers in 1847 and 1848; member of the State house of representatives in 1850; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); was not a candidate for renomination in 1852; commissioned brigadier general in the Union Army and served throughout the Civil War; resumed the practice of law in Louisville, Ky., where he died October 12, 1878; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

**WARDWELL, Daniel**, a Representative from New York; born in Bristol, R.I., May 28, 1791; was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1811; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Rome, N.Y.; moved to Mannsville, N.Y., in 1814; judge of the court of common pleas for Jefferson County, N.Y.; elected to the State assembly 1825-1828; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second, Twenty-third, and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1837); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1836; returned to Rome, N.Y., and resumed the practice of law; died in Rome, Oneida County, N.Y., March 27, 1878; interment in Maplewood Cemetery, Mannsville, Jefferson County, N.Y.

**WARE, John Haines, III**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Vineland, Cumberland County, N.J., August 29, 1908; attended the public schools in Oxford, Pa., and Miami, Fla.; B.S., University of Pennsylvania, 1930; public utility executive; Burgess, borough of Oxford, 1956-

1960; member, Pennsylvania senate, 1961-1970; chairman, Pennsylvania Republican finance committee; trustee, Lincoln University and University of Pennsylvania; elected simultaneously as a Republican to the Ninety-first and to the Ninety-second Congress by special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of G. Robert Watkins, and reelected to the Ninety-third Congress, (November 3, 1970-January 3, 1975); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974; died in Lancaster, Pa., July 31, 1997

**WARE, Nicholas**, a Senator from Georgia; born in Caroline County, Va., in 1769; moved with his parents to Edgefield, S.C., and a few years later to Augusta, Ga.; received a thorough English education; studied medicine; studied law in Augusta and at Litchfield (Conn.) Law School; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Augusta; member, State house of representatives 1808-1811, 1814-1815; mayor of Augusta 1819-1821; elected as a Democratic Republican (later Crawford Republican) to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Freeman Walker and served from November 10, 1821, until his death in New York City September 7, 1824; interment under the annex of Grace Church.

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**WARE, Orie Solomon**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Peach Grove, Pendleton County, Ky., May 11, 1882; attended the public schools of Covington, Ky.; was graduated from the private academy of Prof. George W. Dunlap, at Independence, Ky., in 1899, and from the law department of the University of Cincinnati at Cincinnati, Ohio, LL.B., 1903; was admitted to the bar in 1903 and commenced practice in Covington, Ky.; also engaged in banking, serving as a director of the First National Bank and Trust Co.; delegate to all Democratic State conventions 1910-1939; served as postmaster of Covington from September 1, 1914, to July 1, 1921; Commonwealth attorney of the sixteenth judicial circuit, serving from January 1, 1922, to February 1, 1927, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Seventieth Congress (March 4, 1927-March 3, 1929); was not a candidate for renomination in 1928 to the Seventy-first Congress; served as circuit judge, 1957-1958; resumed the practice of law in Covington; resided in Fort Mitchell, Ky., where he died December 16, 1974; interment in Highland Cemetery.

**WARFIELD, Henry Ridgely**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Anne Arundel County, Md., September 14, 1774; completed preparatory studies; held several local offices; settled in Frederick, Md.; elected to the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Congresses (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1825); died in Frederick, Md., March 18, 1839.

**WARNER, Adoniram Judson**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Wales, near Buffalo, N.Y., January 13, 1834; moved with his parents to Wisconsin at the age of eleven; attended school in Beloit, Wis., and New York Central College, McGrawville, N.Y.; principal of Lewistown (Pa.) Academy, superintendent of the public schools of Mifflin County, and principal of Mercer Union School, Pennsylvania, 1856-1861; was commissioned captain in the Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves July 21, 1861, lieutenant colonel May 14, 1862, colonel April 25, 1863, and colonel of the Veteran Reserve Corps November 15, 1863; brevetted brigadier general March 13, 1865; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1865 but never practiced; at the conclusion of the war returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1866 moved to Marietta, Ohio; engaged in the oil, coal, and rail-

road businesses; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1880 to the Forty-seventh Congress; elected to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); was not a candidate for reelection in 1886; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1896; engaged in street railway construction in the District of Columbia and in railroad construction in Ohio; from about 1898 until six months before his death engaged in transportation and power development in Georgia; died in Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, August 12, 1910; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**WARNER, Hiram**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Williamsburg, Hampshire County, Mass., on October 29, 1802; received a good common-school training and acquired some knowledge of the classics; in 1819 moved to Georgia and taught school for three years; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Knoxville, Crawford County, Ga., in 1825; served in the general assembly 1828-1831; declined reelection; moved to Talbotton in 1830 and continued the practice of his profession; moved to Greenville; elected judge of the State superior court and served from 1833 to 1840; judge of the State supreme court from 1846 to 1853, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1856; appointed by Governor Jenkins as judge of the Coweta Circuit Court and served from 1865 to 1867, when he was appointed chief justice of the State supreme court; was subsequently elected and served until 1880, when he resigned; died in Atlanta, Ga., June 30, 1881; interment in Town Cemetery, Greenville, Meriwether County, Ga.

**WARNER, John De Witt**, a Representative from New York; born on a farm in the town of Reading, Schuyler County, N.Y., October 30, 1851; moved with his parents to Big Stream (later Glenora), N.Y., and in 1860 settled in Rock Stream, Yates County, N.Y.; completed preparatory studies; attended the district schools and Starkey Seminary, Eddytown, N.Y.; was graduated from Cornell University in 1872; edited the Ithaca Daily Leader for a few months; professor in the Ithaca and Albany Academies for four years; was graduated from Albany Law School in 1876; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in New York City in 1877; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1894; resumed the practice of law in New York City; president of the Art Commission of New York City 1902-1905; was president of the American Free Trade League 1905-1909; special counsel for the dock department to advise on terminal work in 1911 and 1912; served on the commission to revise the New York banking laws in 1913; also engaged in literary pursuits; engaged in the practice of law until his death in New York City May 27, 1925; interment in Rock Stream Cemetery, Rock Stream, Yates County, N.Y.

**WARNER, John William**, a Senator from Virginia; born in Washington, D.C., February 18, 1927; attended schools in Washington, D.C. and Virginia; served in the United States Navy 1944-1946; graduated, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. 1949; served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict 1950-1952; United States Marine Corps Reserve 1952-1956; graduated, University of Virginia Law School 1953; cattle farmer; admitted to the Washington, D.C. bar in 1953 and commenced practice the same year; law clerk, United States Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit 1953-1954; assistant

United States attorney 1956-1960; Under Secretary, United States Navy 1969-1972; Secretary, United States Navy 1972-1974; administrator, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration 1974-1976; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1978 for the term commencing January 3, 1979; subsequently appointed by the Governor on January 2, 1979, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Scott for the term ending January 3, 1979; reelected in 1984, 1990, 1996 and 2002 for the term ending January 3, 2009; chair, Committee on Rules and Administration (One Hundred Fourth and One Hundred Fifth Congresses [September 12, 1995-January 3, 1999]), Committee on Armed Services (One Hundred Sixth Congress; One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 20, 2001-June 6, 2001], and One Hundred Eight Congress).

**WARNER, Levi** (brother of Samuel Larkin Warner), a Representative from Connecticut; born in Wethersfield, Hartford County, Conn., October 10, 1831; completed preparatory studies; attended the law department of Yale College and Dane Law School, Cambridge, Mass.; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Fairfield County, Conn.; moved to Norwalk, Conn., in 1858 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William H. Barnum; reelected to the Forty-fifth Congress and served from December 4, 1876, to March 3, 1879; was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; resumed the practice of law; died in Norwalk, Conn., April 12, 1911; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**WARNER, Richard**, a Representative from Tennessee; born near Chapel Hill, Marshall County, Tenn., September 19, 1835; attended the public schools and was graduated from the law department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1858; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Lewisburg, Tenn.; served in the Confederate Army 1861-1865; returned to Lewisburg, Tenn., and resumed the practice of law; delegate to the convention that framed the new constitution of Tennessee in 1870; member of the State house of representatives, 1879-1881; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1885); chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining (Forty-eighth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1884; resumed the practice of law in Lewisburg, Tenn.; died in Nashville, Tenn., March 4, 1915; interment in Warner Cemetery, near Chapel Hill, Tenn.

**WARNER, Samuel Larkin** (brother of Levi Warner), a Representative from Connecticut; born in Wethersfield, Hartford County, Conn., June 14, 1828; attended Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and the law department of Yale College; was graduated from the law department of Harvard University in 1854; was admitted to the bar in Boston, Mass., in 1854; commenced the practice of law in Portland, Middlesex County, Conn., in 1855; member of the State house of representatives in 1858; moved to Middletown in 1860; mayor 1862-1866; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864, 1888, and 1892; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1867); was not a candidate for renomination; resumed the practice of law; died in Middletown, Conn., on February 6, 1893; interment in Indian Hill Cemetery.

**WARNER, Vespasian**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Mount Pleasant (now Farmer City), De Witt County, Ill., April 23, 1842; moved with his parents to Clinton, Ill., in 1843; attended the common and select schools in Clinton

and Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill.; studied law in Clinton; enlisted as a private in Company E, Twentieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, June 13, 1861; promoted to sergeant June 23, 1861, second lieutenant February 4, 1862, captain and commissary of subsistence February 10, 1865; brevetted major March 13, 1865, and was mustered out July 13, 1866; was graduated from the law department of Harvard University in 1868; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Clinton, Ill.; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1905); chairman, Committee on Revision of the Laws (Fifty-fifth through Fifty-eighth Congresses); served as Commissioner of Pensions from March 4, 1905, to November 25, 1909; engaged in business in Clinton, Ill., as a banker and realty owner and agent; died in Clinton, De Witt County, Ill., on March 31, 1925; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**WARNER, Willard**, a Senator from Alabama; born in Granville, Licking County, Ohio, on September 4, 1826; attended a country school near Roseville, Muskingum County, Ohio; graduated from Marietta College, Ohio, in 1845; engaged in mercantile pursuits at Cincinnati in 1852 and later became manager of the Newark (Ohio) Machine Works; served in the Union Army during the Civil War; brevetted brigadier general and major general in 1865; served two years in the Ohio senate; moved to Prattville, Autauga County, Ala., in 1867 and engaged in cotton planting; member, State house of representatives 1868; held several local offices; upon the readmission of the State of Alabama to representation was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from July 13, 1868, to March 3, 1871; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; collector of customs of the port of Mobile, Ala., 1871-1872; declined the appointment as Governor of New Mexico in 1872 and also that of Minister to Argentina; moved to Tecumseh, Ala., in 1873 and organized the Tecumseh Iron Co., of which he served as general manager; in 1890 moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he engaged in banking and was a director in several corporations; member, Tennessee house of representatives 1897-1898; died in Chattanooga, Tenn., November 23, 1906; interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark, Ohio.

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**WARNER, William**, a Representative and a Senator from Missouri; born in Shullsburg, Lafayette County, Wis., June 11, 1840; worked in lead mines as a child and sporadically attended school; taught school and studied law at Lawrence University and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; admitted to the bar in 1861 and commenced practice in Kansas City, Mo.; enlisted in 1862 in the Thirty-third Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; was mustered out at the close of the Civil War with the rank of major; returned to Kansas City, Mo., in 1865 and resumed the practice of law; city attorney 1867; circuit attorney 1868; mayor of Kansas City 1871; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); was not a candidate for renomination in 1888; elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1888; unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor in 1892; United States district attorney for the western district of Missouri 1882-1884, 1898, 1902-1905; unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor of Missouri in 1892; elected

as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1905 and served from March 18, 1905, to March 3, 1911; was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on the Mississippi and its Tributaries (Sixtieth and Sixty-first Congresses); resumed the practice of law; appointed as civilian member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications; member of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers; died in Kansas City, Mo., October 4, 1916; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

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**WARNOCK, William Robert**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Urbana, Ohio, August 29, 1838; attended the public schools; taught school in Urbana 1856-1868; was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, in 1861; commenced the study of law in 1861; entered the Union Army July 21, 1862, as captain of Company G, Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; promoted to major July 28, 1863, and brevetted lieutenant colonel March 15, 1865; chief of staff for the eastern district of Mississippi from April to August 1865; mustered out August 14, 1865; resumed the study of law; was admitted to the bar in 1866 and commenced practice in Urbana; prosecuting attorney 1868-1872; member of the board of school examiners of Champaign County 1870-1876; served as trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University for twenty-five years; member of the State senate in 1876 and 1877; judge of the court of common pleas in the second district of Ohio 1879-1889; president of the National Bank of Urbana; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1901-March 3, 1905); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of War (Fifty-eighth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination; resumed the practice of law; United States pension agent at Columbus, Ohio, 1906-1910; commander of the department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, in 1913 and 1914; died in Urbana, Ohio, July 30, 1918; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

**WARREN, Cornelius**, a Representative from New York; born in Phillipstown, Putnam County, N.Y., March 15, 1790; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law; appointed judge of the court of common pleas in 1841; elected as a Whig to the Thirtieth Congress (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1849); died at Cold Spring, Putnam County, N.Y., July 28, 1849; interment in the Old Cemetery.

**WARREN, Edward Allen**, a Representative from Arkansas; born near Eutaw, Green County, Ala., May 2, 1818; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1843 and commenced the practice of law in Clinton, Miss.; member of the State house of representatives in 1845 and 1846; moved to Arkansas in 1847 and settled in Camden, where he continued the practice of his profession; member of the State house of representatives in 1848 and 1849, serving as speaker in 1849; judge of the circuit court of the sixth district of Arkansas; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); elected to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1859); resumed the practice of law; died in Prescott, Nevada County, Ark., July 2, 1875; interment in Moscow Cemetery, near Prescott, Ark.

**WARREN, Francis Emroy**, a Senator from Wyoming; born in Hinsdale, Berkshire County, Mass., June 20, 1844; attended the common schools and Hinsdale Academy; during the Civil War enlisted in the Forty-ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and served as a private and noncommissioned officer until he was mustered out of the

service; received the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry on the battlefield at the siege of Port Hudson; later served as captain in the Massachusetts militia; engaged in farming and stock raising in Massachusetts; moved to Wyoming (then a part of the Territory of Dakota) in 1868; became interested in the real estate, mercantile, livestock, and lighting businesses in Cheyenne; member, Territorial senate 1873-1874, serving as president; member of the city council 1873-1874; treasurer of Wyoming 1876, 1879, 1882, 1884; member, Territorial senate 1884-1885; mayor of Cheyenne 1885; appointed Governor of the Territory of Wyoming by President Chester Arthur in February 1885 but was removed by President Grover Cleveland in November 1886; again appointed Governor by President Benjamin Harrison in March 1889 and served until elected to the position in 1890; elected as the first Governor of the State in September 1890, but resigned in November 1890, having been elected Senator; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate on November 18, 1890, and served until March 4, 1893; resumed agricultural pursuits and stock raising; again elected to the United States Senate in 1895; reelected in 1901, 1907, 1913, 1918 and 1924 and served from March 4, 1895, until his death; chairman, Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands (Fifty-second, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Claims (Fifty-sixth through Fifty-ninth Congresses), Committee on Irrigation (Fifty-ninth Congress), Committee on Military Affairs (Fifty-ninth through Sixty-first Congresses), Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds (Fifty-ninth Congress), Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (Sixty-first Congress), Committee on Appropriations (Sixty-second and Sixty-sixth through Seventy-first Congresses), Committee on Engrossed Bills (Sixty-third through Sixty-fifth Congresses); died in Washington, D.C., November 24, 1929; funeral services were held in the Chamber of the United States Senate; interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Cheyenne, Wyo.

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**WARREN, Joseph Mabbett**, a Representative from New York; born in Troy, N.Y., January 28, 1813; attended the local schools, and in 1827 entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy; was graduated from the Washington (now Trinity) College, Hartford, Conn., in 1834; worked as a clerk in New York for a year and returned to Troy, N.Y., where he engaged in the wholesale grocery business for several years; entered the wholesale hardware business in 1840; one of the directors of the Bank of Troy and of the United National Bank of Troy, and president of the Bank of Troy 1853-1865; trustee of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; mayor of Troy in 1852; appointed as a commissioner of the Troy Water Works Company in 1855 and served until 1867, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second Congress (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1873); was not a candidate for renomination in 1872; resumed his former business activities in Troy, N.Y., where he died September 9, 1896; interment in the Warren Chapel, Oakwood Cemetery.

**WARREN, Lindsay Carter**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Washington, Beaufort County, N.C., December 16, 1889; pursued preparatory studies at Bingham School, Asheville, N.C., 1903-1906; attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1906-1908; studied law at the same university in 1911 and 1912; was admitted to the bar in 1912 and commenced practice in Washington, N.C.; attorney of Beaufort County 1912-1925; chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Beaufort County

1912-1925; member of the State senate in 1917, 1919, 1959, and 1961, serving as president pro tempore in 1919; member of the State code commission for compiling the consolidated statutes in 1919; chairman of the special legislative committee in 1920 on workmen's compensation acts; member of the State house of representatives in 1923; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-ninth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1925, until his resignation on October 31, 1940; chairman, Committee on Accounts (Seventy-second through Seventy-sixth Congresses); appointed Comptroller General of the United States for a fifteen-year term, serving from November 1, 1940, until his retirement on May 1, 1954; had been renominated to the Seventy-seventh Congress, but later withdrew; delegate to Democratic National Conventions in 1932 and 1940; chairman of the Democratic State conventions in 1930, 1934, and temporary chairman and keynoter in 1938; died in Washington, N.C., December 28, 1976; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

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**WARREN, Lott**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Burke County, near Augusta, Richmond County, Ga., October 30, 1797; attended the common schools; moved to Dublin, Laurens County, Ga., in 1816; served as a second lieutenant of Volunteers in the expedition against the Seminoles in 1818; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1821 and commenced practice in Dublin, Laurens County, Ga.; was also a regularly ordained Baptist minister, but never filled a definite charge; moved to Marion in 1825; elected major of the State militia in 1823; member of the State house of representatives in 1824 and 1831; served in the State senate in 1830; solicitor general and judge of the southern circuit of Georgia 1831-1834; moved to Americus, Sumter County, in 1836; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1843); was not a candidate for renomination in 1842; moved to Albany in 1842; was judge of the superior court of Georgia 1843-1852; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Albany, Dougherty County, Ga., June 17, 1861; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**WARREN, William Wirt**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Brighton (now a part of Boston), Mass., February 27, 1834; pursued classical studies, and was graduated from Harvard University in 1856; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in 1857; assessor of internal revenue in the seventh Massachusetts district in 1865; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1868; member of the State senate in 1870; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; engaged in the practice of law until his death in Boston, Mass., May 2, 1880; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

**WARWICK, John George**, a Representative from Ohio; born in County Tyrone, Province of Ulster, Ireland, December 23, 1830; attended the common schools of his native land; immigrated with his brother to the United States about 1850 and resided in Philadelphia, Pa., for a short time; moved to Navarre, Stark County, Ohio, and became a bookkeeper in a dry-goods establishment; moved to Massillon, Ohio, and clerked in a dry-goods store, subsequently becoming interested in flour milling, coal mining, and agricultural pursuits; also was a promoter of railroad construction; elected as Lieutenant Governor of Ohio and



served from 1884 to 1886; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1886; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress and served from March 4, 1891, until his death in Washington, D.C., August 14, 1892; interment in Protestant Cemetery, Massillon, Stark County, Ohio.

**WASHBURN, Cadwallader Colden** (brother of Israel Washburn, Jr., Elihu Benjamin Washburne, and William Drew Washburn), a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Livermore, Androscoggin County, Maine, April 22, 1818; completed preparatory studies and taught school in Wiscasset, Maine, in 1838 and 1839; moved to Davenport, Iowa, in 1839 and was employed in the geological survey of that State; moved to Rock Island, Ill., and studied law; elected surveyor of Rock Island County, Ill., in 1840; moved to Wisconsin and settled in Mineral Point, Iowa County, in 1842; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice at Mineral Point; founder of the Mineral Point Bank in 1852; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1861); chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Thirty-sixth Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1860; moved to La Crosse, Wis., in 1861; delegate to the peace convention held in Washington, D.C., in 1861 in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; served in the Union Army during the Civil War; colonel of the Second Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, February 6, 1862; brigadier general of Volunteers July 16, 1862; major general November 29, 1862; resigned May 25, 1865, and returned to La Crosse, Wis.; elected to the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1871); chairman, Committee on Expenditures on Public Buildings (Fortieth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1870; Governor of Wisconsin 1872-1874; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1873; engaged in the manufacture of lumber; owned and operated large flour mills in Minneapolis, Minn.; died May 15, 1882, at Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Ark., while on a visit at the springs for his health; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, La Crosse, Wis.

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**WASHBURN, Charles Grenfill**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Worcester, Mass., January 28, 1857; was graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1875 and from Harvard University in 1880; studied law; was admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1887; connected with various manufacturing enterprises in Worcester; member of the State house of representatives in 1897 and 1898; served in the State senate in 1899 and 1900; member of the committee to revise the corporation laws of Massachusetts in 1902; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1904 and 1916; was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rockwood Hoar; reelected to the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Congresses and served from December 18, 1906, to March 3, 1911; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; president of the Washburn Co. of Worcester, Mass., until his death at Lenox, Berkshire County, Mass., May 25, 1928; interment in Rural Cemetery, Worcester, Mass.

**Bibliography:** Haynes, George Henry. *The Life of Charles G. Washburn*. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1931.

**WASHBURN, Henry Dana**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Windsor, Vt., March 28, 1832; attended the common schools; became a tanner and a currier; taught

school for several years; moved to Vermillion County, Ind., in 1850; was graduated from the New York State and National Law Schools; was admitted to the bar in 1853 and commenced the practice of law in Newport, Vermillion County, Ind.; county auditor 1854-1861; enlisted on August 16, 1861, and served in the Union Army as lieutenant colonel of the Eighteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry; promoted to colonel July 15, 1862; brevetted brigadier general of Volunteers December 15, 1864, and major general July 26, 1865; mustered out August 26, 1865; successfully contested as a Republican the election of Daniel W. Voorhees to the Thirty-ninth Congress; reelected to the Fortieth Congress and served from February 23, 1866, to March 3, 1869; was not a candidate for renomination in 1868 to the Forty-first Congress; appointed surveyor general of Montana in 1869 and served until his death; in 1870 headed an expedition to find the headwaters of the Yellowstone River and discovered what is now known as Yellowstone Park; Mount Washburn, Mont., is named for him; returned to Clinton, Vermillion County, Ind., where he died on January 26, 1871; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**WASHBURN, Israel, Jr.** (brother of Elihu Benjamin Washburne, Cadwallader Colden Washburn, and William Drew Washburn), a Representative from Maine; born in Livermore, Androscoggin County, Maine, June 6, 1813; attended the common schools and was educated by private tutors; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1834 and commenced practice in Orono, Penobscot County, Maine; member of the State house of representatives in 1842 and 1843; unsuccessful candidate for the Thirty-first Congress in 1848; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Congresses, as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, and Thirty-sixth Congresses and served from March 4, 1851, to January 1, 1861, when he resigned, having been elected Governor; chairman, Committee on Elections (Thirty-fourth Congress); Governor of Maine in 1861 and 1862; declined to be a candidate for renomination; appointed by President Lincoln as collector of customs at Portland, Maine, and served from October 31, 1863, until March 16, 1877, when he resigned; served as president of the board of trustees of Tufts College, Medford, Mass.; engaged in literary pursuits; died in Philadelphia, Pa., on May 12, 1883; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Bangor, Maine.

**Bibliography:** Hunt, Gaillard, comp. *Israel, Elihu, and Cadwallader Washburn: A Chapter in American Biography*. New York: Macmillan, 1925.

**WASHBURN, William Barrett**, a Representative and a Senator from Massachusetts; born in Winchendon, Worcester County, Mass., January 31, 1820; attended Westminster and Hancock Academies and graduated from Yale College in 1844; employed as a store clerk 1844-1847; engaged in manufacturing pursuits in Erving, Franklin County, Mass., 1847-1857; member, State senate 1850; member, State house of representatives 1853-1855; moved to Greenfield in 1858 and engaged in banking; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1863, to December 5, 1871, when he resigned, having been elected Governor; chairman, Committee on Claims (Forty-first Congress); Governor of Massachusetts 1872-1874, when he resigned, having been elected a Senator; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Sumner and served from April 17, 1874, to March 3, 1875; was not a candidate for reelection; president of the Greenfield National Bank; member of the board of trustees of several colleges; director of the Connecticut River Railroad; died in Springfield, Hampden County, Mass., October 5, 1887; interment in Green River Cemetery, Greenfield, Franklin County, Mass.

**WASHBURN, William Drew** (brother of Israel Washburn, Jr., Elihu Benjamin Washburne, and Cadwallader Colden Washburn), a Representative and a Senator from Minnesota; born in Livermore, Androscoggin County, Maine, on January 14, 1831; attended the common schools and graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1854; studied law in Bangor, Maine; admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in Minneapolis, Minn., where he had settled early in 1857; appointed as United States surveyor general of Minnesota by President Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865, residing in St. Paul while holding that office; unsuccessful candidate for the United States House of Representatives in 1864; returned to Minneapolis and engaged in the newspaper, railway, milling, and water-power businesses; several times a member of the State house of representatives; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh, and Forty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1885); elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1889, to March 3, 1895; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on the Improvement of the Mississippi River and its Tributaries (Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses); resumed manufacturing pursuits and also engaged in railroad building; died in Minneapolis, Minn., July 29, 1912; interment in Lakewood Cemetery.

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**WASHBURN, Elihu Benjamin** (brother of Israel Washburn, Jr., Cadwallader Colden Washburn, and William Drew Washburn), a Representative from Illinois; born in Livermore, Androscoggin County, Maine, September 23, 1816; attended the common schools; printer's apprentice; assistant editor of the *Kennebec Journal*, Augusta; studied law at Kents' Hill Seminary in 1836 and at Harvard Law School in 1839; was admitted to the bar in 1840; moved to Galena, Jo Daviess County, Ill., in 1840 and commenced the practice of law; delegate to the Whig National Conventions in 1844 and 1852; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1848 to the Thirty-first Congress; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third Congress and reelected as a Republican to the eight succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1853, to March 6, 1869, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Commerce (Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth through Fortieth Congresses), Committee on Appropriations (Fortieth Congress); appointed as Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Grant, but resigned a few days afterward to accept a diplomatic mission to France; upon the declaration of the Franco-Prussian War he protected with the American flag the Paris legations of the various German states; remained in Paris during the siege and was the only foreign minister who continued at his post during the days of the Commune; protected not only Germans but all the foreigners left by their ministers; served as Minister until 1877, when he returned and settled in Chicago, Ill.; engaged in literary pursuits; died in Chicago, Ill., October 23, 1887; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Galena, Ill.

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**WASHINGTON, Craig Anthony**, a Representative from Texas; born in Longview, Gregg County, Tex., October 12, 1941; B.S., Prairie View A&M University, 1966; J.D., Texas Southern University Law School, 1969; Texas state representative, 1973-1982; Texas state senator, 1983-1989; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred First Congress,

by special election, December 9, 1989, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George T. (Mickey) Leland; reelected to the One Hundred Second and One Hundred Third Congresses and served from December 9, 1989, to January 3, 1995; unsuccessful candidate for renomination to the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

**WASHINGTON, George** (granduncle of George Corbin Washington), a Delegate from Virginia and first President of the United States; born at "Wakefield," near Popes Creek, Westmoreland County, Va., February 22, 1732; raised in Westmoreland County, Fairfax County and King George County; attended local schools and engaged in land surveying; appointed adjutant general of a military district in Virginia with the rank of major in 1752; in November 1753 was sent by Lieutenant Governor Dinwiddie, of Virginia, to conduct business with the French Army in the Ohio Valley; in 1754 was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and served in the French and Indian war, becoming aide-de-camp to General Braddock in 1755; appointed as commander in chief of Virginia forces in 1755; resigned his commission in December 1758 and returned to the management of his estate at Mount Vernon in 1759; served as a justice of the peace 1760-1774, and as a member of the Virginia house of burgesses 1758-1774; delegate to the Williamsburg convention of August 1774; Member of the First and Second Continental Congresses in 1774 and 1775; unanimously chosen June 15, 1775, as commander in chief of all the forces raised or to be raised; commanded the Continental armies throughout the war for independence; resigned his commission December 23, 1783, and returned to private life at Mount Vernon; was delegate to, and president of, the Federal Convention in Philadelphia in 1787; unanimously elected as the first President of the United States, being inaugurated April 30, 1789, in New York City; unanimously reelected in 1792 and served until March 3, 1797, declining a renomination; again appointed as lieutenant general and commander of the United States Army July 3, 1798, and served until his death on December 14, 1799, in Mount Vernon, Va.; interment in the vault at Mount Vernon.

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**WASHINGTON, George Corbin** (grandnephew of George Washington), a Representative from Maryland; born on "Haywood Farms," near Oak Grove, Westmoreland County, Va., August 20, 1789; attended Harvard University; studied law, but devoted himself to agricultural pursuits on his plantation in Maryland; resided for the most part at Dumbarton Heights, in Georgetown, D.C.; elected to the Twentieth, Twenty-first, and Twenty-second Congresses (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1833); chairman, Committee on District of Columbia (Twenty-second Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1832; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1837); was not a candidate for renomination in 1836; president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Co.; was appointed by President Tyler in 1844 as a commissioner to adjust and settle the claims arising under the treaty of 1835 with the Cherokee Indians; died in Georgetown, D.C., July 17, 1854; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**WASHINGTON, Harold**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Chicago, Ill., April 15, 1922; attended the public schools; B.A., Roosevelt University, Chicago, 1949; J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, Evanston, Ill., 1952;

admitted to the Illinois bar in 1953 and commenced practice in Chicago; served in the United States Air Force Engineers, 1942-1946; assistant city prosecutor, Chicago, 1954-1958; arbitrator, Illinois industrial Commission, 1960-1964; member, Illinois house of representatives, 1965-1976; member, Illinois senate, 1977-1980; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth Congresses and served from January 3, 1981, until his resignation April 30, 1983; elected mayor of Chicago on April 12, 1983; reelected in 1987 and served from April 29, 1983, until his death in Chicago on November 25, 1987; was a resident of Chicago; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

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**WASHINGTON, Joseph Edwin**, a Representative from Tennessee; was born on the family homestead, "Wessyngton," near Cedar Hill, Robertson County, Tenn., November 10, 1851; received his early instruction at home; was graduated from Georgetown College, Washington, D.C., June 26, 1873; studied law with the first law class organized at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1874, and was admitted to the bar, but never practiced; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives, 1877-1879; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1897); chairman, Committee on Territories (Fifty-second Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1896; appointed road commissioner and had charge of the road construction work of Robertson County; member of the board of trustees of Vanderbilt University; director of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis and Nashville & Decatur Railroads; resumed agricultural pursuits upon the family homestead, "Wessyngton," in Robertson County, Tenn., where he died August 28, 1915; interment in the family burying ground on his estate.

**WASHINGTON, William Henry**, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Goldsboro, Wayne County, N.C., February 7, 1813; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1835 and commenced practice in New Bern, Craven County, N.C.; was elected as a Whig to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1842; served in the State house of commons in 1843 and 1846; member of the State senate in 1848, 1850, and 1852; resumed the practice of law; died in New Bern, N.C., August 12, 1860; interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

**WASIELEWSKI, Thaddeus Francis Boleslaw**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Milwaukee, Wis., December 2, 1904; attended the parochial schools and South Division High School of his native city; B.A., University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1927, and from the law department of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., J.D., 1931; was admitted to the bar in 1931 and commenced practice in Milwaukee, Wis.; served as census supervisor in 1940; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-seventh and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1947); unsuccessful Democratic candidate for renomination in 1946 and an unsuccessful Independent candidate for election in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1948; member, Wisconsin State Central Committee, 1942-1948; resumed the practice of law; resided in Milwaukee, Wis., where he died April 25, 1976; interment in St. Adalbert's Cemetery.

**WASKEY, Frank Hinman**, a Delegate from the Territory of Alaska; born in Lake City, Wabasha County, Minn., April

20, 1875; attended the public schools of Minneapolis; moved to Alaska in February 1898, located in Nome, and engaged in mining; president of a mining company; director of a bank and also of a publishing company, both in Nome; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-ninth Congress as the first Delegate from Alaska and served from August 14, 1906, to March 3, 1907; was not a candidate for renomination in 1906; prospected for minerals in Alaska, fur buyer, and curio dealer, 1911-1955; United States commissioner at Fortuna Ledge, Alaska, 1915-1918; moved to Oakville, Wash., in 1956, where he died January 18, 1964; interment in Shelton Cemetery, Shelton, Wash.

**WASON, Edward Hills**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in New Boston, Hillsborough County, N.H., September 2, 1865; attended public and private schools and Francestown (N.H.) Academy; was graduated from New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Hanover in 1886 and from Boston (Mass.) University Law School in 1890; was admitted to the bar in 1890 and commenced practice in Nashua, N.H.; sergeant at arms, assistant clerk, and later clerk of the State senate; member of the Nashua Board of Education 1891-1895, serving as its president in 1895; city solicitor of Nashua in 1894 and 1895; president of the common council in 1897 and 1898; served in the State house of representatives in 1899, 1909, and 1913; member of the State constitutional conventions in 1902 and 1912; solicitor of Hillsborough County 1903-1907; president of the Citizens' Guaranty Savings Bank of Nashua 1904-1941; also engaged in agricultural pursuits in Merrimack, N.H., 1906-1941; alderman of Nashua 1906-1908; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1933); was not a candidate for renomination in 1932; retired from public life in 1933 and resided on his estate near New Boston, N.H., where he died February 6, 1941; interment in New Boston Cemetery.

**WATERMAN, Charles Winfield**, a Senator from Colorado; born in Waitsfield, Washington County, Vt., November 2, 1861; attended the rural schools and St. Johnsbury Academy; graduated from the University of Vermont at Burlington in 1885; taught school in Connecticut and also at Fort Dodge, Iowa, 1885-1888; graduated from the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1889; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Denver, Colo.; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1926 and served from March 4, 1927, until his death; chairman, Committee on Patents (Seventy-first Congress), Committee on Enrolled Bills (Seventy-second Congress); died in Washington, D.C., August 27, 1932; remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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**WATERS, Maxine**, a Representative from California; born Maxine (Moore) Carr, in St. Louis, St. Louis County, Mo., August 15, 1938; B.A., California State University, Los Angeles, Calif., 1970; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1972-1988; member of the California state assembly, 1977-1991; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Second and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1991-present).

**WATERS, Russell Judson**, a Representative from California; born in Halifax, Windham County, Vt., June 6, 1843; moved with his parents to Franklin County, Mass., in 1846; attended the district schools; learned the machinist's trade in Shelburne Falls, Mass.; taught school at Charlemont Cen-

ter, Mass.; was graduated from Franklin Institute (later Arms Academy), Shelburne Falls, Mass., where he later was professor of Latin and mathematics; moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1867; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1868 and practiced in Chicago until 1886; moved to California and settled in Redlands in 1886; city attorney of Redlands in 1888; moved to Los Angeles in 1894; president of the Pasadena Consolidated Gas Co.; treasurer of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Citizens' Bank, and connected with many public institutions; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1901); was not a candidate for renomination in 1900; resumed banking as president of the Citizens' National Bank, Los Angeles; president of the California Cattle Co., San Jacinto, Calif., 1903-1911; president of the San Jacinto Water Co. in 1910 and 1911; died in Los Angeles, Calif., September 25, 1911; interment in Hollywood Cemetery.

**WATKINS, Albert Galiton**, a Representative from Tennessee; born near Jefferson City, Jefferson County, Tenn., May 5, 1818; was graduated from Holston College, Tennessee; studied law; was admitted to the bar and began practice at Panther Springs, Tenn., in 1839; member of the State house of representatives in 1845; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1853); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1859); was not a candidate for renomination in 1858; engaged in the ministry; died in Mooresburg, Hawkins County, Tenn., November 9, 1895; interment in Westview Cemetery, Jefferson City, Tenn.

**WATKINS, Arthur Vivian**, a Senator from Utah; born in Midway, Wasatch County, Utah, December 18, 1886; attended the public schools, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1903-1906, and New York University, New York City 1909-1910; graduated from Columbia University Law School, New York City 1912; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Vernal, Utah; engaged in newspaper work in 1914; assistant county attorney of Salt Lake County 1914-1915; engaged in agricultural pursuits 1919-1925; district judge of the fourth judicial district of Utah 1928-1933; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination to the Seventy-fifth Congress in 1936; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1946; reelected in 1952 and served from January 3, 1947, to January 3, 1959; was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958; chairman, Select Committee on the Censure of Joseph McCarthy (Eighty-third Congress), co-chairman, Joint Committee on Navaho-Hopi Indian Administration (Eighty-third Congress), Joint Committee on Immigration and Naturalization Policy (Eighty-third Congress); member of the Indian Claims Commission, Washington, D.C., from August 1959, until retirement in September 1967; author; was a resident of Salt Lake City until he moved to Orem, Utah, in 1973 where he died September 1, 1973; interment in Eastlawn Memorial Hills.

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**WATKINS, Elton**, a Representative from Oregon; born in Newton, Newton County, Miss., July 6, 1881; attended the common schools of Mississippi, and Webb School of Bell Buckle, Tenn.; was graduated from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., Georgetown University Law School, and George Washington Law School, Washington,

D.C.; employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, until 1912, when he moved to Oregon; was admitted to the Oregon bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Portland; prosecutor, Oregon Bar Association, 1914-1918; assistant United States district attorney in 1919; during the First World War was again employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1925); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1924 to the Sixty-ninth Congress; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1930 and for nomination in 1932; unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Portland in 1932 and in 1940; resumed the practice of law in Portland, Oreg., until his death there June 24, 1956; interment in Greenwood Hills Cemetery.

**WATKINS, George Robert**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Hampton, Va., May 21, 1902; attended the public schools of Hampton; learned the trade of ship-fitter; went to Chester, Pa., in 1920 and organized the Chester Stevedoring Co., which was sold in 1931; in 1932 organized with a partner the Blue Line Transfer Co., operating a fleet of trucks to all points in the East; served a four-year term as sheriff of Delaware County, Pa., 1945-1948; member of the State senate for three four-year terms, 1949-1960; served a four-year term as county commissioner, 1960-1964; operated a farm in Delaware County and was a breeder of thoroughbred horses; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-ninth, Ninetieth, and Ninety-first Congresses, serving from January 3, 1965, until his death in West Chester, Pa., August 7, 1970; interment in Birmingham-Lafayette Cemetery, Birmingham Township, Pa.

**WATKINS, John Thomas**, a Representative from Louisiana; born in Minden, Webster Parish, La., January 15, 1854; attended the common schools and spent three years in Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1878 and commenced the practice of law in Minden; judge of the district court 1892-1904; resumed the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-ninth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1921); chairman, Committee on Revision of the Laws (Sixty-second through Sixty-fifth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1920; engaged in the practice of law in Washington, D.C., until his death on April 25, 1925; interment in Murrell Cemetery, Minden, La.

**WATKINS, Wesley Wade**, a Representative from Oklahoma; born in DeQueen, Sevier County, Ark., December 15, 1938; graduated from Bennington High School, Bennington, Okla., 1956; B.S., Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., 1960; M.S., Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., 1961; Oklahoma Air National Guard, 1960-1967; United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 1961-1963; administrator, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., 1963-1966; business executive; member of the Oklahoma state senate, 1975-1976; delegate, Oklahoma State Democratic Convention, 1972; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1972; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 1991); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Second Congress in 1990, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for Governor of Oklahoma; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Oklahoma in 1994; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-January 3, 2003); not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eighth Congress in 2002.

**WATMOUGH, John Goddard**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Wilmington, Del., December 6, 1793; pursued classical studies and was graduated from Princeton College; also did postgraduate work in the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; served in the War of 1812 as corporal in the Fourth Company, Fourth Detachment, Pennsylvania Militia, from May 13 to July 31, 1813; appointed second lieutenant in the Regular Army September 2, 1813; brevetted first lieutenant August 15, 1814, for gallant conduct in the defense of Fort Erie, Canada, and resigned on October 1, 1816; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1835); unsuccessful Whig candidate for reelection in 1834 to the Twenty-fourth Congress; high sheriff of Philadelphia in 1835 and 1836; surveyor of the port of Philadelphia 1841-1845; discontinued active pursuits in 1854 and lived in retirement until his death in Philadelphia, Pa., November 27, 1861; interment in Christ Church Cemetery.

**WATRES, Laurence Hawley**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pa., July 18, 1882; attended the public schools and Hill School, Pottstown, Pa.; was graduated from Princeton (N.J.) University in 1904 and from the law school of Harvard University in 1907; was admitted to the bar in 1907 and commenced practice in Scranton, Pa.; during the First World War served from September 26, 1916, as captain in the One Hundred and Eighth Machine Gun Battalion of the Twenty-eighth Division; promoted to major and discharged May 28, 1919; awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart Medal; after the war assisted in reorganizing the One Hundred and Ninth Infantry Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard and served as lieutenant colonel; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1931); was not a candidate for renomination in 1930; resumed the practice of law in Scranton, Pa., until 1951; moved to East Orange, N.J.; died while vacationing in Puerto Rico, February 6, 1964; interred in Glenwood Mausoleum, South Abington Township, Pa.

**WATSON, Albert William**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Sumter, Sumter County, S.C., August 30, 1922; attended the public schools of Columbia, S.C.; attended North Greenville Junior College, Greenville, S.C.; graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, S.C., 1950; United States Army Air Corps, 1942-1946; lawyer, private practice; member of the South Carolina state general assembly, 1955-1958 and 1961-1962; national chairman, Voice of Democracy Program, United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1957; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth and to the succeeding Congress (March 4, 1963-February 1, 1965); resigned on February 1, 1965, after being stripped of seniority by House Democratic Caucus because of his support of the Republican presidential candidate; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-ninth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by his own resignation; reelected to the Ninetieth and to the succeeding Congress (June 15, 1965-January 3, 1971); not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-second Congress in 1970, but was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of South Carolina in 1970; administrative law judge, Social Security Administration; died on September 25, 1994, in Columbia, S.C.

**WATSON, Clarence Wayland**, a Senator from West Virginia; born in Fairmont, Marion County, W.Va., May 8, 1864; attended the public schools of Marion County; em-

ployed in the coal-mining industry and later organized a number of coal companies, serving as president of the Consolidation Coal Co. 1903-1911; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stephen B. Elkins and served from February 1, 1911, to March 3, 1913; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; commissioned lieutenant colonel in the Ordnance Department of the Army in March 1918 and served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France until January 1919; in 1918, while overseas, was nominated for United States Senator, but was unsuccessful in the election; again president of the Consolidation Coal Co. until 1928; also owned a stock farm and training stables; chairman of the board of directors of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, later moving to Cincinnati, Ohio; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 24, 1940; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Fairmont, W.Va.

**WATSON, Cooper Kinderdine**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Jefferson County, Ky., June 18, 1810; pursued preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Delaware, Ohio; moved to Marion, Ohio; unsuccessful candidate for prosecuting attorney of Marion County in 1839; moved to Tiffin, Ohio, and practiced law for twenty years or more; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; resumed the practice of law; moved to Sandusky, Ohio; member of the State constitutional convention in 1871; appointed judge of the court of common pleas in 1876 and served until his death in Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, May 20, 1880; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery, Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio.

**WATSON, David Kemper**, a Representative from Ohio; born near London, Madison County, Ohio, on June 18, 1849; was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1871 and from the law department of Boston University in 1873; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice; assistant United States district attorney for the southern district of Ohio during the administration of President Arthur; elected attorney general of Ohio in 1887 and reelected in 1889; special counsel for the United States in the suits brought by the Government against the Pacific railroads in 1892; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896 to the Fifty-fifth Congress; appointed by President McKinley as a member of the commission to revise and codify the laws of the United States; resumed the practice of law; died in Columbus, Ohio, September 28, 1918; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery.

**WATSON, Diane Edith**, a Representative from California; born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Calif., November 12, 1933; B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1956; M.S., California State University, Los Angeles, Calif., 1987; attended the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, Calif., 1987; psychologist; faculty, California State University, Los Angeles, Calif., 1969-1971; health occupation specialist, Bureau of Industrial Education, California Department of Education, 1971-1973; member of the Los Angeles, Calif., unified school board, 1975-1978; member of the California state senate, 1978-1998; United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, 1999-2000; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Seventh Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Julian Dixon, and reelected to the succeeding Congress (June 5, 2001-present).

**WATSON, Henry Winfield**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Bucks County, Pa., June 24, 1856; educated in private schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1881 and commenced the practice of his profession in Philadelphia; president of the Washington, Potomac & Chesapeake Railway Co.; director of several banks and of the Langhorne Water Co.; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and to the nine succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1915, until his death in Langhorne, Pa., on August 27, 1933; interment in the Brandywine Cemetery, Wilmington, Del.

**WATSON, James**, a Senator from New York; born in Woodbury, Conn., April 6, 1750; completed preparatory studies; graduated from Yale College in 1776; commissioned lieutenant in a Connecticut regiment in 1776 and resigned as a captain in 1777; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced; appointed in 1780 by the assembly as a purchasing commissary for the Connecticut Line; moved to New York City in 1786; engaged in mercantile pursuits; member, State assembly 1791, 1794-1796, serving as speaker 1794; regent of New York University 1795-1806; member, State senate 1796-1798; elected as a Federalist to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Sloss Hobart and served from August 17, 1798, to March 19, 1800, when he resigned to accept an appointment by President John Adams as United States naval officer at New York City; unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor in 1801; member of the Society of the Cincinnati; organizer and first president of the New England Society in New York City, from 1805 until his death there May 15, 1806.

**WATSON, James Eli**, a Representative and a Senator from Indiana; born in Winchester, Randolph County, Ind., November 2, 1864; graduated from De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., in 1886; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1886 and commenced practice in Winchester; moved to Rushville, Ind., in 1893 and resumed the practice of law; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896; elected to the Fifty-sixth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1909); was not a candidate for renomination in 1908; unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor of Indiana in 1908; resumed the practice of law in Rushville, Ind.; elected on November 7, 1916, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Benjamin F. Shively; reelected in 1920 and 1926, and served from November 8, 1916, to March 3, 1933; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932; majority leader 1929-1933; chairman, Committee on Woman Suffrage (Sixty-sixth Congress), Committee on Revision of the Laws (Sixty-sixth Congress), Committee on Enrolled Bills (Sixty-eighth Congress), Committee on Interstate Commerce (Sixty-ninth and Seventieth Congresses), Republican Conference (Seventy-first and Seventy-second Congresses); continued the practice of law in Washington, D.C., until his death there on July 29, 1948; interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland, Maryland.

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**WATSON, Lewis Findlay**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Crawford County, Pa., April 14, 1819; attended the common schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits at Titusville in 1832; moved to Warren, Pa., in 1835 and continued his former pursuits until 1837; clerk in the office

of the recorder in 1838; studied law at Warren Academy 1839-1840; resumed his former mercantile pursuits until 1860; engaged as an operator in lumber and in the production of petroleum 1860-1875; organized and was the first president of the Conewango Valley Railroad Co. in 1861; elected president of the Warren Savings Bank at its organization in 1870; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); elected to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); elected to the Fifty-first Congress and served from March 4, 1889, until his death in Washington, D.C., August 25, 1890; interment in Oakland Cemetery, Warren, Pa.

**WATSON, Thomas Edward**, a Representative and a Senator from Georgia; born in Columbia County, near Thomson, Ga., September 5, 1856; attended the common schools and Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; taught school; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1875 and commenced practice in Thomson, McDuffie County, Ga., in 1876; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; member, State house of representatives 1882-1883; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1888; elected as a Populist to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress and in 1894 for election to the Fifty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Thomson, Ga.; nominated for Vice President by the Populist National Convention in 1896 and for President by the People's Party in 1904; published a magazine for many years and later engaged in the newspaper business; author; unsuccessful candidate for the United States House of Representatives in 1918; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1921, until his death in Washington, D.C., September 26, 1922; interment in Thomson Cemetery, Thomson, Ga.

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**WATSON, Walter Allen**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Nottoway County, Va., November 25, 1867; attended "old field" school, and was graduated from Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia, in 1887; studied law in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1888 and 1889; was admitted to the bar in 1893 and commenced practice in Nottoway and adjoining counties of Virginia; member of the State senate 1891-1895; Commonwealth attorney 1895-1904; member of the Democratic State committee in 1901 and 1902; circuit judge of the fourth judicial circuit of Virginia 1904-1912; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1913, until his death in Washington, D.C., December 24, 1919; chairman, Committee on Elections No. 3 (Sixty-fifth Congress); interment in the family cemetery on his estate, "Woodland," Nottoway County, Va.

**WATT, Melvin L.**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Steele Creek, Mecklenburg County, N.C., August 26, 1945; York Road High School, Charlotte, N.C., 1963; B.S., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., 1967; J.D., Yale University School of Law, New Haven, Conn., 1970; lawyer, private practice; member of the North Carolina state senate, 1985-1987; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-present).

**WATTERSON, Harvey Magee** (father of Henry Watterson), a Representative from Tennessee; born at "Beechgrove," the family homestead, in Bedford County, Tenn., November 23, 1811; pursued classical studies; studied

law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tenn.; established and edited a paper in Shelbyville, Tenn., in 1831; member of the State house of representatives in 1835; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1843); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1842 to the Twenty-eighth Congress; sent by President Tyler on a diplomatic mission to Buenos Aires, where he remained for a year; member of the State senate 1845-1847, and served as speaker; editor and proprietor of the Nashville Union 1847-1851 and editor of the Washington Union in 1851; delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in 1860, and was a presidential elector on the Douglas ticket the same year; appointed by President Johnson as one of a commission to investigate conditions in the States "lately in rebellion"; practiced law in Washington, D.C., for fourteen years; moved to Louisville, Ky.; member of the editorial staff of the Louisville Courier-Journal; died in Louisville, Ky., October 1, 1891; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

**WATTERSON, Henry** (son of Harvey Magee Watterson and nephew of Stanley Matthews), a Representative from Kentucky; born in Washington, D.C., February 16, 1840; completed preparatory studies under private tutors; attended the Academy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pa.; engaged in newspaper work as correspondent and editorial writer; his first newspaper employment was on the Washington States, a Democratic paper, 1858-1861; became editor of the Republican Banner in Nashville, Tenn., in 1861; during the Civil War entered the Confederate service; aide to Gen. N.B. Forrest; was on the staff of Gen. Leonidas Polk; chief of scouts in Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army; edited the Chattanooga Rebel in 1862 and 1863; resumed newspaper pursuits in Nashville after the war; moved to Louisville, Ky., in 1867 and purchased the Louisville Journal, consolidated it with the Courier, and served as editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal for fifty years; temporary chairman of the Democratic National Convention in 1876; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward Y. Parsons and served from August 12, 1876, to March 3, 1877; declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1876; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1880, 1884, 1888, and 1892; died in Jacksonville, Fla., December 22, 1921; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Ky.

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**WATTS, John**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City, August 27, 1749; completed preparatory studies; studied law; last recorder of New York under the Crown; member of the State assembly 1791-1793, serving as speaker of that body in 1792 and 1793; member of the commission to build Newgate Prison, New York City, 1796-1799; elected to the Third Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1795); judge of Westchester County from 1802 to 1807; founded and endowed the Leake and Watts Orphan House; died in New York City September 3, 1836; interment in a vault in Trinity Churchyard.

**WATTS, John Clarence**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Ky., July 9, 1902; attended the public schools; was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1925 and from its law school in 1927; was admitted to the bar in 1927 and commenced the practice of law in Nicholasville, Ky.; also operated a

farm; police judge of Nicholasville, Ky., 1929-1933; county attorney of Jessamine County, Ky., 1933-1945; member of the State house of representatives in 1947 and 1948, serving as floor leader; commissioner of motor transportation for State of Kentucky 1948-1951; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-second Congress, by special election, April 14, 1951, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas R. Underwood; reelected to the ten succeeding Congresses and served from April 14, 1951, until his death in Lexington, Ky., September 24, 1971; interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Nicholasville, Ky.

**WATTS, John Sebrie**, a Delegate from the Territory of New Mexico; born in Boone County, Ky., January 19, 1816; moved to Indiana, where he completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State house of representatives in 1846 and 1847; associate justice of the United States court in the Territory of New Mexico from 1851 to 1854, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864; took an active part in equipping troops for the Union Army during the Civil War; appointed chief justice of the supreme court of New Mexico July 11, 1868, by President Johnson, and served in that capacity one year; resumed the practice of law in Santa Fe; returned to Bloomington, Monroe County, Ind., where he died June 11, 1876; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**WATTS, Julius Caesar, Jr. (J. C.)**, a Representative from Oklahoma; born in Eufaula, McIntosh County, Okla., November 18, 1957; graduated from Eufaula High School, Eufaula, Okla., 1976; B.A., University of Oklahoma, Norman, 1981; member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, 1990-1995, and chairman, 1993-1995; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1995-January 3, 2003); House Republican Conference Chair (One Hundred Sixth Congress through One Hundred Seventh Congress); not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eighth Congress in 2002.

**WAUGH, Daniel Webster**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Bluffton, Wells County, Ind., March 7, 1842; attended the country schools and the high school in Bluffton; enlisted in the Union Army in 1861 in Company A, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until honorably discharged in September 1864; taught school; engaged in agricultural pursuits; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1866; settled in Tipton, Ind., in 1867 and practiced; judge of the thirty-sixth judicial circuit 1884-1890; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1894; resumed the practice of law; died in Tipton, Ind., March 14, 1921; interment in the mausoleum adjoining Green Lawn Cemetery.

**WAXMAN, Henry Arnold**, a Representative from California; born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Calif., September 12, 1939; attended Los Angeles public schools; B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1961; J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1964; lawyer, private practice; member of the California state assembly, 1969-1974; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth and to the fourteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1975-present).

**WAYNE, Anthony** (father of Isaac Wayne), a Representative from Georgia; born in East Town, Chester County, Pa.,

January 1, 1745; attended Philadelphia Academy; became a land surveyor and was employed for a time in Nova Scotia; returned to Chester County, Pa.; member of the provincial house of representatives in 1774 and 1775; served in the Revolutionary Army as colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania troops; commissioned as brigadier general February 21, 1777; brevetted major general October 10, 1783; elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1784; moved to Georgia and settled upon a tract of land granted him by that State for his military service; delegate to the State convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States in 1788; presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Second Congress and served from March 4, 1791, to March 21, 1792, when the seat was declared vacant; declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1792; again entered the service of the United States Army, as major general and General in Chief of the Army; concluded a treaty August 3, 1795, with the Indians northwest of the Ohio River; died in Presque Isle (now Erie), Pa., December 15, 1796; remains were moved in 1809 and interred in St. David's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Radnor, Pa.

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**WAYNE, Isaac** (son of Anthony Wayne), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Paoli, Chester County, Pa., in 1772; attended the common schools and was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; studied law; was admitted to the Chester County bar in 1795; member of the State house of representatives 1799-1801 and in 1806; served in the State senate in 1810; during the War of 1812 was captain of a troop of Pennsylvania Horse Cavalry, raised and equipped by himself, and was subsequently colonel of the Second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; unsuccessful Federalist candidate for Governor in 1814; elected to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Chester County, Pa., October 25, 1852; interment in St. David's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Radnor, Pa.

**WAYNE, James Moore**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Savannah, Ga., in 1790; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from Princeton College in 1808; studied law in New Haven, Conn.; was admitted to the bar in 1810 and commenced practice in Savannah, Ga.; entered the military service during the War of 1812, and served as an officer in the Georgia Hussars; member of the State house of representatives in 1815 and 1816; mayor of Savannah 1817-1819; judge of the court of common pleas and oyer and terminer of Savannah 1820-1822; judge of the superior court of Savannah from 1822 to 1828; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third Congresses and served from March 4, 1829, to January 13, 1835, when he resigned to accept a judicial position; chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs (Twenty-third Congress); had been reelected to the Twenty-fourth Congress; appointed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and served from January 14, 1835, until his death in Washington, D.C., on July 5, 1867; interment in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Chatham County, Ga.

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**WEADOCK, Thomas Addis Emmet**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Ballygarrett, County Wexford, Ireland, on January 1, 1850; immigrated to the United States in infancy with his parents, who settled on a farm near St. Marys, Auglaize County, Ohio; educated in the common

schools and the Union School at St. Marys; taught school in the counties of Auglaize, Shelby, and Miami for five years; was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in March 1873; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Bay City, Mich.; served in the State militia 1874-1877; prosecuting attorney of Bay County in 1877 and 1878; chairman of the Democratic State conventions in 1883 and 1894; mayor of Bay City 1883-1885; member of the board of education of Bay City in 1884; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining (Fifty-third Congress); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1894; delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention in 1896; resumed the practice of law in Bay City, and later moved to Detroit, and continued to practice; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for judge of the supreme court of Michigan in 1904; appointed a professor of law in the University of Detroit in 1912; appointed an associate justice of the State supreme court in 1933; died in Detroit, Mich., November 18, 1938; interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Bay City, Mich.

**WEAKLEY, Robert**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Halifax County, Va., July 20, 1764; attended Princeton (N.J.) schools; joined the Revolutionary Army at the age of sixteen and served until the close of the Revolutionary War; moved in 1785 to that part of North Carolina which later became Tennessee and engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the North Carolina convention that ratified the Constitution of the United States in 1789; member of the first State house of representatives in 1796; elected as a Republican to the Eleventh Congress (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1811); appointed United States commissioner to treat with the Chickasaw Indians in 1819; member of the State senate in 1823 and 1824, serving as president in 1823; member of the State constitutional convention in 1834; died near Nashville, Tenn., February 4, 1845; interment in the family vault at "Lockland," on his estate in the suburbs of Nashville.

**WEARIN, Otha Donner**, a Representative from Iowa; born on a farm near Hastings, Mills County, Iowa, January 10, 1903; attended the country schools; was graduated from Tabor (Iowa) Academy in 1920 and from Grinnell (Iowa) College in 1924; served as treasurer of Wearin, Iowa, rural school district 1926-1928; engaged in agricultural pursuits and also as an author and editor; member of the State house of representatives 1928-1932; delegate to the Iowa State Democratic Judicial convention in 1930 and served as chairman; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1936 and 1940; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third, Seventy-fourth, and Seventy-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1939); was not a candidate for renomination in 1938 but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator; resumed agricultural pursuits; member of the Alien Enemy Hearing Board for the southern district of Iowa 1941-1944; member of the Democratic State Central Committee 1948-1952; member of Mills County Board of Education; unsuccessful for Democratic nomination for United States Senator in 1950 and for Governor of Iowa in 1952; staff advisor to Iowa Governor Herschel C. Loveless, January 1959-1961; member, Iowa State Commission on Aging, July 1965-1969; author; was a resident of Hastings, Iowa., until his death in Glenwood, Iowa, on April 3, 1990; interment in Malvern Cemetery.

**WEATHERFORD, Zadoc Lorenzo**, a Representative from Alabama; born on a farm in Marion County, Ala., near



Vina, Franklin County, February 4, 1888; attended the public schools; was graduated from the medical department of the University of Tennessee at Memphis, M.D., 1914; served as an intern in St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., 1914-1916; moved to Red Bay, Ala., in 1916 and commenced general medical practice; during the First World War served from August 26, 1917, as battalion surgeon in the Three Hundred and Twenty-sixth Infantry and was discharged on October 6, 1920; awarded the Purple Heart Medal; was sub-district medical officer, United States Veterans' Bureau, Montgomery, Ala., 1922-1924; resumed medical practice in Red Bay, Ala.; also interested in banking and agricultural pursuits, with farming interests in both Alabama and Mississippi; served in the State senate from 1939 until elected to Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William B. Bankhead and served from November 5, 1940, to January 3, 1941; was not a candidate for the full term; resumed his medical profession, retiring from active practice January 1, 1958; mayor of Red Bay, Ala., 1945-1948; vice chairman Franklin County Democratic Committee, 1933-1937; president of the Bank of Red Bay, 1938-1970; was a resident of Red Bay, Ala., until his death on May 21, 1983.

**WEAVER, Archibald Jerard** (grandfather of Phillip H. Weaver), a Representative from Nebraska; born in Dundaff, Susquehanna County, Pa., April 15, 1843; attended the common schools; was graduated from Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., and a member of the faculty 1864-1867; was graduated from the law department of Harvard University in 1869; was admitted to the bar in Boston, Mass., in 1869; moved to Falls City, Nebr., in 1869 and commenced the practice of law; member of the State constitutional conventions in 1871 and 1875; district attorney for the first district of Nebraska in 1872; elected judge of the first judicial district of Nebraska in 1875; reelected in 1879 and resigned in 1883; was elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); did not seek renomination in 1886, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1887; resumed the practice of law; died in Falls City, Richardson County, Nebr., April 18, 1887; interment in Steele Cemetery.

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**WEAVER, Claude**, a Representative from Oklahoma; born in Gainesville, Cooke County, Tex., March 19, 1867; attended the public schools; was graduated from the law department of the University of Texas at Austin in 1887; was admitted to the bar the same year and practiced in Gainesville, Tex., 1887-1895; assistant prosecuting attorney of Cooke County, Tex., in 1892; moved to Pauls Valley, Indian Territory, in 1895 and engaged in the practice of law; moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1902; member of Oklahoma City Board of Freeholders in 1910; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1915); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1914 and for election to fill a vacancy in the Sixty-sixth Congress in 1919; postmaster of Oklahoma City, Okla., 1915-1923; acting county attorney of Oklahoma County in 1926; legal adviser and secretary to the Governor, William H. Murray, 1931-1934; district judge of thirteenth Oklahoma district in 1934 and 1935; returned to the practice of law; died in Oklahoma City, Okla., May 19, 1954; interment in Fairlawn Cemetery.

**WEAVER, James Baird**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Dayton, Ohio, June 12, 1833; moved with his parents

to Michigan in 1835 and subsequently moved to Iowa and settled on a farm near Bloomfield; attended the common schools; studied law at Bloomfield 1853-1856; was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in April 1856; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice in Bloomfield; enlisted as a private in the Second Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in April 1861; commissioned first lieutenant of Company G May 27, 1861; major July 25, 1862; colonel November 10, 1862; brevetted brigadier general of Volunteers March 13, 1864; mustered out May 27, 1864; elected district attorney for the second judicial district of Iowa in 1866 and served four years; appointed assessor of internal revenue for the first district of Iowa by President Johnson March 25, 1867, and served until May 20, 1873; elected as a Greenbacker to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); was not a candidate for renomination in 1880, but was nominated at Chicago in 1880 by the National Greenback Party as their candidate for President of the United States; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Forty-eighth Congress in 1882; elected to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Interior (Forty-ninth Congress), Committee on Patents (Fiftieth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1888 to the Fifty-first Congress; Populist candidate for President in 1892; mayor of Colfax, Iowa, 1901-1903; died in Des Moines, Iowa, February 6, 1912; interment in Woodland Cemetery.

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**WEAVER, James Dorman**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Erie, Pa., September 27, 1920; attended the public schools, Erie Conservatory of Music, and Syracuse (N.Y.) University, 1938-1941; graduated from the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1944; while a student, worked on farms in Erie County and also as a musician with orchestras; entered the United States Army Medical Corps in 1946 and served as a captain and as commanding officer and chief of surgery, Three Hundred and Eighty-third Station Hospital, Ascot, Korea, 1947-1948; engaged in the practice of medicine in Erie, Pa., 1948-1962; Pennsylvania delegate to White House Conference on Aging in 1961; medical administrator, Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1960-1962; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-eighth Congress (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1965); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; active duty, United States Air Force, 1965-1983; died on November 15, 2003, in Sterling, Va.

**WEAVER, James Howard**, a Representative from Oregon; born in Brookings, Brookings County, S.Dak., August 8, 1927; attended public schools in Des Moines, Iowa; moved to Eugene, Oreg., 1947; B.S., University of Oregon, Eugene, 1952; served in the United States Navy, 1945-1946; worked as publisher's representative, 1954-1958; was staff director for Oregon Legislative Interim Committee on Agriculture, 1959-1960; became a builder and developer of office and apartment building complexes in Oregon, 1960; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1960, 1964; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1975-January 3, 1987); was not a candidate for reelection in 1986; was the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate in 1986 but withdrew his candidacy; author; is a resident of Eugene, Oreg.

**WEAVER, Phillip Hart** (grandson of Archibald Jerard Weaver), a Representative from Nebraska; born in Falls

City, Richardson County, Nebr., April 9, 1919; attended the public schools of Falls City and Lincoln, Nebr.; student at St. Benedicts College, Atchison, Kans., in 1938 and 1939; A.B., University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 1942; staff announcer for radio stations 1938-1940; entered the Armed Services June 1, 1942, and assigned to command, staff, and liaison duties with the Seventeenth Airborne Division, First Allied Airborne Army, and Headquarters, Berlin District; was discharged as a captain in March 1946; awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge, Glider Wings, and Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster; retired as lieutenant colonel in United States Army Reserves; engaged in the insurance and finance business, Falls City, Nebr., 1946-1949; director, Falls City Wholesale & Supply, Inc., since 1946; civilian administrative assistant to the G-1, Fifth Army, Chicago, Ill., in 1949 and 1950; established an automobile agency, Falls City, Nebr., in 1950; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1955-January 3, 1963); unsuccessful for renomination in 1962 to the Eighty-eighth Congress; special consultant, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 1963-1965; deputy director, Field Cooperations Division, Rural Community Development Service, 1966; regional development coordinator for Department of Agriculture, 1967-1968; acting administrator, Rural Community Development Service, 1969; deputy assistant to Secretary of Agriculture, 1969-1973; resumed business interests in Falls City in 1974; was a resident of Falls City until his death there on April 16, 1989.

**WEAVER, Walter Lowrie**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Montgomery County, Ohio, April 1, 1851; attended the public schools and Monroe Academy, and was graduated from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1870; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1872 and commenced practice in Springfield, Ohio; elected prosecuting attorney of Clark County in 1874, 1880, 1882, and 1885; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1901); chairman, Committee on Elections No. 2 (Fifty-sixth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1900; appointed associate justice Choctaw-Chickasaw citizens' court at McAlester, Okla., in 1902; returned to Springfield, Ohio, in 1904 and resumed the practice of law; died in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, May 26, 1909; interment in Ferncliff Cemetery.

**WEAVER, Zebulon**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Weaverville, Buncombe County, N.C., May 12, 1872; attended the public schools and was graduated from Weaver College at Weaverville in 1889; studied law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; was admitted to the bar in 1894 and commenced practice in Asheville, N.C.; member of the State house of representatives 1907-1909; served in the State senate 1913-1915; presented credentials as a Democratic Member-elect to the Sixty-fifth Congress and served from March 4, 1917, to March 1, 1919, when he was succeeded by James J. Britt, who contested his election; elected to the Sixty-sixth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1919-March 3, 1929); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1928 to the Seventy-first Congress; elected to the Seventy-second and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1947); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1946; resumed the practice of law in Asheville, N.C., until his death there October 29, 1948; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**WEBB, Edwin Yates**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Shelby, Cleveland County, N.C., May 23, 1872; attended the Shelby Military Institute, and was graduated from Wake Forest (N.C.) College in June 1893; studied law

at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1893 and 1894; was admitted to the bar in 1894 and commenced practice in Shelby; entered the University of Virginia Law School at Charlottesville in 1896 and completed a post-graduate course; member of the State senate in 1901; appointed a trustee of Wake Forest College in 1898; appointed trustee of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Raleigh by the legislature in 1899 and served two years; chairman of the Democratic senatorial district in 1896; chairman of the Democratic county executive committee 1898-1902; temporary chairman of the Democratic State convention in 1900; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and to the eight succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1903, to November 10, 1919, when he resigned to accept a judicial position; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Sixty-third through Sixty-fifth Congresses); one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1912 to conduct impeachment proceedings against Robert W. Archbald, judge of the United States Commerce Court; appointed United States district judge for the western district of North Carolina November 5, 1919, and served until his retirement March 1, 1948; died while visiting in Wilmington, N.C., February 7, 1955; interment in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C.

**WEBB, William Robert** (grandson of Richard Stanford), a Senator from Tennessee; born near Mount Tirzah, Person County, N.C., November 11, 1842; attended private schools and was a student in Bingham School, Oaks, N.C., 1856-1860; entered the University of North Carolina in 1860 but left to enlist in the Confederate Army; returned to North Carolina in 1865; graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1868; taught at Horner's School, Oxford, N.C., 1868-1870; founded the Webb School, a preparatory school, at Culleoka, Tenn., in 1870; moved the school to Bell Buckle, Tenn., in 1886; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert L. Taylor and served from January 24, 1913, to March 3, 1913; was not a candidate for reelection in 1913; continued teaching until his death in Bell Buckle, Tenn., December 19, 1926; interment in Hazelwood Cemetery.

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**WEBBER, Amos Richard**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Hinckley, Medina County, Ohio, January 21, 1852; attended the public schools of Hinckley and was graduated from Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, in 1876; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1876 and commenced practice in Elyria, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Lorain County 1884-1890; judge of the court of common pleas of Lorain County 1900-1903; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William W. Skiles; reelected to the Fifty-ninth Congress and served from November 8, 1904, to March 3, 1907; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1906; resumed the practice of law in Elyria, Ohio; engaged in literary pursuits; again elected in 1922 judge of the court of common pleas, serving until his retirement in 1935; died in Elyria, Ohio, February 25, 1948; interment in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

**WEBBER, George Washington**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Newbury, Orange County, Vt., November 25, 1825; attended the common schools and the academy at Alfred, Allegany County, N.Y.; moved to Michigan in 1852 and settled in Manistee County, where he engaged in farming, lumbering, manufacturing, and mercantile pursuits;

moved to Ionia, Ionia County, in 1858 and continued the lumber and mercantile business; engaged in the banking business at Ionia in 1870; elected president of the Second National Bank of Ionia in 1872, a position which he held until the time of his death; mayor of Ionia in 1874 and 1875; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); was not a candidate for renomination in 1882; resumed his former business activities; died in Ionia, Mich., January 15, 1900; interment in Highland Park Cemetery.

**WEBER, Edward Ford**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, July 26, 1931; attended the public schools; A.B., Denison University, Granville, Ohio, 1953; LL.B., Harvard Law School, 1956; served in the United States Army, 1956-1958; admitted to the Ohio bar in 1956 and commenced practice in Toledo, 1958; assistant professor, Toledo University School of Law, 1966-1979; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-seventh Congress (January 3, 1981-January 3, 1983); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1982; resumed the practice of law; is a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

**WEBER, John Baptiste**, a Representative from New York; born in Buffalo, N.Y., September 21, 1842; attended public and private schools and the Central School of Buffalo; enlisted in the Civil War as a private in the Forty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, August 7, 1861, and was rapidly promoted, attaining the rank of colonel of the Eighty-ninth United States Colored Infantry; engaged in the wholesale grocery business; assistant postmaster of Buffalo 1871-1873; sheriff of Erie County 1874-1876; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1888 to the Fifty-first Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1888; grade-crossing commissioner of the city of Buffalo 1888-1908; commissioner of immigration at the port of New York 1890-1893; commissioner general of the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo in 1901; died in Lackawanna, N.Y., on December 18, 1926; interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

**WEBER, John Vincent**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Slayton, Murray County, Minn., July 24, 1952; attended the public schools; attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1970-1974; copublisher, Murray County newspaper; president, Weber Publishing Co.; press secretary to Representative Tom Hagedorn, 1974-1975; senior aide to Senator Rudy Boschwitz, 1977-1980; delegate, Minnesota State Republican conventions, 1972, 1978; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-seventh and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1981-January 3, 1993); was not a candidate for renomination in 1992 to the One Hundred Third Congress; is a resident of St. Cloud, Minn.

**WEBSTER, Daniel**, a Representative from New Hampshire and a Representative and a Senator from Massachusetts; born in Salisbury, N.H., January 18, 1782; attended district schools and Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.; graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1801; principal of an academy at Fryeburg, Maine, in 1802; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1805 and commenced practice in Boscawen, near Salisbury, N.H.; moved to Portsmouth, N.H., in 1807 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Federalist from New Hampshire to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); was not a candidate for reelection in 1816 to the Fifteenth Congress; moved to Boston, Mass., in 1816; achieved national fame as counsel representing Dartmouth College before the

United States Supreme Court in the Dartmouth College case 1816-1819; delegate to the Massachusetts State constitutional convention in 1820; elected from Massachusetts to the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Congresses and served from March 4, 1823, to May 30, 1827; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Eighteenth and Nineteenth Congresses); elected as Adams (later Anti-Jacksonian) on June 8, 1827, to the United States Senate for the term beginning March 4, 1827; reelected as a Whig in 1833 and 1839 and served until his resignation, effective February 22, 1841; chairman, Committee on Finance (Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses); unsuccessful Whig candidate for president in 1836; appointed Secretary of State by President William Henry Harrison and again by President John Tyler and served from 1841 to 1843; again elected as a Whig to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1845, to July 22, 1850, when he resigned; appointed Secretary of State by President Millard Fillmore and served from July 22, 1850, until his death in Marshfield, Mass., October 24, 1852; interment in the Winslow Cemetery.

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**WEBSTER, Edwin Hanson**, a Representative from Maryland; born near Churchville, Harford County, Md., March 31, 1829; received a classical training; attended the Churchville (Md.) Academy and the New London Academy, Chester County, Pa., and was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1847; taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1851 and commenced practice in Bel Air, Harford County, Md.; member of the State senate 1855-1859; during the Civil War was colonel of the Seventh Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry, and served in 1862 and 1863; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-sixth Congress, as a Unionist to the Thirty-seventh Congress and as an Unconditional Unionist to the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Congresses and served from March 4, 1859, until his resignation in July 1865 when he was appointed collector of customs at the port of Baltimore, and served from July 27, 1865, to April 15, 1869; resumed the practice of his profession in Bel Air; was again appointed by President Arthur, on February 17, 1882, and served until February 23, 1886; in 1882 he engaged in banking, which he followed until his death; died in Bel Air, Md., April 24, 1893; interment in Calvary Cemetery, near Churchville, Md.

**WEBSTER, John Stanley**, a Representative from Washington; born in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Ky., February 22, 1877; attended the public schools and Smith's Classical School for Boys; studied law at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor 1897-1899; was admitted to the bar in 1899 and commenced practice in Cynthiana, Ky.; prosecuting attorney of Harrison County, Ky., 1902-1906; moved to Spokane, Wash., in May 1906; chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Spokane County 1907-1909; judge of the superior court of Spokane County 1909-1916; lecturer on criminal and elementary law in Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.; associate justice of the State supreme court 1916-1918; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, and Sixty-eighth Congresses and served from March 4, 1919, to May 8, 1923, when he resigned to become United States district judge for the eastern district of Washington, in

which capacity he served until August 31, 1939, when he retired due to ill health; was a resident of Spokane, Wash., until his death there on December 24, 1962; remains were cremated and the ashes interred in the Oakesdale Cemetery, Oakesdale, Wash.

**WEBSTER, Taylor**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Pennsylvania October 1, 1800; moved with his parents to Ohio in 1806, where he received a limited schooling; attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, for a short time; editor and publisher of the *Western Telegraph*, Hamilton, Ohio, 1828-1836; clerk of the State house of representatives in 1829; member of the State house of representatives in 1830 and served as speaker; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses and as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1839); clerk of court of Butler County, Ohio, 1842-1846; resumed his former business pursuits; moved to New Orleans, La., in 1863 and was employed in a clerical position; died in New Orleans, La., April 27, 1876; interment in Lafayette Cemetery No. 1.

**WEDEMEYER, William Walter**, a Representative from Michigan; born near Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Mich., March 22, 1873; attended the district schools and Ann Arbor High School; was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1895; member of the board of school examiners in 1894 and 1895; was admitted to the bar in 1895; county commissioner of schools 1895-1897; deputy commissioner of railroads for Michigan 1897-1899; commenced the practice of law at Ann Arbor in 1899; chairman of the Republican State convention in 1903; American consul at Georgetown, British Guiana, during the summer of 1905; member of the Republican State central committee 1906-1910; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-second Congress and served from March 4, 1911, until his death; was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1912 to the Sixty-third Congress; while on an official visit to Colon, Panama, was accidentally drowned in the harbor of that port on January 2, 1913; remains were never recovered.

**WEEKS, Edgar** (cousin of John Wingate Weeks [1860-1926]), a Representative from Michigan; born at Mount Clemens, Macomb County, Mich., August 3, 1839; attended the public schools; learned the trade of printer; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in January 1861; during the Civil War served in Company B, Fifth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and was first sergeant of the company; first lieutenant and adjutant of the Twenty-second Michigan Infantry in 1862; captain in 1863; appointed assistant inspector general of the Third Brigade, Second Division, Reserve Corps, Army of the Cumberland, in 1863; was mustered out in December 1863; proprietor and editor of a Republican newspaper in Mount Clemens, Mich.; commenced the practice of law in Mount Clemens in 1866; prosecuting attorney 1867-1870; appointed judge of probate of Macomb County 1870-1876; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1884 to the Forty-ninth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1903); chairman, Committee on Elections No. 3 (Fifty-seventh Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1902; resumed the practice of law; died in Mount Clemens, Mich., December 17, 1904; interment in Clinton Grove Cemetery.

**WEEKS, John Eliakim**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Salisbury, Addison County, Vt., June 14, 1853; attended the county schools and Middlebury High School; en-

gaged in the banking business in 1882; assistant judge of Addison County 1884-1886; served in the State house of representatives in 1888; moved to Middlebury, Vt., in 1896; member of the State senate in 1896; elected trustee of the State industrial school (later the Weeks School) in 1898; associate judge 1902-1904; again served in the State house of representatives in 1912 and 1915, serving as speaker in 1915; director of State institutions 1917-1923; commissioner of public welfare 1923-1926; Governor of Vermont 1927-1931; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-second Congress (March 4, 1931-March 3, 1933); was not a candidate for renomination in 1932; resumed his banking interests; died in Middlebury, Vt., September 10, 1949; interment in Salisbury Cemetery, Salisbury, Vt.

**WEEKS, John Wingate** (great uncle of John Wingate Weeks), a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Greenland, Rockingham County, N.H., March 31, 1781; attended the common schools; learned the carpenter's trade; during the War of 1812 recruited a company for the Eleventh Regiment of United States Infantry and served as its captain; promoted to the rank of major; after the war resided in Coos County, N.H., where he held several local offices; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Congresses (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1833); died in Lancaster, Coos County, N.H., April 3, 1853; interment in the Old Cemetery.

**WEEKS, John Wingate** (father of Sinclair Weeks and cousin of Edgar Weeks), a Representative and a Senator from Massachusetts; born near Lancaster, N.H., April 11, 1860; attended the common schools; taught school; graduated from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., in 1881; served in the United States Navy as a midshipman 1881-1883; resigned from the Navy in 1883 and took up the profession of civil engineering; became engaged in the banking and brokerage business in Boston, Mass., 1888-1914; served in the Massachusetts Naval Brigade 1890-1900, acting as commander the last six years; moved to Newton, Mass., in 1893; member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy in 1896; served in the Spanish-American War as a lieutenant in the Volunteer Navy 1898; member of the board of aldermen of Newton, Mass., 1899-1902; mayor of Newton 1902-1903; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1905, until his resignation effective March 4, 1913, to become United States Senator; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth Congresses), Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Sixty-first Congress); elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1913, to March 3, 1919; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1918; chairman, Committee on the Disposition of Useless Executive Papers (Sixty-fifth Congress); appointed Secretary of War by President Warren G. Harding in 1921, and again by President Calvin Coolidge, and served until 1925, when he resigned due to ill health; died in Lancaster, N.H., July 12, 1926; remains were cremated and the ashes interred in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

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**WEEKS, Joseph** (grandfather of Joseph Weeks Babcock), a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Warwick, Mass., February 13, 1773; attended the common schools; moved to Richmond, N.H.; engaged in agricultural pursuits;

town clerk of Richmond, N.H., 1802-1822; member of the State house of representatives 1807-1809, 1812, 1813, 1821-1826, 1830, and 1832-1834; associate judge of the court of common pleas 1823 and 1827; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress and reelected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1839); died in Winchester, Cheshire County, N.H., August 4, 1845.

**WEEKS, Sinclair** (son of John Wingate Weeks), a Senator from Massachusetts; born in West Newton, Middlesex County, Mass., June 15, 1893; attended the public schools; graduated from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., in 1914; engaged in the banking business at Boston, Mass., 1914-1923; served on the Mexican border with the Massachusetts National Guard in 1916; during the First World War served from 1917, as a lieutenant and later as a captain of the One Hundred and First Field Artillery in the Twenty-sixth Division, and was discharged in 1919; engaged in the manufacture of metal products 1923-1953; alderman of Newton 1923-1930; mayor of Newton 1930-1935; member of the Republican National Committee 1941-1953, serving as treasurer 1940-1944; appointed on February 8, 1944, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and served from February 8, 1944, to December 19, 1944, a successor having been elected; was not a candidate for election to the vacancy; overseer, Harvard University 1948-1954; Secretary of Commerce in the Cabinet of President Dwight Eisenhower from 1953 until his resignation in 1958; chairman, partner, and director of several manufacturing, investment and insurance firms; retired in 1970 and resided in Lancaster, N.H.; died in Concord, Mass., February 7, 1972; interment in Summer Street Cemetery, Lancaster, N.H.

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**WEEMS, Capell Lane**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Whigville, Noble County, Ohio, July 7, 1860; attended the common schools and normal academy, Caldwell, Ohio; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1883 and commenced practice in Caldwell; elected prosecuting attorney of Noble County in 1884; member of the State house of representatives in 1888 and 1889; moved to St. Clairsville in 1890; prosecuting attorney of Belmont County 1890-1896; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Joseph J. Gill; reelected to the Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth Congresses and served from November 3, 1903, to March 3, 1909; resumed the practice of law and was solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad; died in Steubenville, Ohio, January 5, 1913; interment in Union Cemetery, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

**WEEMS, John Crompton**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Waterloo, Calvert County, Md., in 1778; attended St. John's College, Annapolis, Md.; engaged in planting; elected to the Nineteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Joseph Kent; reelected to the Twentieth Congress and served from February 1, 1826, to March 3, 1829; resumed agricultural pursuits; died on his plantation, "Loch Eden," in Anne Arundel County, Md., January 20, 1862; interment in a private cemetery on his estate.

**WEFALD, Knud**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Kragero, Norway, November 3, 1869; attended the local schools and high school of his native land; immigrated to the United States in 1887 and in 1896 settled in Hawley, Clay County, Minn., engaged in agricultural pursuits; also manager and part owner of a lumber business; member of the village council of Hawley, serving as president in 1907-1912, 1917, and 1918; member of the State house of rep-

resentatives 1913-1915; elected on the Farmer-Labor ticket to the Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1927); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1926 to the Seventieth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; editor of a Norwegian newspaper at Fargo, N.Dak., 1929-1931; executive secretary of the commission of administration and finance of Minnesota in 1931 and 1932; served as railroad and warehouse commissioner of Minnesota from January 1933 until his death; died in St. Paul, Minn., October 25, 1936; interment in Hawley Cemetery, Hawley, Minn.

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**WEICHEL, Alvin F.**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Sandusky, Ohio, September 11, 1891; attended the public schools of Sandusky, Ohio; during the First World War enlisted on December 14, 1917, and assigned to Company P, Ordnance Training Camp, and later to Headquarters Supply Company at Camp Hancock, Ga., and was discharged a sergeant January 31, 1919; appointed second lieutenant, Ordnance Section, Officers' Reserve Corps, December 10, 1918, and commission terminated December 8, 1928; was graduated from Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich., from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and from the Michigan College of Law in 1924; was admitted to the bar in 1924; served as commissioner of insolvents for the State of Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Erie County, Ohio, 1931-1937; served as special counsel for the attorney general of Ohio; lecturer, School Police Administration, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-eighth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1955); chairman, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (Eightieth and Eighty-third Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1954; resumed the practice of law; died in Sandusky, Ohio, November 27, 1956; interment in Calvary Cemetery.

**WEICKER, Lowell Palmer, Jr.**, a Representative and a Senator from Connecticut; born in Paris, France, to American parents, on May 16, 1931; graduated, Lawrenceville Academy 1949; graduated, Yale University 1953; graduated, University of Virginia Law School 1958; served in the United States Army 1953-1955; United States Army Reserve 1959-1964; elected State representative in Connecticut general assembly 1962, 1964, and 1966; elected first selectman, town of Greenwich 1963 and 1965; attorney; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-first Congress (January 3, 1969-January 3, 1971); was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives in 1970, but was elected to the United States Senate; reelected in 1976, and again in 1982 and served from January 3, 1971, to January 3, 1989; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1988; chairman, Committee on Small Business (Ninety-seventh through Ninety-ninth Congresses); professor, George Washington University School of Law 1988-1990; president and chief executive officer of Research! America 1988-1990; elected governor of Connecticut as an Independent in 1990; was not a candidate for reelection as Governor in 1994; is a resident of Greenwich, Conn.

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**WEIDEMAN, Carl May**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Detroit, Wayne County, Mich., March 5, 1898; attended the public schools and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor from 1914 until the outbreak of the First World War; attended the Naval Officers Training School at Ann Arbor, Mich.; enlisted in the United States Navy

as an apprentice seaman; member of the United States Naval Reserve 1918-1922; Detroit (Mich.) College of Law, LL.B., in 1921 but was previously admitted to the bar in 1920; commenced practice in Detroit, Mich.; delegate to the Democratic State conventions 1932-1944 and to the Democratic National Convention in 1940; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third Congress (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1935); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1934 to the Seventy-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Detroit, Mich.; elected circuit court commissioner of Wayne County, Mich., in 1936, 1942, and 1948, and served from January 1, 1937, to April 30, 1950; circuit judge for the third judicial circuit of the State of Michigan May 1, 1950-September 15, 1968; resided in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., where he died March 5, 1972; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

**WEIGHTMAN, Richard Hanson**, a Delegate from the Territory of New Mexico; born in Washington, D.C., December 28, 1816; attended private schools in Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, Va.; graduated from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1834; attended the United States Military Academy at West Point 1835-1837; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1841 in the District of Columbia, but did not practice; moved to St. Louis, Mo., and on May 28, 1846, was elected captain of Clark's Battalion, Missouri Volunteer Light Artillery, in the Mexican War; he served as Additional Paymaster, Volunteers, in the Army in 1848 and 1849; moved to New Mexico in 1851 and edited a newspaper in Santa Fe; appointed agent for Indians in New Mexico in July 1851; elected as a Democrat and the Territory's first Delegate to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); was not a candidate for reelection in 1852; resumed newspaper work; moved to Kickapo and Atcheson, Kans., in 1858, and went to Independence, Mo., in 1861; elected colonel, First Regiment Cavalry, Eighth Division, Missouri State Guard, Confederate States Army, June 11, 1861; promoted to command of First Brigade, Eighth Division, June 20, 1861; killed while commanding the First Brigade at Wilson Creek, Mo., August 10, 1861; interment on the battlefield near Springfield, Mo.

**WEINER, Anthony D.**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City, N.Y., September 4, 1964; graduated from Brooklyn Tech High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.; B.A., State University of New York, Plattsburgh, N.Y., 1985; staff for United States Representative Charles Schumer of New York, 1985-1991; member of the New York, N.Y., city council, 1992-1998; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Sixth and to the two succeeding Congress (January 3, 1999-present).

**WEIS, Jessica McCullough**, a Representative from New York; born Jessica McCullough, in Chicago, Ill., July 8, 1901; attended the Franklin School, Buffalo, N.Y.; graduate of Miss Wright's School, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Madam Rieffel's School, New York City; appointed to Inter-American Commission of Women; vice chairman, Monroe County Republican committee, 1937-1952; president, National Federation of Republican Women, in 1940 and 1941; member of the Republican National Committee 1944-1963; delegate at large to the Republican National Conventions, 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956; member of the National Civil Defense Advisory Council, 1953, 1956, and 1960; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-sixth and Eighty-seventh Congresses (January 3, 1959-January 3, 1963); was not a candidate for reelection to the Eighty-eighth Congress in 1962; died on May 1, 1963, in Rochester, N.Y.; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WEISS, Samuel Arthur**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Krotowocz, Poland, April 15, 1902; immi-

grated to the United States in 1903 with his parents, who settled in Glassport, Pa.; attended the public schools; B.S., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1925 and from the law department of the same university, LL.B., 1927 and J.D., 1929; was admitted to the bar in 1927 and commenced practice in Pittsburgh, Pa.; director of the Roselia Maternity Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.; served in the State house of representatives 1935-1939; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-seventh Congress; reelected to the two succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1941, until his resignation on January 7, 1946; elected in November 1945 a judge of Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Pa., for the term commencing in January 1946; reelected in 1955 for the term ending January 1966, and again in 1965 for the term ending January 1976; retired in 1967; president, Pennsylvania State Judicial Administration, 1968; died in Pittsburgh, Pa., February 1, 1977; interment in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

**WEISS, Theodore S.**, a Representative from New York; born in Gava, Hungary, September 17, 1927; attended the primary schools of Hungary until 1938 when he emigrated to the United States and settled in South Amboy, N.J.; continued his education in the public schools of South Amboy; graduated from Hoffman High School, 1946; B.A., Syracuse (N.Y.) University, 1951; LL.B., Syracuse University, 1952; admitted to the New York bar in 1953 and commenced practice in New York City; served in the United States Army, 1946-1947; naturalized citizen of the United States, 1953; served as New York County assistant district attorney, 1955-1959; engaged in the private practice of law in New York City, 1959-1976; member, Council of the city of New York, 1962-1977; delegate, New York State Democratic convention, 1962; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1972; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1977, until his death in New York City on September 14, 1992.

**WEISSE, Charles Herman**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born near Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan County, Wis., October 24, 1866; attended the public schools and St. Paul Lutheran School; in 1880 started to work in a tannery and became a partner in 1888; president of the city council of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., 1893-1896; treasurer of the school board 1897-1900; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1904 and 1908; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election in 1900 to the Fifty-seventh Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1911); was not a candidate for renomination in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; engaged in the manufacture of leather and in various other business enterprises in his native city; accidentally killed in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., October 8, 1919; interment in Falls Cemetery.

**WELBORN, John**, a Representative from Missouri; born near Aullville, Lafayette County, Mo., on November 20, 1857; attended the public schools; studied law at Warrensburg (Mo.) State Normal School; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and practiced in Lexington, Lafayette County, Mo.; city recorder in 1890 and 1891; mayor of Lexington 1896-1920; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1900; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1907); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1906 to the Sixtieth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Lexington, Mo., October 27, 1907; interment in Machpelah Cemetery.

**WELCH, Adonijah Strong**, a Senator from Florida; born in East Hampton, Conn., April 12, 1821; attended the public

schools; moved to Michigan in 1839 and settled in Jonesville; graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1846; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1847; high school principal 1847-1849; principal of the Michigan State Normal School, Ypsilanti, Mich., 1851-1865; trustee of the Michigan Agricultural College at East Lansing; moved to Pensacola, Fla., in 1865 and later to Jacksonville, where he established a lumber mill and also engaged in orange growing; upon the readmission of the State of Florida to representation was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate on June 17, 1868, and served until March 3, 1869; declined renomination to accept the presidency of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, and served from 1869 to 1883, when he resigned; commissioner to inspect foreign colleges of agriculture 1882-1883; professor of psychology and history in the Iowa State Agricultural College 1885-1889; was an author and engaged in educational work; died in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Calif., March 14, 1889; interment in the Iowa State College Cemetery, Ames, Iowa.

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**WELCH, Frank**, a Representative from Nebraska; born at Bunker Hill, Charlestown, Mass., February 10, 1835, moved with his parents to Boston in early childhood; was graduated from the Boston High School; adopted the profession of civil engineering; moved to the Territory of Nebraska in 1857 and engaged in mercantile pursuits at Decatur, Burt County; served as postmaster of Decatur; served in the Territorial council in 1864; member of the Territorial house of representatives in 1865 and 1866, serving as presiding officer in 1865; register of the land office at West Point, Nebr., 1871-1876; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress and served from March 4, 1877, until his death in Neligh, Nebr., September 4, 1878; interment in Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

**WELCH, John**, a Representative from Ohio; born near New Athens, Harrison County, Ohio, October 28, 1805; received a liberal schooling and was graduated from Franklin College; moved to Athens County in 1828 and settled in Rome Township; engaged in the milling business; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Athens, Ohio, in 1833; prosecuting attorney of Athens County 1841-1843; member of the State senate 1845-1847; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1852; delegate to the Whig National Convention in 1852; resumed the practice of law; judge of the court of common pleas 1862-1865; associate justice of the supreme court of Ohio 1865-1878 and was chief justice in 1877 and 1878; died in Athens, Ohio, August 5, 1891; interment in West Union Street Cemetery.

**WELCH, Philip James**, a Representative from Missouri; born in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Mo., April 4, 1895; educated in the public schools; engaged in the furniture business 1916-1931; treasurer of city of St. Joseph 1932-1936 and mayor 1936-1946; delegate to Democratic National Convention in 1940; assistant director of Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Kansas City, Mo., in 1946 and 1947; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first and Eighty-second Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1953); was not a candidate for renomination in 1952 to the Eighty-third Congress but was unsuccessful for the Democratic gubernatorial

nomination; served with the State civil defense and later with the State industrial inspection division; was a resident of St. Joseph, Mo., until his death in Methodist Hospital April 26, 1963; interment in Memorial Park Cemetery.

**WELCH, Richard Joseph**, a Representative from California; born in Monroe County, N.Y., February 13, 1869; educated in the public schools; moved to California in early boyhood and settled in San Francisco; served in the State senate 1901-1913; harbor master for the port of San Francisco 1903-1907; supervisor of the city and county of San Francisco from 1916 until September 30, 1926, when he resigned, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lawrence J. Flaherty; reelected to the Seventieth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses and served from August 31, 1926, until his death in a hospital in Needles, Calif., September 10, 1949; chairman, Committee on Labor (Seventy-first Congress), Committee on Public Lands (Eightieth Congress); interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, San Francisco, Calif.

**WELCH, William Wickham**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Norfolk, Litchfield County, Conn., December 10, 1818; studied medicine; was graduated from the medical department of Yale College in 1839 and commenced practice in Norfolk; member of the State house of representatives 1848-1850; served in the State senate in 1851 and 1852; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); resumed the practice of his profession; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1869 and 1881; died in Norfolk, Conn., July 30, 1892; interment in Center Cemetery.

**WELDON, David Joseph**, a Representative from Florida; born in Amityville, Suffolk County, N.Y., August 31, 1953; graduated from Farmingdale High School, Farmingdale, N.Y., 1971; B.S., State University of New York, Stony Brook, N.Y., 1978; M.D., State University of New York, Buffalo, N.Y., 1981; United States Army, 1981-1987; United States Army Reserve, 1987-1992; physician, internal medicine; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1995-present).

**WELDON, Wayne Curtis (Curt)**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Marcus Hook, Delaware County, Pa., July 22, 1947; B.A., West Chester State College, West Chester, Pa., 1969; teacher; volunteer fire chief; mayor of Marcus Hook, Pa., 1977-1982; member of the Delaware County, Pa., county council, 1981-1986; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Ninety-Ninth Congress in 1984; elected as a Republican to the One Hundredth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1987-present).

**WELKER, Herman**, a Senator from Idaho; born in Cambridge, Washington County, Idaho, December 11, 1906; attended public school and the University of Idaho at Moscow; graduated from the law school of the University of Idaho at Moscow in 1929; admitted to the bar in 1929; prosecuting attorney of Washington County, Idaho; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1936 and practiced law until 1943; during the Second World War served in the United States Air Corps 1943-1944; returned to Payette, Idaho, and practiced law 1944-1950; also interested in farming and livestock raising in Idaho; member, State senate 1948-1950; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1950 and served from January 3, 1951, to January 3, 1957; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1956; engaged in the practice of law and farming; died in the National Institutes of Health,

Bethesda, Md., October 30, 1957; interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

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**WELKER, Martin**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Knox County, Ohio, April 25, 1819; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1840 and commenced practice at Millersburg, Ohio; clerk of the court of common pleas for Holmes County 1846-1851; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; judge of the sixth judicial district of Ohio 1852-1857; moved to Wooster, Ohio, in 1857; Lieutenant Governor of Ohio in 1857 and 1858 on the ticket with Salmon P. Chase; declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1858; was appointed aide-de-camp, with rank of colonel, to the Governor of Ohio August 10, 1861; judge advocate general of the State of Ohio in 1861; superintendent of drafting with rank of colonel under Governor Tod August 15, 1862; assistant adjutant general in 1862; enlisted in the Union Army as a private in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, February 16, 1865; mustered out September 21, 1865; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1892 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Forty-first Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1871); was not a candidate for renomination in 1870 to the Forty-second Congress; appointed United States judge for the northern district of Ohio by President Ulysses S. Grant in 1873 and served until 1889, when he retired; professor of political science and international law at Wooster University 1873-1890; died in Wooster, Ohio, on March 15, 1902; interment in Wooster Cemetery.

**WELLBORN, Marshall Johnson**, a Representative from Georgia; born near Eatonton, Putnam County, Ga., May 29, 1808; attended the University of Georgia at Athens; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1826 and practiced in Columbus, Ga.; held several local offices; member of the State house of representatives in 1833 and 1834; judge of the superior court of Georgia 1838-1842; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); studied theology and was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1864 and continued in the ministry until his death in Columbus, Ga., October 16, 1874; interment in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga.

**WELLBORN, Olin**, a Representative from Texas; born in Cumming, Forsyth County, Ga., June 18, 1843; attended the common schools, Emory College, Oxford, Ga., and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 and served throughout the Civil War, attaining the rank of captain in Company B, Fourth Georgia Cavalry; at the close of the war settled in Atlanta, Ga.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1866 and commenced the practice of law in Atlanta; moved to Dallas, Tex., in 1871 and continued the practice of his profession; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1887); chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; moved to San Diego, Calif., in 1887 and continued the practice of his profession for six years; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1893; appointed by President Cleveland as United States judge of the southern district of California in 1895, which office he held until January 20, 1915, when he retired; died in Los Angeles, Calif., December 6, 1921; interment in Rosedale Cemetery.

**WELLER, Gerald C. (Jerry)**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Streator, La Salle County, Ill., July 7, 1957;

graduated from Dwight High School, Ill., 1975; attended Joliet Junior College, Romeoville, Ill., 1976; B.S., University of Illinois, 1979; aide to United States Representative Tom Corcoran of Illinois, 1980-1981; assistant to the director, Illinois state department of agriculture; aide to United States Secretary of Agriculture, John R. Block, 1981-1985; member of the Illinois state house of representatives, 1988-1994; founder and past president, Grundy County Young Republicans; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1995-present).

**WELLER, John B.**, a Representative from Ohio and a Senator from California; born in Hamilton County, Ohio, February 22, 1812; attended the public schools and Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced in Butler County, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Butler County 1833-1836; elected as a Democrat from Ohio to the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1845); was not a candidate for renomination in 1844; served in the Mexican War 1846-1847; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor of Ohio in 1848; member of the commission to establish the boundary line between California and Mexico in 1849 and 1850; moved to California and engaged in the practice of law; elected as a Democrat from California to the United States Senate for the term commencing March 4, 1851, and served from January 30, 1852, to March 3, 1857; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Military Affairs (Thirty-fourth Congress); Governor of California 1858-1860; appointed Minister to Mexico in 1860 and was recalled in 1861; moved to New Orleans, La., in 1867 and continued the practice of law; died in New Orleans, La., August 17, 1875; interment in Girod Street Cemetery; cemetery destroyed in 1959 and unclaimed remains commingled with 15,000 others and deposited beneath Hope Mausoleum, St. John's Cemetery, New Orleans, La.

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**WELLER, Luman Hamlin**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Bridgewater, Litchfield County, Conn., August 24, 1833; attended public school in New Britain; attended the Suffield Literary Institute, Conn.; farmer; justice of the peace; lawyer, private practice; elected as a Greenbacker to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Forty-ninth Congress in 1884; proprietor and editor of the *Farmers' Advocate*, a weekly paper, Independence, Iowa; member of the People's Party national committee, 1890-1914; served as president of the Chosen Farmers of America; twice unsuccessful candidate for judge of the supreme court of Iowa; was an unsuccessful candidate of the People's Party for Governor of Iowa in 1901; died on March 2, 1914, Minneapolis, Minn.; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, near Nashua, Chickasaw County, Iowa.

**WELLER, Ovington Eugene**, a Senator from Maryland; born in Reisterstown, Baltimore County, Md., on January 23, 1862; attended the public schools; entered the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., in 1877 and graduated in 1881; after two years of service in the Navy, was honorably discharged in 1883; employed as a clerk in the Post Office Department, Washington, D.C., 1883-1887; graduated from the National Law School, Washington, D.C., in 1887; admitted to the bar in 1888 and practiced law for three years; engaged in banking and in manufacturing, and was a member of a stock brokerage firm; retired in 1901 and traveled extensively; chairman of the State Roads Com-



mission of Maryland 1912-1916; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Maryland in 1915; treasurer of the Republican National Senatorial Committee 1918-1920; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1920 and served from March 4, 1921, to March 3, 1927; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1926; chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Sixty-ninth Congress); resumed the practice of law in Baltimore, Md., until his death there on January 5, 1947; interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

**WELLER, Royal Hurlburt**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City, July 2, 1881; attended the public schools and the College of the City of New York; was graduated from the New York Law School in 1901; was admitted to the bar in 1902 and commenced practice in New York City; assistant district attorney of New York County from 1911 to 1917, when he resigned to reenter the practice of law; counsel for the Alien Property Custodian in 1918 and 1919; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses and served from March 4, 1923, until his death; had been reelected to the Seventy-first Congress; died in New York City, March 1, 1929; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**WELLING, Milton Holmes**, a Representative from Utah; born in Farmington, Davis County, Utah, January 25, 1876; attended the common schools, the Latter-day Saints' University, and the University of Utah at Salt Lake City; engaged in agricultural and mercantile pursuits and also in banking; was elected a member of the board of trustees of Brigham Young College, Logan, Utah, in 1906; served in the State house of representatives 1911-1915; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1921); did not seek renomination, but was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the United States Senate in 1920; director of registration for the State of Utah 1925-1928; elected secretary of state of Utah in 1928; reelected in 1932 and served until January 1, 1937; trustee of Utah State Agricultural College 1926-1936; regent of University of Utah 1928-1936; appointed by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes to make a survey of public grazing lands in 1937 and 1938; resumed agricultural and mining operations; in January 1943 accepted war service appointment as auditor with Army Air Forces and also served with the War Assets Administration at Salt Lake City, Utah, until his death May 28, 1947; interment in Fielding Cemetery, Fielding, Utah.

**WELLINGTON, George Louis**, a Representative and a Senator from Maryland; born in Cumberland, Allegany County, Md., January 28, 1852; attended a German school and received private instruction; clerk in the Second National Bank of Cumberland in 1870 and later was teller; treasurer of Allegany County 1882-1888, 1890; unsuccessful candidate for election as comptroller of Maryland in 1889; assistant treasurer of the United States at Baltimore 1890-1893; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Fifty-third Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1897, to March 3, 1903; was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee to Establish the University of the United States (Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate on the Progressive ticket for election to the United States Senate in 1913; engaged in civic activities; president of two banks and interested in the electric railways and lighting companies of Cumberland, Md.; died in that city March 20, 1927; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**WELLS, Alfred**, a Representative from New York; born in Dagsboro, Sussex County, Del., May 27, 1814; pursued classical studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1837 and commenced practice in Ithaca, Tompkins County, N.Y.; one of the owners of the Ithaca Journal and Advertiser 1839-1853; district attorney of Tompkins County, N.Y., 1845-1847; judge of Tompkins County Court from 1847 to 1851; attended the Anti-Nebraska Conventions at Saratoga and Auburn in 1854; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1861); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1860; appointed United States assessor of internal revenue at Ithaca in 1862 and served until his death in Ithaca, N.Y., July 18, 1867; interment in the City Cemetery.

**WELLS, Daniel, Jr.**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in West Waterville, Maine, July 16, 1808; attended the public schools; taught school; engaged in the mercantile business at Palmyra, Maine; moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1838 and engaged in banking and lumbering pursuits; appointed probate judge of Milwaukee in 1838; member of the Territorial council 1838-1840; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1857); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Thirty-third Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1856; engaged in the development of railroads; a director of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in 1865 and 1866; president of the La Crosse & Milwaukee Railroad, the Southern Minnesota Railroad, and the St. Paul & Minnesota Valley Railroad; died in Milwaukee, Wis., March 18, 1902; interment in Forest Home Cemetery.

**WELLS, Erastus**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Sackets Harbor, Jefferson County, N.Y., December 2, 1823; attended the public schools; moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1842; established the first omnibus line in that city and subsequently inaugurated the first street railroad company; member of the board of aldermen of St. Louis 1853-1867; president of the Missouri Railroad Co. 1859-1883; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1877); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; elected to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); was not a candidate for renomination in 1880; president of the Laclede Gas Light Co. 1880-1883; died in St. Louis, Mo., October 2, 1893; interment in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

**WELLS, Guilford Wiley**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Conesus Center, Livingston County, N.Y., February 14, 1840; attended the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and College, Lima, N.Y.; enlisted in the Union Army as a private in the Twenty-seventh New York Infantry May 21, 1861; promoted to second lieutenant in the One Hundred and Thirtieth New York Infantry in 1862 and subsequently to first lieutenant and captain in the Nineteenth New York Cavalry; mustered out February 10, 1865, as a lieutenant colonel; was graduated from the law department of Columbian College (later George Washington University); Washington, D.C., in 1867; was admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced practice in Holly Springs, Miss.; United States attorney for the northern district of Mississippi 1870-1875; elected as an Independent Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1876; consul general at Shanghai, China, from June 23, 1877, to May 26, 1879; settled in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1879 and resumed the practice of law; died in Santa Monica, Calif., March 21, 1909; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles, Calif.

**WELLS, John**, a Representative from New York; born in Johnstown, Fulton County, N.Y., July 1, 1817; attended Johnstown Academy, and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1835; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1839 and commenced practice in Palmyra, N.Y.; returned to Johnstown, N.Y., and continued the practice of law; elected judge of Fulton County and served from June 1847 until his resignation in December 1851, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law and also engaged in literary pursuits; died in Johnstown, N.Y., May 30, 1877; interment in Johnstown Cemetery.

**WELLS, John Sullivan**, a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Durham, Strafford County, N.H., October 18, 1803; attended Pembroke (N.H.) Academy; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1828 and practiced in Guildhall, Vt., 1828-1835; moved to Lancaster, N.H., in 1836 and continued the practice of law until 1846; solicitor of Coos County 1838-1847; moved to Exeter, Rockingham County, N.H., and resumed the practice of law; member, State house of representatives 1839-1841, serving as speaker in 1841; attorney general of New Hampshire 1847; member and president of the State senate 1851-1852; appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Moses Norris and served from January 16 to March 3, 1855; died in Exeter, N.H., August 1, 1860.

**WELLS, Owen Augustine**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Catskill, Greene County, N.Y., February 4, 1844; moved with his parents to a farm near Empire, Fond du Lac County, Wis., in 1850; attended public and private schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1870 and commenced practice in Fond du Lac; also engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising; appointed by President Cleveland as collector of internal revenue for the third Wisconsin district in 1885, serving until 1887, when that district was consolidated with the Milwaukee district; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888 and to the Gold Democratic National Convention in 1896, also to numerous State conventions of his party; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-third Congress (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1895); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1894 to the Fifty-fourth Congress; declined to accept any public office and resumed the practice of law in Fond du Lac; retired in 1901 and resided in Fond du Lac, Wis., until his death there on January 29, 1935; interment in Rienzi Cemetery.

**WELLS, William Hill**, a Senator from Delaware; born in Burlington, N.J., January 7, 1769; received a liberal education; engaged in mercantile pursuits at Dagsboro and Millsboro, Del.; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced at Georgetown, Del.; moved to Dover, Del.; member, Delaware general assembly 1794-1798; elected as a Federalist to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joshua Clayton and served from January 17, 1799, to November 6, 1804, when he resigned; again elected as a Federalist to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James A. Bayard and served from May 28, 1813, to March 3, 1817; was not a candidate for reelection in 1816; resumed the practice of law and was interested in the oil business in Pennsylvania, where the town of Wellsboro was named in his honor; died near Dagsboro, Sussex County, Del., on March 11, 1829; interment in Prince George's Churchyard, near Dagsboro.

**WELLSTONE, Paul David**, a Senator from Minnesota; born in Washington, D.C., July 21, 1944; attended the public

schools in Arlington, Va.; B.A., University of North Carolina, 1965; Ph.D., University of North Carolina 1969; taught political science at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, 1969-1990; director, Minnesota Community Energy Program, September 1983-September 1984; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1990; reelected in 1996 and served from January 3, 1991, until his death in a plane crash on October 25, 2002; interment in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn.

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**WELSH, George Austin**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Bay View, Cecil County, Md., August 9, 1878; attended the country schools and the public schools of Philadelphia, Pa.; took business and academic courses at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.; engaged as a legislative stenographer and reporter from 1895 to 1901; graduated from the law department of Temple University in 1905; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Philadelphia; secretary to the mayor of Philadelphia in 1905 and 1906; assistant solicitor for Philadelphia in 1906 and 1907; assistant district attorney for Philadelphia County 1907-1922; secretary of Temple University 1914-1938, began serving as first vice president in 1938; president of the Republican district executive committee 1914-1932; attended officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, N.Y., 1917; member of the Board of Education of Philadelphia County 1921-1932; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1923, until his resignation May 31, 1932, having been appointed judge of the United States district court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, in which capacity he served until 1957, when he retired as judge to become senior judge; chairman, Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions (Sixty-ninth Congress); resided in Media, Pa., where he died October 22, 1970; cremated; ashes interred at West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

**WELTNER, Charles Longstreet**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Atlanta, Fulton County Ga., December 17, 1927; attended the public schools of Fulton County, Ga.; graduated from Oglethorpe University at Atlanta, Ga., in 1948 and from Columbia University School of Law at New York City, in 1950; received M.A. from Columbia Theological Seminary, 1983, and LL.M., University of Virginia Law School, 1983; commenced practice in Atlanta, Ga., in 1950; served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army, 1955-1957; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth Congresses (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1967); was not a candidate for reelection in 1966 to the Ninetieth Congress; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1968 to the Ninety-first Congress; deputy chairman, Democratic National Committee, and director of young Americans division, 1967; resumed the practice of law; judge, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, 1976-1981; chairman, Judicial Council of Georgia, 1980-1981; justice, Supreme Court of Georgia, 1981-1992, chief justice from June 1992 until his death in Atlanta, Ga., on August 31, 1992; was a resident of Atlanta.

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**WELTY, Benjamin Franklin**, a Representative from Ohio; born near Bluffton, Allen County, Ohio, August 9, 1870; attended the common schools and the Tri-State Normal College of Indiana; was graduated from the Ohio Northern University at Ada in 1894 and from the University

of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1896; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1896 and commenced practice in Lima, Allen County, Ohio; city solicitor of Bluffton 1897-1909; served as a private during the Spanish-American War; prosecuting attorney of Allen County 1905-1910; lieutenant colonel in the Ohio National Guard 1908-1913; special counsel to the State attorney general 1911-1913; special assistant in the United States Department of Justice 1913-1915; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1921); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1920 to the Sixty-seventh Congress; employed with Inland Waterways Association 1921-1924; resumed the practice of law until 1951, when he retired; died in Dayton, Ohio, October 23, 1962; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio.

**WEMPLE, Edward**, a Representative from New York; born in Fultonville, Montgomery County, N.Y., October 23, 1843; attended the common schools in Fultonville and Ashland Academy in Green County, and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1866; studied law for a time and then engaged in the foundry business; served as president of the village of Fultonville in 1873; supervisor of the town of Glen 1874-1876; member of the State assembly in 1877 and 1878; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1884; continued his former business pursuits; served in the State senate in 1885; elected comptroller of the State of New York in 1887, and served two terms; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; died in Fultonville, N.Y., December 18, 1920; interment in Maple Avenue Cemetery.

**WENDOVER, Peter Hercules**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City August 1, 1768; received a liberal schooling; held several local offices; member of the volunteer fire department of New York City in 1796; delegate to the State constitutional conventions in 1801 and 1821; member of the State assembly in 1804; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Congresses (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1821); sheriff of New York County 1822-1825; died in New York City September 24, 1834; interment in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery.

**WENE, Elmer H.**, a Representative from New Jersey; born on a farm near Pittstown, Hunterdon County, N.J., May 1, 1892; attended the public schools and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.; in 1918 engaged in agricultural pursuits near Vineland, N.J.; served on the New Jersey State board of agriculture 1925-1934; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth Congress (January 3, 1937-January 3, 1939); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1938 to the Seventy-sixth Congress; member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Cumberland County, N.J., 1939-1941; again elected to the Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth Congresses (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1945); was not a candidate for renomination in 1944, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate; resumed agricultural pursuits and poultry raising; also president and owner of two radio stations in New Jersey; in 1945 was adviser to the Secretary of Agriculture; elected to the State senate in 1946; delegate to the New Jersey State constitutional convention in 1947; on June 26, 1948, was given a recess appointment by President Truman as Under Secretary of Agriculture; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor of New Jersey in 1949; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1950 to the Eighty-second Congress; was unsuccessful for the gubernatorial nomination in 1953; died

in Philadelphia, Pa., on January 25, 1957; interment in Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown, Pa.

**WENTWORTH, John** (grandson of John Wentworth, Jr.), a Representative from Illinois; born in Sandwich, Carroll County, N.H., March 5, 1815; educated in the common schools and academies at Gilmanton, Wolfeboro, and New Hampton, N.H., and South Berwick, Maine; taught school for several years, and contributed political articles to newspapers; was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1836; moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1836, where he engaged as a clerk in a law office, and also studied law; editor and manager of the Chicago Democrat; appointed aide-de-camp to Governor Carlin in 1838; attended the law department of Harvard University in 1841; was admitted to the bar in 1841 and commenced practice in Chicago, Ill.; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1851); elected to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); Republican mayor of Chicago 1857-1863; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1861; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1867); resumed the practice of law; died in Chicago, Ill., October 16, 1888; interment in Rosehill Cemetery.

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**WENTWORTH, John, Jr.** (grandfather of John Wentworth), a Delegate from New Hampshire; born at Salmon Falls, Strafford County, N.H., July 17, 1745; prepared for college by private tutors; was graduated from Harvard College in 1768; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Dover, N.H., in 1771; register of probate of Strafford County 1773-1787; appointed on January 10, 1774, a member of the committee of correspondence; member of the State house of representatives 1776-1780; appointed in June 1777 a member of the State committee of safety; served as moderator 1777-1786; Member of the Continental Congress in 1778; one of the signers of the Articles of Confederation; member of the State council 1780-1784; served in the State senate 1784-1786; died in Dover, N.H., on January 10, 1787; interment in Pine Hill Cemetery.

**WENTWORTH, Tappan**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Dover, N.H., February 24, 1802; received a liberal schooling; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1826 and commenced practice in York County, Maine; moved to Lowell, Mass., in 1833 and continued the practice of law; member of the common council 1836-1841; served in the State house of representatives in 1851, 1859, 1860, 1863, and 1864; member of the State senate in 1848, 1849, 1865, and 1866; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; engaged in the practice of his profession until his death in Lowell, Mass., June 12, 1875; interment in Lowell Cemetery.

**WERDEL, Thomas Harold**, a Representative from California; born in Emery, Hanson County, S.Dak., September 13, 1905; moved with his parents to Kern County, Calif., in 1915; attended the public schools and Kern County Union High School; was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1930 and from the University of California Law School in 1936; was admitted to the bar in 1936 and commenced the practice of law in Bakersfield, Calif.; member of the California State assembly from the thirtieth district in the legislative sessions of 1943 and 1945; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-first and Eighty-second

ond Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1953); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1952 to the Eighty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law; States' Rights Party candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1956; died in Bakersfield, Calif., September 30, 1966; interment in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

**WERNER, Theodore B.**, a Representative from South Dakota; born in Ossian, Winneshiek County, Iowa, June 2, 1892; attended the public and parochial schools; moved to Rapid City, S.Dak., in 1909; engaged in the newspaper publishing and commercial printing business; editor and publisher of the Gate City Guide since 1912; served as postmaster of Rapid City 1915-1923; commissioner of Rapid City 1927-1930; served as mayor in 1929 and 1930; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election in 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1937); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1936 to the Seventy-fifth Congress; resumed the newspaper publishing business until 1965; was a resident of Rapid City, S.Dak., until his death there on January 24, 1989.

**WERTZ, George M.**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa., July 19, 1856; attended the public schools, Ebensburg (Pa.) Academy, and the National Normal School, Lebanon, Ohio; taught school 1876-1884; school director 1886-1894; county commissioner 1893-1896; sheriff of Cambria County 1897-1901; member of the State senate 1908-1912, serving as president pro tempore in 1911 and 1912; organized and directed the Johnstown (Pa.) Daily Leader 1911-1917; comptroller of Cambria County 1914-1916; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1925); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1924; engaged in the real estate business until his death in Johnstown, Pa., November 19, 1928; interment in Grand View Cemetery.

**WEST, Charles Franklin**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, January 12, 1895; attended the public schools; was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, in 1918; attended Harvard University in 1920 and 1922-1924; served as American vice consul at Naples, Italy, in 1918 and 1919; instructor of government at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, 1920-1922 and at Harvard University, 1922-1924; professor of political science at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, 1924-1930; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-second and Seventy-third Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1935); was not a candidate for renomination in 1934 but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator; served as special assistant to the governor of the Farm Credit Administration from February 25, 1935, to August 4, 1935; appointed Under Secretary of the Interior on August 5, 1935, and served until May 10, 1938; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1936; member of United States Processing Tax Board of Review until October 1940; engaged in private business 1940-1947; became professor of political science at Akron (Ohio) University in 1947; received the Democratic nomination in 1954 to the Eighty-fourth Congress but withdrew before the November election; died in Bradenton, Fla., December 27, 1955; interment in Mound View Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

**WEST, George**, a Representative from New York; born in Bradninch, Devonshire County, England, February 17, 1823; attended the common schools; immigrated to the United States in February 1849 and settled at Ballston Spa,

Saratoga County, N.Y.; engaged in paper manufacturing; member of the State assembly 1872-1876; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1880; president of the First National Bank of Ballston Spa; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; elected to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); was not a candidate for renomination in 1888; resumed his former business activities; died in Ballston Spa, N.Y., September 20, 1901; interment in Ballston Spa Cemetery.

**WEST, Joseph Rodman**, a Senator from Louisiana; born in New Orleans, La., September 19, 1822; moved with his parents to Philadelphia in 1824; educated in private schools; attended the University of Pennsylvania 1836-1837; moved to New Orleans in 1841; captain attached to Maryland and District of Columbia Volunteers in the Mexican War 1847-1848; moved to California in 1849 and engaged in newspaper work in San Francisco; proprietor of the San Francisco Price Current; during the Civil War entered the Union Army as lieutenant of the First Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry, in 1861; promoted to the rank of colonel and brigadier general, and was brevetted major general in 1866; returned to New Orleans, La.; deputy United States marshal; auditor for customs 1867-1871; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1871, to March 3, 1877; was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Railroads (Forty-fourth Congress); member of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia 1882-1885; retired from public life in 1885; died in Washington, D.C., October 31, 1898; interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

**WEST, Milton Horace**, a Representative from Texas; born on a farm near Gonzales, Gonzales County, Tex., June 30, 1888; attended the public schools and the West Texas Military Academy at San Antonio; served with Company C, Texas Rangers, in 1911 and 1912; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1915 and began practice in Floresville, Tex.; moved to Brownsville, Tex., in 1917 and continued the practice of law; district attorney for the twenty-eighth judicial district of Texas 1922-1925 and assistant district attorney 1927-1930; member of the State house of representatives 1930-1933; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John N. Garner; reelected to the Seventy-fourth and to the six succeeding Congresses and served from April 22, 1933, until his death; chairman, Committee on Elections No. 1 (Seventy-fifth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1948; died in Washington, D.C., October 28, 1948; interment in Buena Vista Cemetery, Brownsville, Tex.

**WEST, William Stanley**, a Senator from Georgia; was born near Buena Vista, Marion County, Ga., on August 23, 1849; moved with his parents to Lowndes (now Brooks) County, Ga.; attended the country schools and preparatory schools at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., and Penfield, Ga.; taught school; graduated from the law department of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in 1876 and from the literary department in 1880; admitted to the bar in 1876, and commenced practice in Statenville, Ga.; moved to Valdosta, Lowndes County, Ga.; engaged as a planter and millman; member, State house of representatives 1892-1901; member, State senate 1901-1906, serving as president 1905-1906; chairman of the board of trustees of South Georgia State Normal College at Valdosta and ex officio member of the board of trustees of the University of Georgia at Athens; appointed to the United States Senate on March 2, 1914,

to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Augustus O. Bacon and served from March 2, to November 3, 1914, when a successor was elected and qualified; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Sixty-third Congress); resumed his occupation as planter and lumberman; died in Valdosta, Ga., on December 22, 1914; interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

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**WESTBROOK, John**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Sussex County, N.J., January 9, 1789; moved with his parents to Pike County, Pa., in 1792 and settled near Dingmans Ferry; attended private schools; engaged in lumbering and agricultural pursuits; colonel in the State militia in 1812; sheriff of Pike County in 1817; member of the State house of representatives in 1833; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1842 to the Twenty-eighth Congress; resumed agricultural pursuits; died near Dingmans Ferry, Pike County, Pa., October 8, 1852; interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Milford, Pa.

**WESTBROOK, Theodoric Romeyn**, a Representative from New York; born in Fishkill, Dutchess County, N.Y., November 20, 1821; attended the common schools and was graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., in 1838; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1843 and commenced practice in Kingston, Ulster County, N.Y.; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1854; resumed the practice of his profession at Kingston, N.Y.; elected a justice of the supreme court in 1873; died while holding court in Troy, Rensselaer County, N.Y., on October 6, 1885; interment in Wiltwyck Cemetery, Kingston, N.Y.

**WESTCOTT, James Diament, Jr.**, a Senator from Florida; born in Alexandria, Va., May 10, 1802; moved to New Jersey, where he received a liberal education; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1824 and commenced practice; clerk in the Consular Bureau, Washington, D.C.; secretary of Florida Territory 1830-1834; United States attorney for the middle district of Florida 1834-1836; member, Territorial house of representatives 1832; delegate to the State constitutional conventions in 1838 and 1839; upon the admission of Florida as a State into the Union was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from July 1, 1845, to March 3, 1849; was not a candidate for reelection in 1848; chairman, Committee on Territories (Twenty-ninth Congress), Committee on Patents and the Patent Office (Thirtieth Congress); settled in New York City in 1850 and practiced law; moved to Canada in 1862; died in Montreal, Canada, January 19, 1880; interment in City Cemetery, Tallahassee, Fla.

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**WESTERLO, Rensselaer**, a Representative from New York; born in Albany, N.Y., April 29, 1776; was graduated from Columbia College, New York City, in 1795; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; elected as a Federalist to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); was not a candidate for reelection; resumed the practice of law; died in Albany, N.Y., April 18, 1851; interment in the Albany Rural Cemetery.

**WESTLAND, Alfred John (Jack)**, a Representative from Washington; born in Everett, Snohomish County, Wash., December 14, 1904; attended the local schools and was graduated from the University of Washington Law School, Seattle, Wash., in 1926; engaged in the cotton goods business in New York City and Chicago, Ill., 1926-1930; in the investment brokerage business in Chicago, Ill., 1930-1936, and in Seattle, Wash., 1936-1941; enlisted in the United States Navy in the summer of 1940 and was commissioned a lieutenant (jg.) in November 1940; was called to active duty May 1, 1941; served in the Pacific until separated from the service as a commander in February 1946; returned to Everett, Wash., and operated an insurance agency until 1954; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1965); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; automobile dealer, Monterey, Calif.; was a resident of Pebble Beach, Calif., until his death there on November 3, 1982; interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

**WETHERED, John**, a Representative from Maryland; born near Wetheredville, Baltimore County, Md., on May 8, 1809; completed preparatory studies; held several local offices; engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods at Wetheredville, Md.; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); resumed the manufacture of woolen goods; delegate from Baltimore County to the State convention which framed the constitution of Maryland in 1867; retired from active pursuits in 1868 and lived on his estate, "Ashland," near Catonsville, Md., where he died February 15, 1888; interment in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

**WETMORE, George Peabody**, a Senator from Rhode Island; born during a visit of his parents abroad, in London, England, August 2, 1846; received his early education at a private school; graduated from Yale College in 1867 and from the law department of Columbia College, New York City, in 1869; admitted to the bar of Rhode Island and of New York in 1869, but never practiced; trustee of several institutions; presidential elector on the Republican ticket in 1880 and 1884; Governor of Rhode Island 1885-1886; unsuccessful candidate for a third term; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1889; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1894; reelected in 1900 and served from March 4, 1895, to March 3, 1907; elected January 22, 1908, to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of the legislature to elect in the term commencing March 4, 1907, and served until March 3, 1913; declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1912; chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Fifty-fourth Congress), Committee on the Library (Fifty-fifth through Sixty-second Congresses); died in Boston, Mass., on September 11, 1921; interment in Island Cemetery, Newport, R.I.

**WEVER, John Madison**, a Representative from New York; born in Ganges, Allegan County, Mich., February 24, 1847; attended the common schools and Albion (Mich.) College; during the Civil War entered the Union Army at the age of sixteen and served in the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Ohio; at the close of the war settled in Plattsburg, Clinton County, N.Y., and engaged in banking; elected county treasurer of Clinton County in 1884 and reelected in 1887; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); was not a candidate for renomination in 1894 to the Fifty-fourth Congress; cashier and later president of the Merchants' National Bank of Plattsburg, N.Y.; died in

Plattsburg, N.Y., September 27, 1914; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**WEXLER, Robert**, a Representative from Florida; born in Queens, Queens County, N.Y., January 2, 1961; graduated from Hollywood Hills High School, Hollywood, Fla.; B.A., University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., 1982; J.D., George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., 1985; lawyer, private practice; member of the Florida state senate, 1990-1996; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Fifth Congress and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

**WEYGAND, Robert A.**, a Representative from Rhode Island; born in Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., May 10, 1948; B.F.A., University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I., 1971; B.S., University of Rhode Island, 1976; landscape architect, Rhode Island department of natural resources, 1973; president, Weygand, Orciuch, Christie, Inc., landscape architect firm; owner, architectural firm, 1982-1993; member, State house of representatives, 1985-1993; Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island, 1993-1997; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Fifth Congress and One Hundred Sixth Congresses (January 3, 1997-January 3, 2001); was not a candidate for reelection to the United States House of Representatives, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate in 2000.

**WEYMOUTH, George Warren**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in West Amesbury (now Merrimac), Mass., August 25, 1850; attended the public schools and the Merrimac High School; moved to Fitchburg, Mass., in 1882 and engaged in the carriage business; later became manager of the Simonds Rolling Machine Co.; trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank 1891-1901 and director of the Fitchburg National Bank 1892-1901; director in other corporations; member of the common council of Fitchburg in 1886; served in the State house of representatives in 1896; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1896; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1901); was not a candidate for renomination in 1900; moved to Fairhaven; president of the Atlas Tack Corp. of Fairhaven, Mass., 1897-1910; killed in an automobile accident near Bingham, Maine, September 7, 1910; interment in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven, Bristol County, Mass.

**WHALEN, Charles William, Jr.**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, July 31, 1920; graduate of Oakwood High School; graduated from University of Dayton with a degree in business administration in 1942, and Harvard University Graduate School of Business in 1946; enlisted in the United States Army, during the Second World War, discharged as first lieutenant in 1946; vice president of the Dayton Dress Co., 1946-1952; professor of economics and chairman of the department, University of Dayton, 1962-1966; Ohio State representative, three terms, 1955-1960; Ohio State senator, two terms, 1961-1966; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1979); was not a candidate for reelection in 1978 to the Ninety-sixth Congress; is a resident of Bethesda, Md.

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**WHALEY, Kellian Van Rensalear**, a Representative from Virginia and from West Virginia; born in Onondaga County, Utica, N.Y., May 6, 1821; lumber business; recruiter, Union Army; elected as a Unionist from Virginia

to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); elected as an Unconditional Unionist from West Virginia to the Thirty-eighth and to the succeeding Congress (December 7, 1863-March 3, 1867); chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions (Thirty-eighth Congress), Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Thirty-ninth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1866; delegate to the Republican National Convention, 1864; collector of customs at Brazos de Santiago, Tex., 1868; died on May 20, 1876, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; interment in Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant, W. Va.

**WHALEY, Richard Smith**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Charleston, S.C., July 15, 1874; attended the Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va., and was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1897; was admitted to the bar in 1897 and commenced practice in Charleston, S.C.; member of the State house of representatives 1901-1910, 1913; served as speaker 1907-1910 and as speaker pro tempore in 1913; presiding officer of the Democratic State convention in 1910 and of the Democratic city convention in 1911; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1912 and 1920; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George S. Legare; re-elected to the Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, and Sixty-sixth Congresses and served from April 29, 1913, to March 3, 1921; was not a candidate for renomination in 1920; resumed the practice of law; appointed commissioner of the United States Court of Claims in 1925; appointed judge of the Court of Claims by President Hoover in 1930, and was designated chief justice in 1939; retired as chief justice in 1947; died in Charleston, S.C., November 8, 1951; interment in Magnolia Cemetery.

**WHALLEY, John Irving**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Barnesboro, Cambria County, Pa., September 14, 1902; attended the public schools and Cambria Rowe Business College; engaged in the automobile, banking and coal businesses; member of advisory board of Johnstown College, University of Pittsburgh; chairman of Somerset County Redevelopment Authority and Windber Planning Commission; member of Windber School Board 1935-1947; member of the State house of representatives 1951-1955 and served in the State senate 1955-1960; appointed by President Nixon to serve as delegate to United Nations for the 1969 session; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-sixth and to the Eighty-seventh Congress by special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Douglas H. Elliott, and reelected to the four succeeding Congresses (November 8, 1960-January 3, 1973); was not a candidate for reelection in 1972 to the Ninety-third Congress; died March 8, 1980, at Pompano Beach, Fla.; interment in Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown, Pa.

**WHALLON, Reuben**, a Representative from New York; born in Bedminster, Somerset County, N.J., December 7, 1776; attended the common schools; moved to Argyle, Washington County, N.Y.; appointed justice of the peace for the township of Argyle March 13, 1806, and served until 1811; moved to Essex, Essex County, N.Y., in 1814; was a large landowner, farmer, merchant, mill owner, and ironmaster; served as captain and major in the New York State Militia 1803-1814; member of the State assembly in 1808, 1809, and 1811; supervisor of the town of Essex in 1818, 1819, 1827, and 1828; first judge of Essex County Court of Common Pleas 1831-1838; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1835); chairman, Committee on Expenditures on Public Buildings (Twenty-

third Congress); again engaged in his former business pursuits; died on his estate at Whallons Bay, town of Essex, N.Y., on April 15, 1843; interment in Whallons Bay Cemetery.

**WHARTON, Charles Stuart**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Aledo, Mercer County, Ill., April 22, 1875; moved to Chicago with his parents in 1878; attended the public schools; was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1896; was admitted to the bar in 1896 and commenced practice in Chicago, Ill.; prosecuting attorney for the town of Lake in 1899; appointed assistant city attorney of Chicago in 1903; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1907); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1906 to the Sixtieth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Chicago, Ill.; member of the board of exemption and Government appeal agent at Chicago during the First World War; served as an assistant corporation counsel in 1919; appointed assistant State's attorney in 1920 and served in this capacity until December 1923, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law in Chicago, Ill., until 1929; operated a restaurant; author of several books; died in Chicago, Ill., September 4, 1939; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WHARTON, James Ernest**, a Representative from New York; born in Binghamton, Broome County, N.Y., October 4, 1899; attended the public schools of Richmondville, N.Y.; was graduated from Union University and from Albany Law School; during the First World War served with the United States Army; was admitted to the bar in 1923; employed with the Travelers Insurance Co., 1920-1929; commenced the private practice of law in 1929 at Richmondville, N.Y.; owns and operates a farm; district attorney of Schoharie County, N.Y., 1932-1941; elected surrogate, county judge, and judge of children's court of Schoharie County 1941-1951; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1951-January 3, 1965); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; engaged in real estate development, was a resident of Summit, N.Y., until his death there on January 19, 1990.

**WHARTON, Jesse** (grandfather of Wharton Jackson Green), a Representative and a Senator from Tennessee; born in Coveseville, Albemarle County, Va., July 29, 1782; completed preparatory studies; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Albemarle County; moved to Tennessee; elected as a Democratic Republican to the Tenth Congress (March 4, 1807-March 3, 1809); appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George W. Campbell and served from March 17, 1814, to October 10, 1815, when a successor was elected; resumed the practice of his profession; member of the board of visitors to the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., in 1832; died in Nashville, Tenn., July 22, 1833; interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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**WHARTON, Samuel**, a Delegate from Delaware; born in Philadelphia, Pa., May 3, 1732; received a liberal schooling; engaged in mercantile pursuits; speculated in western lands and promoted the Vandalia Company; signed the non-importation resolutions of 1765; Member of the Continental Congress from Delaware in 1782 and 1783; justice of the peace for the district of Southwark 1784-1786; judge of the court of common pleas 1790-1791 and resigned in the latter year; died at his country home near Philadelphia, Pa., in March 1800.

**WHEAT, Alan Dupree**, a Representative from Missouri; born in San Antonio, Bexar County, Tex., October 16, 1951; attended elementary schools in Wichita, Kans., and in Seville, Spain; graduated from Airline High School, Bossier City, La., 1968; B.A., Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, 1972; economist; legislative aide to county executive, Jackson County, Mo.; elected, Missouri general assembly, 1977-1982; delegate, Missouri State Democratic convention, 1978; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 1995); was not a candidate for reelection in 1994, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate.

**WHEAT, William Howard**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Kahoka, Clark County, Mo., February 19, 1879; attended the public schools of Brookfield and Chillicothe, Mo., and Chaddock College and Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill.; clerk in clothing stores in Quincy and Bloomington, Ill.; moved to Thomasboro, Ill., in 1900, becoming engaged as bookkeeper and later cashier of a bank; in 1909 moved to Rantoul, Ill., and served as vice president and president of banking institutions; also interested in agriculture; school treasurer of Rantoul, Ill., for a number of years; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Seventy-fifth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth, Seventy-seventh, and Seventy-eighth Congresses and served from January 3, 1939, until his death in Washington, D.C., January 16, 1944; interment in Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul, Ill.

**WHEATON, Horace**, a Representative from New York; born in New Milford, Litchfield County, Conn., February 24, 1803; moved with his parents to Pompey, Onondaga County, N.Y., in 1810; received a limited schooling; was graduated from Pompey (N.Y.) Academy; engaged in mercantile pursuits; member of the State assembly in 1834; one of the commissioners to build a railroad between Syracuse and Utica; postmaster of Pompey, N.Y., 1840-1842; supervisor of Pompey; city treasurer; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1847); was not a candidate for renomination in 1846; moved to Syracuse, N.Y., in 1846; mayor of Syracuse 1851-1853; city treasurer of Syracuse in 1857 and 1858; engaged in hardware, saddlery, and mercantile pursuits; died in Syracuse, N.Y., June 23, 1882; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**WHEATON, Laban**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., on March 13, 1754; attended Wrentham (Mass.) Academy; was graduated from Harvard College in 1774; studied theology under private instructor at Woodstock, Conn.; also studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1788 and commenced practice in Milton, Mass.; judge of the Bristol County Court; member of the State house of representatives 1803-1808 and again in 1825; elected as a Federalist to the Eleventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1817); appointed chief justice of the court of common pleas of Bristol County May 18, 1810, which position he held until appointed chief justice of the court of sessions on May 25, 1819, for life; died in Norton, Bristol County, Mass., March 23, 1846; interment in Norton Cemetery.

**WHEELER, Burton Kendall**, a Senator from Montana; born in Hudson, Middlesex County, Mass., February 27, 1882; attended the common schools; worked as a stenographer in Boston, Mass.; graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1905; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in

Butte, Silver Bow County, Mont.; member, State house of representatives 1910-1912; United States district attorney for Montana 1913-1918; resumed the practice of law in Butte; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor of Montana in 1920; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1922 for the term ending March 3, 1929; unsuccessful candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1924 on the Progressive Party ticket; reelected to the United States Senate in 1928, 1934 and 1940 and served from March 4, 1923, to January 3, 1947; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1946; chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Seventy-third Congress), Committee on Interstate Commerce (Seventy-fourth through Seventy-ninth Congresses); resumed the practice of law; died in Washington, D.C., January 6, 1975; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

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**WHEELER, Charles Kennedy**, a Representative from Kentucky; born near Hopkinsville, Christian County, Ky., April 18, 1863; received his early education from a private tutor; was graduated from Southwestern University, Clarksville, Tenn., in 1879 and from the Lebanon Law School, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1880; was admitted to the bar the same year through the enactment of a special grant by the State legislature, and commenced practice in Paducah, McCracken County, Ky.; city solicitor of Paducah 1894-1896; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, and Fifty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1903); did not seek renomination in 1902; practiced law in Paducah, Ky., until his death in that city June 15, 1933; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**WHEELER, Ezra**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Chenango County, N.Y., December 23, 1820; received a liberal preparatory schooling and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1842; moved to Berlin, Green Lake County, Wis., in 1849; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Berlin, Wis.; member of the State assembly in 1853; judge of Green Lake County 1854-1862; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1865); resumed the practice of law in Berlin, Wis.; on account of ill health, moved to Pueblo, Colo., in 1870; appointed register of the land office at Pueblo on June 27, 1871, and served until his death in that city on September 19, 1871; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Berlin, Wis.

**WHEELER, Frank Willis**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Chaumont, Jefferson County, N.Y., March 2, 1853; attended the common schools; moved to Michigan in 1864 with his parents, who settled in East Saginaw; attended the Saginaw High School and the Ypsilanti State Normal School; engaged in boatbuilding; moved to West Bay City, Mich., in 1876; became master of the Saginaw River Tug Association; engaged in shipbuilding at the Bay Cities for many years; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first Congress (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1891); was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; engaged in his former pursuits until 1899, when he moved to Detroit; returned to Saginaw in 1917 and organized the Saginaw Shipbuilding Co., and was engaged in building boats for the United States Government; died in Saginaw, Mich., August 9, 1921; interment in Elm Lawn Cemetery, Bay City, Mich.

**WHEELER, Grattan Henry**, a Representative from New York; born near Providence, R.I., August 25, 1783; attended

public and preparatory schools; moved to New York with his parents, who settled in Steuben County about 1800; agriculturist and lumberman near Wheeler, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1822, 1824, and 1826; served in the State senate 1826-1830; elected as an Anti-Masonic candidate to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Twenty-third Congress; resumed former pursuits; presidential elector on the Whig ticket in 1840; died in Wheeler, Steuben County, N.Y., March 11, 1852; interment in a private cemetery on the Wheeler homestead.

**WHEELER, Hamilton Kinkaid**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Ballston Township, Saratoga County, N.Y., August 5, 1848; moved to Illinois in 1852 with his parents, who settled near Grant Park, Kankakee County; attended public and private schools in Kankakee County; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1871 and commenced practice in the city of Kankakee; member of the State senate in 1884; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third Congress (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1895); was not a candidate for renomination in 1894 to the Fifty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Kankakee, Ill.; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1896 and 1900; died in Kankakee, Ill., July 19, 1918; interment in Mound Grove Cemetery.

**WHEELER, Harrison H.**, a Representative from Michigan; born at Farmers Creek, Lapeer County, Mich., March 22, 1839; attended the common schools; taught school until 1861; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army November 1, 1861, as a private in Company C, Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry; promoted to second lieutenant in June 1862; first lieutenant of Company E, same regiment, in April 1863; captain of Company F, same regiment, in April 1865; settled in Bay City, Mich., at the close of the war; elected clerk of Bay County in 1866; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1868 and commenced practice in Bay City; member of the State senate in 1870 and 1872; moved to Ludington, Mason County, Mich., in 1873; appointed circuit judge in 1874 and later elected to the office; resigned in June 1878; appointed postmaster April 16, 1878, and served until his successor was appointed, April 26, 1882; resumed the practice of law in Ludington; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; appointed United States pension agent at Detroit February 8, 1894, and served until his death; died at Farmers Creek, near Lapeer, Mich., July 28, 1896; interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Ludington, Mich.

**WHEELER, John**, a Representative from New York; born in Humphreysville (now Seymour), New Haven County, Conn., February 11, 1823; attended the common schools at Cheshire, Conn.; moved to New York City in 1843 and was engaged in the hotel business with his father; became a dry-goods clerk; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1857); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; commissioner and president of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of New York City 1872-1880; member of the Board of Estimates and Apportionments and commissioner of accounts of New York City; was a lawyer, but did not practice; died in New York City April 1, 1906; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**WHEELER, Joseph**, a Representative from Alabama; born in Augusta, Ga., September 10, 1836; attended local schools and the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn.; was



graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, 1859; attended the Cavalry School at Carlisle, Pa., 1859-1860; transferred to the Mounted Rifles June 26, 1860; second lieutenant September 1, 1860, and served in New Mexico; resigned from the United States Army February 27, 1861; appointed lieutenant of Artillery in the Confederate Army on April 3, 1861; successively promoted to the grade of colonel, brigadier general, and major general, and was commissioned lieutenant general in February 1865; in 1862 was assigned to the command of the Army Corps of Cavalry of the Western Army, continuing in that position until the war closed; senior Cavalry general of the Confederate Armies May 11, 1864; studied law; was admitted to the bar and engaged in practice at Wheeler, Ala., and also became a planter; presented credentials as a Democratic Member-elect to the Forty-seventh Congress and served from March 4, 1881, to June 3, 1882, when he was succeeded by William M. Lowe, who contested his election; subsequently elected to the same Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William M. Lowe and served from January 15 to March 3, 1883; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1885, to April 20, 1900, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Treasury (Fiftieth Congress), Committee on Territories (Fifty-third Congress); served in the Spanish-American War; commissioned major general of Volunteers May 4, 1898, and assigned to command of a Cavalry division, United States Army; senior member of the commission which negotiated the surrender of Santiago and the Spanish Army in Cuba; during the Philippine Insurrection commanded the First Brigade, Second Division, Eighth Army Corps, in the Tarlac campaign and in several other operations in central Luzon from July 8, 1899, to January 24, 1900; commissioned brigadier general in the United States Regular Army June 16, 1900; retired September 10, 1900; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., January 25, 1906; interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

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**WHEELER, Loren Edgar**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Havana, Mason County, Ill., October 7, 1862; attended the public schools and Graylock Institute, South Williamstown, Mass.; moved to Springfield, Ill., in 1880 and engaged in the ice and coal business until 1910 when he became identified with the advertising business; member of the board of aldermen 1895-1897; mayor of Springfield 1897-1901; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1900; postmaster of Springfield 1901-1913; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1923); chairman, Committee on Railways and Canals (Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; again elected to the Sixty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1925-March 3, 1927); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1926 to the Seventieth Congress; continued his former business activities in Springfield, Ill., until his death there on January 8, 1932; interment in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

**WHEELER, Nelson Platt**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Portville, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., November 4, 1841; attended the public schools and academies in Olean and Deposit, N.Y.; became a surveyor and civil engineer; moved to Endeavor, Forest County, Pa.; engaged in the lumber business and also interested in agricultural pursuits and banking; elected county commissioner in 1866; held various township offices; member of the State house

of representatives in 1878 and 1879; declined to be a candidate for renomination; elected as a Republican to the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Congresses (March 4, 1907-March 3, 1911); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1910, but the primary election being contested, his opponent subsequently withdrew and he was tendered the congressional nomination, but declined; resumed his former business pursuits in Endeavor, Pa.; owing to ill health, moved to Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Calif., in 1915, and died there on March 3, 1920; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

**WHEELER, William Almon**, a Representative from New York and a Vice President of the United States; born in Malone, Franklin County, N.Y., June 30, 1819; completed preparatory studies; attended the Franklin Academy at Malone and the University of Vermont at Burlington; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1845 and practiced in Malone, N.Y.; district attorney for Franklin County, N.Y., 1846-1849; member, State assembly 1850-1851; member, State senate 1858-1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); delegate to the State constitutional conventions in 1867 and 1868; elected to the Forty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1877); was not a candidate for reelection, having been nominated in 1876 as the Republican candidate for Vice President; elected Vice President of the United States on the Republican ticket with Rutherford Hayes in 1876; inaugurated in March 1877 and served until March 1881; retired from public life and active business pursuits because of ill health; died in Malone, N.Y., June 4, 1887; interment in Morningside Cemetery.

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**WHEELER, William McDonald (Don)**, a Representative from Georgia; born near Alma, Bacon County, Ga., July 11, 1915; attended the public schools and South Georgia College at Douglas, Middle Georgia College at Cochran, Georgia Teachers College at Statesboro, Ga.; LL.B., Atlanta Law School, 1966; farmer; teacher; United States Army Air Force, 1942-1946; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1952; elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1955); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1954; Georgia Motor Vehicle Division in the Internal Revenue Department, Atlanta, Ga., 1955-1956; engaged in sales and public relations; tax examiner, State of Georgia; coordinator, Federal programs, Bacon County, Ga., Board of Education; assistant director, Governor's Highway Safety Program, State of Mississippi; died on May 5, 1989, in Alma, Ga.

**WHELCHER, Benjamin Frank**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Lumpkin County, near Gainesville, Ga., December 16, 1895; attended the public schools; studied law privately in Gainesville, Ga.; was admitted to the bar in 1925 and commenced the practice of law in Gainesville, Ga.; judge of the city court of Hall County 1932-1934; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1945); was not a candidate for renomination in 1944; resumed the practice of law; died in Gainesville, Ga., May 11, 1954; interment in West View Abbey, Atlanta, Ga.

**WHERRY, Kenneth Spicer**, a Senator from Nebraska; born in Liberty, Gage County, Nebr., February 28, 1892; attended the public schools and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1914; attended Harvard University in 1915 and 1916; during the First World War served

in the United States Navy Flying Corps in 1917 and 1918; engaged in the sale of automobiles, furniture, and in livestock farming; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Pawnee City, Nebr.; member of the Pawnee City council in 1927 and 1929; mayor of Pawnee City 1929-1931, 1938-1943; member, State senate 1929-1932; unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1932; unsuccessful candidate for nomination for United States Senator in 1934; western director for the Republican National Committee 1941-1942; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1942; reelected in 1948 and served from January 3, 1943, until his death; Republican whip 1944-1949; minority leader 1949-1951; chairman, Special Committee on Problems of Small Business (Eightieth Congress); died in Washington, D.C., November 29, 1951; interment in Pawnee City Cemetery, Pawnee City, Nebr.

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**WHIPPLE, Thomas, Jr.**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Lebanon, Grafton County, N.H., in 1787; completed preparatory studies; moved to Warren, N.H., in 1811; studied medicine in Haverhill and Hanover, N.H., and was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1814; commenced practice in Wentworth, N.H.; member of the State house of representatives 1818-1820; elected to the Seventeenth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1829); resumed the practice of medicine; died in Wentworth, Grafton County, N.H., January 23, 1835; interment in Wentworth Village Cemetery.

**WHIPPLE, William**, a Delegate from New Hampshire; born in Kittery, York County, Maine, January 14, 1730; became a sailor and engaged in the slave trade; freed his slaves and engaged in mercantile pursuits in Portsmouth, N.H.; delegate to the Provincial Congress at Exeter in 1775; Member of the Continental Congress 1776-1779; declined to be a candidate for renomination; one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; commissioned a brigadier general in 1777; member of the State assembly 1780-1784; participated in several battles in the Revolutionary War; appointed judge of the State supreme court in 1782; financial receiver for New Hampshire 1782-1784; died in Portsmouth, N.H., November 28, 1785; interment in the Old North Burial Ground.

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**WHITACRE, John Jefferson**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Decatur, Burt County, Nebr., December 28, 1860; attended the public schools, Hiram (Ohio) College, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; engaged as a manufacturer of hollow building tile; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1912; unsuccessful candidate in 1908 to the Sixty-first Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1915); resumed his former manufacturing pursuits; president of the Whitacre Engineering Co. and the Whitacre-Greer Fireproofing Co.; died in Miami, Fla., December 2, 1938; interment in Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, Ohio.

**WHITAKER, John Albert** (grandson of Addison Davis James), a Representative from Kentucky; born in Russellville, Logan County, Ky., October 31, 1901; attended the public schools, Bethel College, and the University of Ken-

tucky; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1926 and commenced practice in Russellville, Ky.; county attorney of Logan County, Ky., 1928-1948; delegate to all State conventions 1924-1950; elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Earle C. Clements; reelected to the Eighty-first and Eighty-second Congresses and served from April 17, 1948, until his death in Russellville, Ky., December 15, 1951; interment in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**WHITCOMB, James**, a Senator from Indiana; born in Windsor County, Vt., December 1, 1795; attended Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky.; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Bloomington, Ind., in 1824; prosecuting attorney for Monroe County 1826-1829; member, State senate 1830-1831, 1832-1836; appointed by President Andrew Jackson as Commissioner of the General Land Office 1836-1841; resumed the practice of law in Terre Haute, Ind.; Governor of Indiana 1843-1849; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1849, until his death in New York City, October 4, 1852; chairman, Committee on Claims (Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses), Committee on Public Buildings (Thirty-second Congress); interment in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.

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**WHITE, Addison** (cousin of John White), a Representative from Kentucky; born in Abingdon, Washington County, Va., May 1, 1824; received an academic education; was graduated from Princeton College in 1844; engaged in agricultural pursuits and cotton raising; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army; moved to Huntsville, Ala., and resumed agricultural pursuits; died in Huntsville, Ala., February 4, 1909; interment in Maple Hill Cemetery.

**WHITE, Albert Smith**, a Representative and a Senator from Indiana; born in Orange County, N.Y., October 24, 1803; graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1822; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1825 and practiced; moved to Lafayette, Ind.; assistant clerk of the State house of representatives 1830-1831, and clerk 1832-1835; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1832 to the Twenty-third Congress; presidential elector on the Whig ticket in 1836; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); was not a candidate for renomination in 1838; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1839, to March 3, 1845; declined to be a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Indian Affairs (Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Congress); president of several railroads; moved to Stockwell, Ind., and resumed the practice of law; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); was not a candidate for renomination in 1862; appointed by President Abraham Lincoln one of three commissioners to adjust the claims of citizens of Minnesota and Dakota against the government for Indian depredations; appointed judge of the United States Court for the District of Indiana in 1864 and served until his death in Stockwell, Ind., September 4, 1864; interment in Greenbush Cemetery, Lafayette, Ind.

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**WHITE, Alexander**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Frederick County, Va., in 1738; studied law at the Inner

Temple, London, in 1762 and attended Gray's Inn in 1763; member, Virginia House of Burgesses, 1772-1773; member of the State house of delegates 1782-1786 and in 1788; delegate to the State convention in 1788; elected to the First and Second Congresses (March 4, 1789-March 3, 1793); again a member of the State house of delegates 1799-1801; appointed by President Washington May 18, 1795, one of the three commissioners to lay out the city of Washington, D.C., and erect the public buildings, and served until May 1, 1802, when the board was abolished; died on his estate, "Woodville," in Frederick County, Va., October 9, 1804.

**WHITE, Alexander**, a Representative from Alabama; born in Franklin, Williamson County, Tenn., October 16, 1816; moved with his parents to Courtland, Ala., in 1821; pursued an academic course and attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; served in the Seminole War in 1836; moved to Talladega, Ala., in 1837; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1838 and commenced practice in Talladega; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); moved to Selma, Ala., in 1856 and continued the practice of law; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1865; member of the State house of representatives in 1872; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; appointed an associate justice of the United States Court for the Territory of Utah in 1875, serving only a few months; moved to Dallas, Tex., in 1876 and resumed the practice of law; died in Dallas December 13, 1893; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**WHITE, Alexander Colwell**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; was born near Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pa., December 12, 1833; attended the public schools; taught school; attended the Jacksonville Institute and the Dayton Union Academy; moved to Jefferson County, Pa., in 1860 where he studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1862, and commenced practice in Punxsutawney, Pa.; enlisted in the Union Army as a private in Company I, Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; moved to Brookville, Jefferson County, Pa., and continued the practice of his profession; elected district attorney in 1867 and 1870; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1887); was not a candidate for reelection in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; justice of the peace for Rose Township; died near Brookville, Pa., June 11, 1906; interment in Brookville Cemetery.

**WHITE, Allison**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Pine Township, near Jersey Shore, Pa., December 21, 1816; attended the public schools and was graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Crawford County, Pa.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Lock Haven, Pa.; was elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1859); chairman, Committee on Expenditures on Public Buildings (Thirty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1858 to the Thirty-sixth Congress; engaged in the lumber and coal business at Philadelphia; died in Philadelphia, Pa., on April 5, 1886; interment in Highland Cemetery, Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pa.

**WHITE, Bartow**, a Representative from New York; born in Yorktown, Westchester County, N.Y., November 7, 1776; attended the common schools and completed preparatory studies; studied medicine with his father, Dr. Ebenezer White, and commenced practice in Fishkill, N.Y., in 1800;

elected to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); resumed the practice of medicine; presidential elector on the Whig ticket in 1840; died in Fishkill, Dutchess County, N.Y., December 12, 1862; interment in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery.

**WHITE, Benjamin**, a Representative from Maine; born in Goshen (now Vienna), Maine, May 13, 1790; attended the common schools; moved to Winthrop, Maine, in 1802 and was employed on a farm until 1808 when he entered Farmington Academy; taught school for several years; during the War of 1812 was in Augusta, Maine, and assisted in raising troops, later serving as a noncommissioned officer with troops stationed at Castine and Eastport, Maine; again engaged in teaching in Montville, Maine, until 1821, when he also engaged in the sawmill business and agricultural pursuits; served as town selectman; member of the State house of representatives in 1829, 1841, and 1842; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); resumed his former pursuits; died in Montville, Maine, on June 7, 1860; interment in Halldale Cemetery, North Montville, Maine.

**WHITE, Campbell Patrick**, a Representative from New York; born in Ireland November 30, 1787; received a limited education; immigrated to the United States in 1816 and engaged in mercantile pursuits in New York City; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1829, until his resignation in 1835, which occurred before the convening of the Twenty-fourth Congress; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Twenty-third Congress); resumed mercantile pursuits; appointed quartermaster general of the State militia on January 24, 1831; delegate to the New York State constitutional convention in 1845; resided in New York City, where he died February 12, 1859; interment in St. Paul's Cemetery.

**WHITE, Cecil Fielding**, a Representative from California; born in Temple, Bell County, Tex., December 12, 1900; attended the public schools of Fort Smith, Ark.; at sixteen years of age joined the United States Army and served on the Mexican border; went to France as a sergeant in the One Hundred and Forty-second Field Artillery, Thirty-ninth Division, 1916-1919; worked in the Los Angeles office of a cotton broker; associated with cotton mills in California, Arkansas and Tennessee; owner and operator of the Cecil F. White Ranches, Inc., Devils Den, Calif.; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1951); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1950 to the Eighty-second Congress; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1966 to the Ninetieth Congress; was a resident of San Francisco, Calif., until his death on March 29, 1992.

**WHITE, Chilton Allen**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, February 6, 1826; attended the public schools; taught school; served in the Mexican War with Company G, First Regiment, Ohio Volunteers; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced the practice of law in Georgetown, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Brown County from 1852 to 1854; member of the State senate in 1859 and 1860; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1865); unsuccessful for reelection in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Georgetown; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1873; unsuccessful candidate for secretary of state in 1896; died in Georgetown, Ohio, December 7, 1900; interment in Confidence Cemetery.

**WHITE, Compton Ignatius** (father of Compton Ignatius White, Jr.), a Representative from Idaho; born in Baton Rouge, La., July 31, 1877; at an early age moved with his parents to Rankin County, Miss., and to Clark Fork, Bonner County, Idaho, in 1890; attended the public schools, Metropolitan Business College, Chicago, Ill., and Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.; railway telegraph operator 1897-1903, trainman 1903-1906, and conductor 1906-1910; engaged in agricultural, lumbering, and mining work in Clark Fork; also engaged in stock raising; member of the board of trustees of Clark Fork; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1928, 1932, and 1936; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1947); chairman, Committee on Irrigation (Seventy-fourth through Seventy-eighth Congresses), Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures (Seventy-ninth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; elected to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1951); was not a candidate for renomination in 1950 but was unsuccessful for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator; defeated for the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1952; resumed stock raising and mining interest at Clark Fork, Idaho; died in Spokane, Wash., March 31, 1956; interment in the family cemetery, east of Clark Fork, Idaho.

**WHITE, Compton Ignatius, Jr.** (son of Compton Ignatius White), a Representative from Idaho; born in Spokane, Wash., December 19, 1920; attended the public schools of Clark Fork, Idaho, and Washington, D.C.; attended George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 1938-1939 and the University of Idaho at Moscow, 1939-1942; engaged as breeder of livestock, and also in mining and logging; during the Second World War was an analysis and experimental flight test engineer for Boeing Aircraft, Co., Seattle, Wash.; member of school board and Clark Fork Board of Trustees, serving as chairman, 1947-1950; candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator in 1960; mayor of Clark Fork, 1958-1962; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth Congresses (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1967); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1966 to the Ninetieth Congress; consultant, Department of the Treasury, 1967; resumed ranching pursuits; member, Clark Fork City Council; died in Sandpoint, Idaho, on October 19, 1998.

**WHITE, David**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in 1785; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New Castle, Ky.; member of the State house of representatives in 1826; elected to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); died in Franklin County, Ky., October 19, 1834.

**WHITE, Dudley Allen**, a Representative from Ohio; born in New London, Huron County, Ohio, January 3, 1901; attended the public schools and was graduated from the New London High School in 1918; during the First World War served as an enlisted man in the United States Navy; employed with a rubber company in Akron, Ohio, in 1919 and 1920, and also engaged in the insurance business; moved to Uhrichsville, Ohio, and engaged in the dry-goods business in 1920 and 1921; returned to New London, Ohio, and became associated with a company manufacturing regalia and uniforms 1921-1925; entered the newspaper business at Norwalk, Ohio, in 1925, later becoming editor and general manager; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1928 and 1948; State commander of the American Legion

in Ohio in 1929 and 1930; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth Congresses (January 3, 1937-January 3, 1941); did not seek renomination in 1940, but was unsuccessful for the Republican nomination for United States Senator; called to active duty in the United States Navy in 1942 as a lieutenant commander; promoted to captain and served as director of recruiting and induction until 1946; director of the Citizens National Bank and president of a broadcasting company in Norwalk, Ohio; served as executive director of President Eisenhower's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations in 1954 and 1955; president and publisher of the Norwalk Reflector-Herald and the Sandusky Register at time of death; died in Delaware, Ohio, October 14, 1957; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Norwalk, Ohio.

**WHITE, Edward Douglass** (son of James White and father of Edward Douglass White [1845-1921]), a Representative from Louisiana; born in Nashville, Tenn., in March 1795; moved with his father to what is now St. Martin Parish, La., in 1799; attended the common schools, and was graduated from the University of Nashville, Tennessee, in 1815; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Donaldsonville, La.; was appointed judge of the city court of New Orleans and moved there in 1825; elected to the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third Congresses and served from March 4, 1829, to November 15, 1834, when he resigned; Governor of Louisiana from 1834 to 1838; moved to Thibodaux; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1843); resumed the practice of his profession; also engaged as a planter; died in New Orleans, La., April 18, 1847; interment in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Thibodaux, La.

**WHITE, Edward Douglass** (son of Edward Douglass White [1795-1847] and grandson of James White), a Senator from Louisiana; born near Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish, La., November 3, 1845; attended Mount St. Mary's College, near Emmitsburg, Md., the Jesuit College in New Orleans, La., and Georgetown College, Washington, D.C.; served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New Orleans, La., in 1868; member, State senate 1874; associate justice of the supreme court of Louisiana 1879-1880; resumed the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1891, until his resignation, effective March 12, 1894; chairman, Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Fifty-third Congress); appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States by President Grover Cleveland in 1894; appointed Chief Justice of the United States in 1910, and served until his death in Washington, D.C., May 19, 1921; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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**WHITE, Francis**, a Representative from Virginia; born near Winchester, Frederick County, Va., birth date unknown; attended the common schools at Winchester; engaged in agricultural pursuits; elected a member of the Virginia state house of delegates, 1794, 1809-1813, and 1818; elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth Congress (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1815); member of the Virginia state senate, 1823-1824; appointed sheriff of Hampshire County, Va. (now West Virginia), on December 9, 1823, by the Governor; died in Hampshire County, on the Capon River, in November 1826.

**WHITE, Francis Shelley (Frank)**, a Senator from Alabama; born in Prairie, Noxubee County, Miss., March 13, 1847; attended the common schools and was tutored at home; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as a private; after the close of the war engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1868; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1869 and commenced practice in West Point, Miss.; member, State house of representatives 1875, 1882-1883; moved to Birmingham, Jefferson County, Ala., in 1886 and continued the practice of law; elected on May 11, 1914, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph F. Johnston and served from May 11, 1914, to March 3, 1915; was not a candidate for renomination; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Fifty-third Congress); resumed the practice of his profession until his death in Birmingham, Ala., August 1, 1922; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

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**WHITE, Frederick Edward**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Prussia, Germany, January 19, 1844; immigrated to the United States in 1857 with his mother, who settled on a farm in Keokuk County, Iowa; joined the Eighth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1861 but was rejected on account of age; enlisted in February 1862 in the Thirteenth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out in August 1865; returned to Keokuk County and engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; retired from public life and resumed agricultural pursuits; died in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, January 14, 1920; interment in Sigourney Cemetery.

**WHITE, George**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Elmira, Chemung County, N.Y., August 21, 1872; moved with his parents to Titusville, Crawford County, Pa., in 1874; attended the common schools; was graduated from the local high school in 1891 and from Princeton College in 1895; taught school for several years; mined in the Klondike 1898-1901; moved to Washington County, Ohio, in 1902 and settled in Marietta; engaged in the production of oil; member of the State house of representatives 1905-1908; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1908 to the Sixty-first Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1915); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1914 to the Sixty-fourth Congress; elected to the Sixty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1919); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1918 to the Sixty-sixth Congress; served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from July 1920 to November 1921; resumed his former activities in the oil business; Governor of Ohio 1931-1935; chairman of the Northwest Territory (Federal) Commission in 1938; vice chairman of the Marietta College Board of Trustees; vice president and a director of People's Banking & Trust Co. of Marietta, Ohio; died in West Palm Beach, Fla., December 15, 1953; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, Marietta, Ohio.

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**WHITE, George Elon**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Millbury, Worcester County, Mass., March 7, 1848; attended the public schools; during the Civil War enlisted as a private in the Fifty-seventh Regiment, Massachusetts Veteran Volunteers; after the close of the war entered a commercial college in Worcester, Mass.; moved to Chicago,

Ill., in 1867 and engaged in the lumber business and also became interested in banking; member of the board of aldermen of Chicago; member of the State senate 1878-1886; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1899); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1898 to the Fifty-sixth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits in Chicago, Ill., and served as president of the White Lumber Co.; died in Chicago, Ill., on May 17, 1935; interment in the mausoleum in Rosehill Cemetery.

**WHITE, George Henry**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Rosindale, Bladen County, N.C., December 18, 1852; attended the public schools, and was graduated from Howard University, Washington, D.C., in 1877; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1879 and commenced practice in New Bern, N.C.; principal of the State Normal School of North Carolina; member of the State house of representatives in 1881; served in the State senate in 1885; solicitor and prosecuting attorney for the second judicial district of North Carolina 1886-1894; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1896 and 1900; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1901); was not a candidate for renomination in 1900 to the Fifty-seventh Congress; resumed the practice of law and also engaged in banking; died in Philadelphia, Pa., December 28, 1918; interment in Eden Cemetery.

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**WHITE, Harry**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Indiana, Indiana County, Pa., January 12, 1834; attended Indiana (Pa.) Academy, and was graduated from Princeton College in 1854; studied law; was admitted to the bar in June 1855 and commenced practice in Indiana, Pa.; entered the Union Army as major of the Sixty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, on December 13, 1861; mustered out February 22, 1865; member of the State senate during his military service and attended its sessions in the winter of 1862-1863; reelected to the State senate and served from 1865 to 1874, being speaker at the close of the last term; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1872; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania in 1872; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1881); was not a candidate for renomination in 1880; elected a judge of Indiana County, Pa., in 1884; reelected in 1894 and served until 1904; resumed the practice of law and engaged in banking; died in Indiana, Pa., June 23, 1920; interment in Oakland Cemetery.

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**WHITE, Hays Baxter**, a Representative from Kansas; born near Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa, on September 21, 1855; attended the rural schools of his native county; engaged in agricultural pursuits; moved to Jewell County, Kans., in 1875 and engaged in agricultural pursuits near Mankato; taught school at Mankato in 1876; member of the State house of representatives 1888-1890; member of the State senate 1900-1904; mayor of Mankato in 1914 and 1915; member of the State tax commission in 1915-1918; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-sixth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1919-March 3, 1929); chairman, Committee on Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives (Sixty-eighth through Seventieth Congresses); election unsuccessfully contested by W.H. Clark; was not a candidate for renomination in 1928; died in Man-

kato, Kans., September 29, 1930; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WHITE, Hugh**, a Representative from New York; born in Whitestown, Oneida County, N.Y., on December 25, 1798; attended the common schools; was graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., in 1823; studied law but did not practice; entered business at Chittenango in 1825 and afterwards at Rondout; active in the building of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad; moved to Cohoes, N.Y., in 1830; was greatly interested in the development of water power from the Mohawk River; organized the Rosendale Cement Works; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first Congresses (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1851); chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Thirtieth Congress); resumed his business activities; died in Waterford, N.Y., October 6, 1870; interment in Albany Rural Cemetery.

**WHITE, Hugh Lawson**, a Senator from Tennessee; born in Iredell County, N.C., October 30, 1773; moved with his parents in 1785 to that part of North Carolina which now is Knox County, Tenn.; participated in an expedition against the Cherokees around 1793; pursued classical studies in Philadelphia, Pa., and studied law in Lancaster, Pa.; admitted to the bar in 1796 and commenced practice in Knoxville, Tenn.; judge of the State superior court 1801-1807; member, State senate 1807-1809; appointed United States district attorney in 1808; judge of the State supreme court 1809-1815; president of the State bank; member, State senate 1817-1825; elected in 1825 as a Jacksonian to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Andrew Jackson; reelected in 1829 and then in 1835 as an Anti-Jacksonian (later Whig) and served from October 28, 1825, to January 13, 1840, when he resigned because he could not conscientiously obey the instructions of his constituents; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses; chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Twentieth through Twenty-sixth Congresses); died in Knoxville, Tenn., April 10, 1840; interment in First Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

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**WHITE, James** (father of Edward Douglass White [1795-1847] and grandfather of Edward Douglass White [1845-1921]), a Delegate from North Carolina and from the Territory South of the River Ohio (now the State of Tennessee); born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 16, 1749; attended a Jesuit College in St. Omer, France; returned to the United States and studied medicine in the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; also studied law; moved to North Carolina and settled in Davidson County; member of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1785; Member of the Continental Congress from North Carolina 1786-1788; superintendent of Indian affairs for the southern district in 1786; after the creation of the Territory South of the River Ohio (later the State of Tennessee) in 1790, served in the house of representatives of the first Territorial legislature from Davidson County in 1794; elected as a Delegate to the Third and Fourth Congresses from the Territory South of the River Ohio and served from September 3, 1794, to June 1, 1796, when the Territory was admitted into the Union as the State of Tennessee; moved to Louisiana in 1799; appointed judge of Attakapas district in 1804 and later of St. Martin Parish; died in Attakapas, La., in October 1809.

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**WHITE, James Bain**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, June 26, 1835; attended the common schools; immigrated to the United States in 1854; settled in Fort Wayne, Ind.; calico printer; tailor; Indiana Volunteers, Company I, Thirteenth Regiment, elected captain of the company and served until December 1862, when he resigned; wounded in the Battle of Shiloh April 7, 1862; elected a member of the common council of Fort Wayne, Ind., 1874; department store owner; manufactured wheels; banker; elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth Congress (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1889); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Fifty-first Congress in 1888; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1892; commissioner to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, 1893; died on October 9, 1897, in Fort Wayne, Ind.; interment in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind.

**WHITE, James Bamford**, a Representative from Kentucky; born near Winchester, Clark County, Ky., on June 6, 1842; attended the common schools and the Mount Zion Academy, Macon County, Ill.; entered the Confederate Army in the fall of 1863 and served in the commands of Generals Breckinridge and Morgan until the close of the Civil War, when he was honorably discharged; engaged in teaching at Irvine, Estill County, Ky.; studied law while teaching; was admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced the practice of law in Irvine; prosecuting attorney of Estill County 1872-1880; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1901-March 3, 1903); continued the practice of his profession in Irvine, Ky., until his retirement in 1919; died in Irvine, Ky., March 25, 1931; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

**WHITE, John** (cousin of Addison White and uncle of John Daugherty White), a Representative from Kentucky; born near Cumberland Gap (now Middlesboro), Ky., February 14, 1802; received a limited schooling; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Richmond, Madison County, Ky.; member of the State house of representatives in 1832; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1845); Speaker of the House of Representatives (Twenty-seventh Congress); appointed judge of the nineteenth judicial district of Kentucky and served from February 8, 1845, until his death in Richmond, Ky., September 22, 1845; interment in the State Cemetery, Frankfort, Franklin County, Ky.

**WHITE, John Daugherty** (nephew of John White), a Representative from Kentucky; born near Manchester, Clay County, Ky., January 16, 1849; attended a private school until 1865 and Eminence (Ky.) College and the University of Kentucky at Lexington until 1870; was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1872; also attended the medical department of the same institution; was admitted to the bar by the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1875 and practiced; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); declined to be a candidate for renomination; chairman of the Kentucky Republican State convention at Louisville in 1879; member of the State house of representatives in 1879 and 1880; resigned in 1880; endorsed and reelected without opposition during the sitting of the legislature; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1880; unsuccessful Republican candidate for the United States Senate in 1881; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1885); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1884 and resumed the practice of law in Louisville, Ky.; unsuccessful

candidate of the State Prohibition Party for Governor of Kentucky in 1903; unsuccessful candidate of the Progressive Party for judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1912; died near Manchester, Ky., January 5, 1920; interment in the family burying ground near Manchester, Clay County, Ky.

**WHITE, Joseph Livingston**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Cherry Valley, Otsego County, N.Y., birth date unknown; completed preparatory studies; studied law in Utica, N.Y.; was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice in Madison, Ind.; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); moved to New York City and resumed the practice of law; while on a business trip to Nicaragua, Central America, he was shot by a Mr. Gavett as he was leaving the ship at Corinto (Punta Ycacos), Nicaragua, January 5, 1861, dying at Corinto on January 12, 1861; interment in the cemetery at Corinto, Nicaragua.

**WHITE, Joseph M.**, a Delegate from Florida Territory; born in Franklin County, Ky., May 10, 1781; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; moved to Pensacola, Fla., in 1821; one of the commissioners under the act of Congress of May 8, 1822, "for ascertaining claims and titles to lands within the Territory of Florida"; elected to the Nineteenth and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1837); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Twenty-fifth Congress; author of a "New Collection of Laws, Charters, etc., of Great Britain, France, and Spain Relating to Cessions of Lands, with the Laws of Mexico," in two volumes published in 1839; died in St. Louis, Mo., October 19, 1839.

**WHITE, Joseph Worthington**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Cambridge, Guernsey County, Ohio, October 2, 1822; attended the common schools and Cambridge Academy; engaged in mercantile pursuits; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1844, and commenced practice in Cambridge; prosecuting attorney of Guernsey County 1845-1847; mayor of Cambridge; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1860; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1865); unsuccessful for reelection in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Cambridge, Ohio, August 6, 1892; interment in the South Cemetery.

**WHITE, Leonard**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Haverhill, Essex County, Mass., May 3, 1767; was graduated from Harvard University in 1787; member of the State house of representatives in 1809; held many local offices; elected as a Federalist to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); town clerk of Haverhill; cashier of the Merrimack Bank of Haverhill 1814-1836; died in Haverhill, Mass., October 10, 1849; interment in Pentucket Cemetery.

**WHITE, Michael Doherty**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Clark County, Ohio, September 8, 1827; moved with his parents to Tippecanoe County, Ind., in 1829; pursued classical studies; moved to Crawfordsville, Crawfordsville County, Ind., in 1848; attended the county seminary and Wabash College, Crawfordsville; clerked in a store for one year; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1854 and commenced the practice of his profession in Crawfordsville; law partner of Gen. Lew Wallace; prosecuting attorney of Montgomery and Boone Counties 1854-1856; member of the State senate 1860-1864; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); was not a candidate for renomination in

1878; continued the practice of law in Crawfordsville, Ind., until 1911, and died there on February 6, 1917; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**WHITE, Milo**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Fletcher, Franklin County, Vt., August 17, 1830; attended the common schools and Bakersfield Academy; moved to Chatfield, Fillmore County, Minn., in 1855 and engaged in mercantile pursuits; chairman of the board of supervisors of Chatfield upon its organization in 1858; served in the State senate 1872-1876, 1881, and 1882; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); unsuccessful candidate for election in 1898 to the Fifty-sixth Congress; resumed mercantile pursuits; mayor of Chatfield for several terms; member of the school board until his death in Chatfield, Minn., May 18, 1913; interment in Chatfield Cemetery.

**WHITE, Phillips**, a Delegate from New Hampshire; born in Haverhill, Mass., on October 28, 1729; completed preparatory studies and attended Harvard College; during the French and Indian War was an officer in the colonial army at Lake George in 1755; moved to New Hampshire; member of the State house of representatives 1775-1782, and served as speaker in 1775 and 1782; probate judge of Rockingham County, N.H., 1776-1790; Member of the Continental Congress in 1782 and 1783; councilor 1792-1794; retired to his farm near South Hampton, N.H.; died in South Hampton on June 24, 1811; interment in the Old Cemetery.

**WHITE, Phineas**, a Representative from Vermont; born in South Hadley, Hampshire County, Mass., October 30, 1770; was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1797; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1800 and commenced practice in Pomfret, Vt.; register of probate for Windsor County 1800-1809; county attorney in 1813; judge of Windham County in 1814, 1815, 1817, and 1820; also judge of probate of the district of Westminster in 1814 and 1815; member of the constitutional convention in 1814; served in the State house of representatives 1815-1820; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); member of the State constitutional convention in 1836; served in the State senate in 1836 and 1837; trustee of Middlebury College; died in Putney, Windham County, Vt., on July 6, 1847; interment in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**WHITE, Richard Alan (Rick)**, a Representative from Washington; born in Bloomington, Monroe County, Ind., November 6, 1953; B.A., Dartmouth College, 1975; attended University of Paris, Pantheon Sorbonne; J.D., Georgetown University School of Law, 1980; clerk to United States Judge Charles Clark of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; attorney; private sector jobs ranging from dock foreman to assembly line worker to grill cook; founder and director, "Books for Kids" (a literacy program); member, Queen Anne (Wash.) community council, 1986-1988; attorney; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fourth and One Hundred Fifth Congresses (January 3, 1995-January 3, 1999); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

**WHITE, Richard Crawford**, a Representative from Texas; born in El Paso, Tex., April 29, 1923; graduated from Dudley Primary School, and the El Paso High School, and the Citizen's Military Training Camp at San Antonio, Tex.; attended Texas Western College, 1940-1942; graduated from the University of Texas in 1946 and from the law school of the same university in 1949; was admitted to the bar in 1949 and began the practice of law in El Paso; served in the United States Marine Corps as a rifleman and Japa-

nese interpreter in the Pacific Theater, 1942-1945; was awarded the Purple Heart; served in the State house of representatives, 1955-1958; served as El Paso county chairman, 1963-1965; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1983); was not a candidate for reelection in 1982; returned to the practice of law; was a resident of El Paso, Tex., until his death on February 18, 1998; interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

**WHITE, Samuel**, a Senator from Delaware; born near Dover, Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Del., in December 1770; attended Cokesbury College, Maryland; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1793 and commenced practice in Dover, Del.; served two years as a captain in the United States Army; adjutant general of Delaware in 1803; appointed in 1801 and subsequently elected as a Federalist to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry Latimer; reelected in 1803 and 1809 and served from February 28, 1801, until his death in Wilmington, Del., November 4, 1809; interment in the Old Swede Churchyard.

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**WHITE, Sebastian Harrison**, a Representative from Colorado; born on a farm near Maries County, Mo., December 24, 1864; attended the rural schools in Dallas County and the Marionville (Mo.) Collegiate Institute (later the Ozark Wesleyan College at Carthage, Mo.); taught school for several years; elected president of the Hickory County Teachers Institute in 1886; elected superintendent of schools of Hickory County in 1887; while a teacher studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1889 and commenced practice in Pueblo, Colo.; delegate to the Democratic State convention in 1892; chairman of the Pueblo County Democratic central committee in 1892; served as city attorney of Pueblo 1897-1899; public trustee of Pueblo County 1900-1903 and 1905-1909; district attorney of the tenth judicial district 1904-1908; elected justice of the State supreme court in 1908 for a term of ten years 1909-1919, and served as chief justice from 1917 until 1918, when he retired; engaged in the practice of law in Denver, Colo., in 1919; elected as a Democrat to the Seventieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William N. Vaile and served from November 15, 1927, to March 3, 1929; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1928 to the Seventy-first Congress; resumed the practice of law in Denver, Colo.; died in a hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., December 21, 1945; remains were cremated in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Colo., and the ashes scattered over the cemetery.

**WHITE, Stephen Mallory**, a Senator from California; born in San Francisco, Calif., January 19, 1853; moved with his parents to Santa Cruz County, Calif.; attended private and common schools and St. Ignatius College in San Francisco; graduated from Santa Clara College, Santa Clara, Calif., in 1871; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1874 and commenced practice in Los Angeles, Calif.; district attorney of Los Angeles County 1883-1884; member, State senate 1887-1891, serving as president pro tempore both sessions; was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1890; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1893, to March 3, 1899; did not seek reelection; chairman, Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands (Fifty-third

through Fifty-fifth Congresses); died in Los Angeles, Calif., February 21, 1901; interment in Calvary Cemetery.

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**WHITE, Stephen Van Culen**, a Representative from New York; born in Chatham County, N.C., August 1, 1831; moved to Illinois with his parents, who settled near Otterville, Jersey County, Ill.; attended the free school founded by Dr. Silas Hamilton in Otterville, Ill., and was graduated from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., in 1854; entered a mercantile house in St. Louis, Mo.; studied law and was admitted to the bar November 4, 1856; moved to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1856, and practiced law until January 1, 1865; acting United States district attorney for Iowa in 1864; moved to New York City in 1865 and engaged in banking; member of the New York Stock Exchange; was an astronomer and upon the organization of the American Astronomical Society in 1883 was elected its first president; elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth Congress (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1889); was not a candidate for renomination in 1888 to the Fifty-first Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., January 18, 1913; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**WHITE, Wallace Humphrey, Jr.** (grandson of William Pierce Frye), a Representative and a Senator from Maine; born in Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine, August 6, 1877; attended the public schools of Lewiston; graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1899; assistant clerk to the Committee on Commerce, United States Senate, and secretary to his grandfather, the President pro tempore 1899-1903; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Lewiston, Maine; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fifth and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1931); was not a candidate for renomination in 1930, having become a candidate for Senator; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice (Sixty-sixth Congress), Committee on Woman Suffrage (Sixty-seventh through Sixty-ninth Congresses), Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (Seventieth and Seventy-first Congresses); served as a presidential appointee on a variety of commissions; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1930; reelected in 1936 and 1942 and served from March 4, 1931, to January 3, 1949; was not a candidate for renomination in 1948; minority leader 1944-1947; majority leader 1947-1949; chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Eightieth Congress); retired from political and business activities; died in Auburn, Maine, March 31, 1952; interment in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

**WHITE, Wilbur McKee**, a Representative from Ohio; born near Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, February 22, 1890; educated in the rural schools and the Hillsboro High School; Marietta (Ohio) College, M.A., 1914; engaged in teaching at Marietta, Ohio, in 1914 and 1915; correspondent for a Dayton, Ohio, newspaper in 1916; served in the United States Army on the Mexican border as a private and first sergeant in Company H, Third Ohio Infantry, in 1916; during the First World War served from August 15, 1917, as a first lieutenant and later as a captain in the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment, United States Infantry, in Italy and France; associated with the Toledo Times in 1919 and served as managing editor 1925-1930 and associate editor in 1930 and 1931; elected as a Republican to the



Seventy-second Congress (March 4, 1931-March 3, 1933); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 and for election in 1940 to the Seventy-seventh Congress; employed in a glass manufacturing concern in 1933; served as secretary and as executive director of the Safety Glass Association 1934-1958; engaged in independent highway safety work 1958-1961; died in Chillicothe, Ohio, December 31, 1973; interment in Hillsboro Cemetery, Hillsboro, Ohio.

**WHITE, William John**, a Representative from Ohio; born at Rice Lake, Ontario, Canada, October 7, 1850; moved to the United States in 1857 with his parents, who settled in Cleveland, Ohio; attended the district schools; entered business as a candy maker in 1869, and later began the manufacture of chewing gum; mayor of West Cleveland in 1889; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third Congress (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1895); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1894; was first president of the American Chiclé Co. and later president of the W.J. White Chiclé Co.; died in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 16, 1923; interment in Lake View Cemetery.

**WHITEAKER, John**, a Representative from Oregon; born in Dearborn County, near Fort Wayne, Ind., May 4, 1820; was self-educated and engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising; moved to the Pacific coast in 1849, and settled in Lane County, Oreg., in 1852; elected judge of probate for Lane County in 1855; member of the Territorial legislature in 1857; Governor of the State of Oregon 1858-1862; member of the State house of representatives in 1866 and 1868, and served as speaker; again elected to the State house of representatives in 1870; member of the State board of equalization in 1872, and served as chairman; member of the commission to examine, report upon, and receive the locks and canal at the falls of the Willamette River; member of the State senate 1876-1880, and served as president of the sessions of 1876 and 1878; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (Forty-sixth Congress); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1880 to the Forty-seventh Congress; appointed internal-revenue collector for the district of Oregon and served from June 20, 1885, to February 27, 1890; moved to Eugene, Lane County, Oreg., in 1889 and died there October 2, 1902; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**WHITEHEAD, Joseph**, a Representative from Virginia; born near Mount Airy, Pittsylvania County, Va., October 31, 1867; attended the public schools of his native city; was graduated from the academic department of Richmond College (now the University of Richmond), Richmond, Va., in 1889, and from the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1892; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Chatham, Pittsylvania County, Va.; served in the State senate 1899-1904; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-ninth, Seventieth, and Seventy-first Congresses (March 4, 1925-March 3, 1931); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1930; resumed the practice of his chosen profession until his death at Chatham, Va., on July 8, 1938; interment in Chatham Cemetery.

**WHITEHEAD, Thomas**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Lovingston, Nelson County, Va., December 27, 1825; received a limited schooling; engaged in mercantile pursuits; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1849 and commenced practice in Amherst, Va.; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as captain of Company E, Second Virginia Cavalry, 1861-1865; elected to the State

senate in 1865, but did not qualify; elected prosecuting attorney for Amherst County in 1866 and again in 1869, resigning in November 1873, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); was not a candidate for renomination in 1874; editor of the Lynchburg News in 1876 and the Lynchburg Advance in 1880; resumed the practice of law; elected commissioner of agriculture for the State of Virginia in 1888 and served in this capacity until his death; died near Lynchburg, Campbell County, Va., July 1, 1901; interment in Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg, Va.

**WHITEHILL, James** (son of John Whitehill and nephew of Robert Whitehill), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pa., on January 31, 1762; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Strasburg; associate judge of the Lancaster County Court from January 3, 1811, to February 1, 1813, when he resigned, having been elected to Congress; served in the War of 1812 as major general of Pennsylvania Militia; elected as a Republican to the Thirteenth Congress and served from March 4, 1813, to September 1, 1814, when he resigned; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Strasburg; Burgess of Strasburg in 1816; again associate judge of the county court from October 17, 1820, until his death in Strasburg, Pa., on February 26, 1822; interment in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Leacock, Lancaster County, Pa.

**WHITEHILL, John** (father of James Whitehill and brother of Robert Whitehill), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, Pa., December 11, 1729; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Lancaster County; was appointed justice of the peace and justice of the orphans' court of Lancaster County, March 31, 1777; member of the State house of representatives 1780-1782 and 1793; member of the council of censors in 1783; was delegate to the supreme executive council in 1784; member of the State ratification convention in 1787; associate judge of Lancaster County in 1791; elected as a Republican to the Eighth and Ninth Congresses (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1807); died in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, Pa., September 16, 1815; interment in Pequea Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

**WHITEHILL, Robert** (brother of John Whitehill and uncle of James Whitehill), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Pequea, Lancaster County, Pa., July 21, 1738; attended the common schools; settled in Cumberland County; member of the State constitutional convention in July 1776 that approved the Declaration of Independence; member of the council of safety in 1777; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1790; member of the State house of representatives 1797-1800; served in the State senate 1801-1804, and was speaker of the senate in 1804 during the impeachment trials of the supreme court judges of Pennsylvania; elected as a Republican to the Ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John A. Hanna; reelected to the Tenth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from November 7, 1805, until his death at Lauther Manor, Cumberland County, Pa., April 8, 1813; interment in the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Hampden Township, near Camp Hill, Pa.

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**WHITEHOUSE, John Osborne**, a Representative from New York; born in Rochester, Strafford County, N.H., July

19, 1817; received a common-school education; moved to New York City in 1835 and was engaged as a clerk until 1839, when he moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., and engaged as a merchant and manufacturer of shoes; moved to Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N.Y., in 1860 and continued the shoe manufacturing business; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1877); chairman, Committee on Reform in the Civil Service (Forty-fourth Congress); was not a candidate for reelection in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; resumed the shoe manufacturing business; also interested in banking and railroading; owner of the Daily News 1872-1880; died in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., August 24, 1881; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**WHITEHURST, George William**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Norfolk, Va., March 12, 1925; graduated from Maury High School, Norfolk, Va., 1942; B.A., Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., 1950; M.A., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., 1951; Ph.D., West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va., 1962; United States Navy, aviation radioman in the Pacific Theater, 1943-1946; faculty, member, Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Va., 1950-1968 and 1987 to present; journalist, WTAR-TV, Norfolk, Va.; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-first and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1969-January 3, 1987); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundredth Congress in 1986; television news analyst; is a resident of Norfolk, Va.

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**WHITELAW, Robert Henry**, a Representative from Missouri; born on a farm near Lloyds, Essex County, Va., January 30, 1854; moved with his father to Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1856; returned to Essex County, Va., in 1866; attended private schools in Tappahannock and Staunton, Va., and the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; was admitted to the bar in 1873 and commenced practice in Cape Girardeau, Mo.; city attorney in 1873; prosecuting attorney of Cape Girardeau County 1874-1878; member of the State house of representatives in 1883 and 1887; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Peter Walker and served from November 4, 1890, to March 3, 1891; was not a candidate for election in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law in Cape Girardeau, Mo.; retired from active law practice in 1927 and moved to Blodgett, Mo., and in 1934 to Blytheville, Ark., where he died on July 27, 1937; interment in Lorimier Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**WHITELEY, Richard Henry**, a Representative from Georgia; born in County Kildare, Ireland, December 22, 1830; immigrated to the United States in 1836 with his parents, who settled in Georgia; received private instruction in elementary education; engaged in manufacturing; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1860 and commenced practice in Bainbridge, Ga.; opposed secession, but after the adoption of the ordinance entered the Confederate Army and served throughout the Civil War, attaining the rank of major; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1866 to the Fortieth Congress; presented credentials as a Senator-elect to the United States Senate on July 15, 1870, to fill the vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1865, but as the election took place prior to the readmission of Georgia into the Union was not admitted to a seat; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused

by the House declaring Nelson Tift not entitled to the seat; reelected to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses and served from December 22, 1870, to March 3, 1875; unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Forty-fourth Congress and for election to the Forty-fifth Congress; moved to Boulder, Colo., in 1877 and resumed the practice of his profession; died in Boulder, Colo., September 26, 1890; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**WHITELEY, William Gustavus**, a Representative from Delaware; born near Newark, Del., August 7, 1819; attended Bullock's School at Wilmington, Del., and was graduated from Princeton College in 1838; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1841 and began practice in Wilmington, Del.; prothonotary of New Castle County 1852-1856; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1861); chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Thirty-fifth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1860; again prothonotary of New Castle County 1862-1867; mayor of Wilmington, Del., 1875-1878; member of commission to settle fishery disputes between New Jersey and Delaware in 1877; census enumerator for Delaware in 1880; associate judge of the superior court of Delaware from March 31, 1884, until his death in Wilmington, Del., April 23, 1886; interment in Bridgeton Cemetery, Bridgeton, N.J.

**WHITENER, Basil Lee**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in York County, S.C., May 14, 1915; educated in public schools of Gaston County; graduated from Lowell High School in 1931 and from Rutherford College in 1933; attended University of South Carolina 1933-1935; graduated from Duke University Law School in 1937; admitted to the North Carolina bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Gastonia, N.C.; member of the State house of representatives in 1941 and renominated in 1942 but resigned to enter the United States Navy; served as gunnery officer and was separated from the service in November 1945 with rank of lieutenant; appointed solicitor, fourteenth solicitorial district, in January 1946 and elected in November 1946, reelected in 1950 and 1954, and served until December 31, 1956; delegate to the Democratic National Convention 1948; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-fifth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1957-January 3, 1969); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1968 to the Ninety-first Congress; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1970 to the Ninety-second Congress; resumed the practice of law; was a resident of Gastonia, N.C., until his death there on March 20, 1989.

**WHITESIDE, Jenkin**, a Senator from Tennessee; born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1772; pursued preparatory studies; studied law and was admitted to the bar; moved to Tennessee and commenced practice in Knoxville; one of the commissioners of Knoxville in 1801 and 1802; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate in 1809 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Daniel Smith; reelected the same year and served from April 11, 1809, to October 8, 1811, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law; died in Nashville, Tenn., September 25, 1822; interment was probably in the Old Cemetery west of the Nashville sulphur spring.

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**WHITESIDE, John**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Lancaster, Pa., in 1773; attended the common schools and Chestnut Level Academy; employed on his father's farm; later engaged in the hotel business and operated

a distillery; justice of the peace; member of the State house of representatives in 1810 and 1811; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1819); resumed the hotel business in Lancaster, Pa.; register of wills; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1825; died in Lancaster, Pa., July 28, 1830; interment in Lancaster Cemetery.

**WHITFIELD, John Wilkins**, a Delegate from the Territory of Kansas; born in Franklin, Williamson County, Tenn., March 11, 1818; attended the local schools; served in the Mexican War in 1846; moved to Independence, Mo., in 1853 to serve as Indian agent to the Pottawatomies at Westport, Mo., and to the Arkansas Indians in 1855 and 1856; upon the admission of the Territory of Kansas to representation was elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress and served from December 20, 1854, to March 3, 1855; presented credentials as a Delegate-elect to the Thirty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1855, to August 1, 1856, when the seat was declared vacant; again elected to the Thirty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the action of the House of Representatives in declaring the seat vacant and served from December 9, 1856, to March 3, 1857; register of the land office at Doniphan, Kans., 1857-1861; began his military career as captain of the Twenty-seventh Texas Cavalry in 1861; promoted to the rank of major in 1862; commissioned brigadier general May 9, 1863; at the close of the war in 1865 went to Texas and settled in Lavaca County and engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising; member of the State house of representatives; died near Hallettsville, Lavaca County, Tex., October 27, 1879; interment in Hallettsville Cemetery.

**WHITFIELD, Wayne Edward (Ed)**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Ky., May 25, 1943; graduated from Madisonville High School, Madisonville, Ky., 1961; B.S., University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., 1965; attended Wesley Theological Seminary and American University, Washington, D.C.; J.D., University of Kentucky School of Law, Lexington, Ky., 1969; United States Army Reserve, 1967-1973; lawyer, private practice; business executive; business owner; attorney adviser to Chairman Edward J. Philbin of the Interstate Commerce Commission, 1991-1993; member of the Kentucky state house of representatives, 1973-1975; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1995-present).

**WHITING, Justin Rice**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Bath, Steuben County, N.Y., February 18, 1847; moved to Michigan in 1849 with his parents, who settled in St. Clair; attended the public schools and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor 1863-1865; engaged as a merchant and manufacturer; mayor of St. Clair in 1879; member of the State senate in 1882; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth Congress and reelected to the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1895); resumed his former business pursuits in St. Clair; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor in 1898 and also for election in 1900 to the Fifty-seventh Congress; chairman of the Democratic State central committee; died in St. Clair, Mich., January 31, 1903; interment in Hillside Cemetery.

**WHITING, Richard Henry** (uncle of Ira Clifton Copley), a Representative from Illinois; born in West Hartford, Conn., January 17, 1826; attended the common schools; moved to Altona, Ill., in 1850, thence to Galesburg, Ill., in 1860, where he built a gas works; during the Civil War served in the

Union Army as paymaster of Volunteers 1862-1866; appointed assessor of internal revenue for the fifth district of Illinois in February 1870, serving until May 20, 1873, when the office was abolished; appointed collector of internal revenue for the same district May 20, 1873, with office at Peoria, Ill., and served until his resignation on March 4, 1875, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); was not a candidate for renomination in 1876; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1884; died in New York City, May 24, 1888; interment in Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Ill.

**WHITING, William**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Concord, Mass., on March 3, 1813; attended Concord Academy and was graduated from Harvard University in 1833; taught school in Plymouth and Concord, Mass.; was graduated from the law department of Harvard University in 1838; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Boston; solicitor of the War Department 1862-1865; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress and served from March 4, 1873, until death in Boston, Mass., June 29, 1873; interment in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord, Mass.

**WHITING, William**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Dudley, Worcester County, Mass., May 24, 1841; attended the public schools; was graduated from Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.; engaged in the manufacture of paper in Holyoke, Mass., in 1865; member of the State senate in 1873; city treasurer of Holyoke in 1876 and 1877; mayor of Holyoke in 1878 and 1879; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1876 and 1896; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1889); was not a candidate for renomination in 1888; commissioner to the World's Exposition in Paris, France, in 1900; resumed his former manufacturing pursuits; died in Holyoke, Hampden County, Mass., January 9, 1911; interment in Forestdale Cemetery.

**WHITLEY, Charles Orville**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Siler City, Chatham County, N.C., January 3, 1927; graduated from Siler City High School, Siler City, N.C., 1943; B.A., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1949, LL.B., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1950; M.A., George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 1974; United States Army, 1944-1946; United States Army Reserve, 1947-1952; lawyer, private practice; Mount Olive, N.C., town attorney, 1961-1967; staff, United States Representative David Henderson of North Carolina, 1961-1976; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-December 31, 1986); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundredth Congress in 1986; consultant; died on October 27, 2002, in Durham, N.C.

**WHITLEY, James Lucius**, a Representative from New York; born in Rochester, N.Y., May 24, 1872; attended the public schools; was graduated from the Rochester Free Academy and from the law department of Union University, Albany, N.Y., in 1898; during the Spanish-American War served as a sergeant in the Seventh Battery, United States Volunteers; was admitted to the bar in 1899 and commenced practice in Rochester, N.Y.; served as assistant corporation counsel, city of Rochester, in 1900 and 1901; chief examiner of the Civil Service Commission 1902-1904; member of the State assembly 1905-1910; served in the State senate 1918-1928; delegate to the Republican State conventions for twen-

ty years; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first, Seventy-second, and Seventy-third Congresses (March 4, 1929-January 3, 1935); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1934 to the Seventy-fourth Congress; returned to the practice of law; died in Rochester, N.Y., May 17, 1959; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WHITMAN, Ezekiel**, a Representative from Massachusetts and from Maine; born in East Bridgewater, Mass., March 9, 1776; was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1795; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in New Gloucester, Maine (until 1820 a district of Massachusetts), 1799-1807 and in Portland, Maine, 1807-1852; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1806 to the Tenth Congress; elected as a Federalist from Massachusetts to the Eleventh Congress (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1811); member of the executive council in 1815 and 1816; elected to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1821); delegate to the convention in 1819 that framed the first State constitution of Maine; elected to the Seventeenth Congress from Maine and served from March 4, 1821, to June 1, 1822, when he resigned; judge of the court of common pleas of Maine 1822-1841; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1838 to the Twenty-sixth Congress; served as chief justice of the Massachusetts State Supreme Court 1841-1848; retired in 1852 and returned to East Bridgewater, Mass., where he died on August 1, 1866.

**WHITMAN, Lemuel**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Farmington, Conn., June 8, 1780; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Yale College in 1800; taught in a seminary in Bermuda in 1801; studied law and was graduated from the Litchfield Law School; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Farmington; appointed judge of the superior court in 1818; associate judge of the Hartford County Court 1819-1821, and chief judge 1821-1823; one of a committee of three to prepare a revision of the statutes of the State in 1821; member of the State senate in 1822; elected to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); resumed the practice of law; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1831 and 1832; died in Farmington, Conn., on November 13, 1841.

**WHITMORE, Elias**, a Representative from New York; born in Pembroke, N.H., March 2, 1772; completed preparatory studies; moved to New York and settled in Windsor; engaged in mercantile pursuits; elected to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); resumed his former business pursuits in Windsor, N.Y., until his death in that city December 26, 1853; interment in the Village Cemetery.

**WHITMORE, George Washington**, a Representative from Texas; born in McMinn County, Tenn., on August 26, 1824; attended the public schools; moved to Texas in 1848; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Tyler, Smith County, Tex.; member of the State house of representatives in 1852, 1853, and 1858; district attorney for the ninth judicial district in 1866; appointed register in bankruptcy in 1867; upon the readmission of Texas to representation was elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress and served from March 30, 1870, to March 3, 1871; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1870 to the Forty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Tyler, Tex., October 14, 1876; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**WHITNEY, Thomas Richard**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City May 2, 1807; pursued classical studies and engaged in newspaper work; member of the State assembly in 1854 and 1855; elected as the

candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); died in New York City April 12, 1858; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**WHITTAKER, Robert Russell**, a Representative from Kansas; born in Eureka, Greenwood County, Kans., September 18, 1939; attended the Greenwood County public schools; attended Kansas University, 1957-1959; Emporia State College, summer, 1959; O.D., Illinois College of Optometry, 1962; optometrist; clinic director, Kansas Low Vision Clinic, 1973; Kansas house of representatives, 1974-1977; precinct committeeman and city planning commission, 1970-1974; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-sixth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1991); was not a candidate for renomination in 1990 to the One Hundred Second Congress; is a resident of Augusta, Kans.

**WHITTEMORE, Benjamin Franklin**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Malden, Middlesex County, Mass., May 18, 1824; attended the public schools of Worcester, and received an academic education at Amherst; engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1859; studied theology and became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the New England Conference in 1859; during the Civil War served as chaplain of the Fifty-third Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and later with the Thirtieth Regiment, Veteran Volunteers; after the war settled in Darlington, S.C.; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1867; elected president of the Republican State executive board in 1867; founded the New Era in Darlington; member of the State senate in 1868; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1868; upon the readmission of South Carolina to representation was elected as a Republican to the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses and served from July 18, 1868, to February 24, 1870, when he resigned, pending the investigation of his conduct in connection with certain appointments to the United States Military and Naval Academies; censured by the House of Representatives on February 24, 1870, following his resignation; presented credentials of a second election to the same Congress on June 18, 1870, but the House declined to allow him to take his seat; again a member of the State senate in 1877; resigned from the State senate and returned to Massachusetts, settling in Woburn; became a publisher; died in Montvale, Mass., on January 25, 1894; interment in the Salem Street Cemetery, Woburn, Mass.

**WHITTEN, Jamie Lloyd**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Cascilla, Tallahatchie County, Miss., April 18, 1910; attended the public schools and the literary and law departments of the University of Mississippi at Oxford; was admitted to the bar in 1932 and commenced the practice at Charleston, Miss.; principal of the Cowart School in Tallahatchie County, Miss., in 1930 and 1931; member of the State house of representatives in 1931 and 1932; elected district attorney of the seventeenth district of Mississippi, 1933-1941; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-seventh Congress by special election, November 4, 1941, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wall Doxey; reelected to the twenty-six succeeding Congresses and served from November 4, 1941, to January 3, 1995; not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fourth Congress; cochairman, Joint Committee on Budget Control (Ninety-second and Ninety-third Congresses); chairman, Committee on Appropriations (Ninety-sixth through One Hundred Second Congresses); died in Oxford, Miss., on September 9, 1995.

**WHITTHORNE, Washington Curran**, a Representative and a Senator from Tennessee; born near Farmington, Mar-

shall County, Tenn., April 19, 1825; attended the common schools, an academy in Arrington, Williamson County, and Campbell Academy, Lebanon, Tenn.; graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1843; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1845 at Columbia, Maury County, Tenn.; served as auditor's clerk and in other local government positions until 1848, when he commenced the practice of law in Columbia, Tenn.; member, State senate 1855-1858; member, State house of representatives, and speaker in 1859; presidential elector on the Breckinridge and Lane ticket in 1860; during the Civil War served as assistant adjutant general in the provisional army of Tennessee in 1861 and in the Confederate service as adjutant general of the State 1861-1865; his political disabilities were removed by act of Congress in 1870; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Forty-fourth through Forty-sixth Congresses); appointed and subsequently elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Howell E. Jackson and served from April 16, 1886, to March 3, 1887; elected to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1891); died in Columbia, Tenn., September 21, 1891; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

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**WHITTINGTON, William Madison**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Little Springs, Franklin County, Miss., May 4, 1878; attended the public schools of Franklin County; was graduated from Mississippi College at Clinton in 1898 and from the law department of the University of Mississippi at Oxford in 1899; was admitted to the bar in 1899 and commenced practice in Roxie, Franklin County, Miss., January 1, 1901; in January 1904 moved to Greenwood, Miss., where he continued the practice of law and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the city council, Greenwood, Miss., from January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1911; member of the State senate from January 1, 1916, to January 1, 1920; reelected in 1923 for a four-year term and served from January 1 to August 16, 1924, when he resigned to accept the Democratic nomination for Representative in Congress; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1920, 1928, 1936, 1940, and 1948; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-ninth and to the twelve succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1925-January 3, 1951); chairman, Committee on Flood Control (Seventy-fifth through Seventy-ninth Congresses), Committee on Public Works (Eighty-first Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1950; resumed the practice of law; was a resident of Greenwood, Miss., until his death August 20, 1962; interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**WHITTLESEY, Elisha** (uncle of William Augustus Whittlesey and cousin of Frederick Whittlesey and Thomas Tucker Whittlesey), a Representative from Ohio; born in Washington, Conn., October 19, 1783; in early youth moved with his parents to Salisbury, Conn.; attended the common schools at Danbury; studied law in Danbury; was admitted to the bar of Fairfield County and practiced in Danbury and Fairfield County; also practiced in New Milford, Conn., in 1805; moved to Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1806; practiced law and taught school; prosecuting attorney of Mahoning County; served as military and private secretary to Gen. William Henry Harrison and as brigade major in the Army of the Northwest in the War of 1812; member of the State house of representatives in 1820 and 1821;

elected to the Eighteenth through Twenty-second Congresses, elected as an Anti-Masonic candidate to the Twenty-third Congress, and elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses and served from March 4, 1823, to July 9, 1838, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Claims (Twenty-first through Twenty-fifth Congresses); Sixth Auditor of the Treasury from March 18, 1841, until December 18, 1843, when he resigned and resumed the practice of law in Canfield; appointed general agent of the Washington Monument Association in 1847; appointed by President Taylor as First Comptroller of the Treasury and served from May 31, 1849, to March 26, 1857, when he was removed by President Buchanan; was reappointed by President Lincoln April 10, 1861, and served until his death in Washington, D.C., January 7, 1863; interment in the Canfield Village Cemetery, Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio.

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**WHITTLESEY, Frederick** (cousin of Elisha Whittlesey and Thomas Tucker Whittlesey), a Representative from New York; born in New Preston, Conn., June 12, 1799; pursued academic studies; was graduated from Yale College in 1818; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Utica, N.Y., in 1821 and commenced practice in Cooperstown, N.Y., early in 1822; later in the year moved to Rochester, N.Y.; treasurer of Monroe County in 1829 and 1830; elected as an Anti-Masonic candidate to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1835); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of War (Twenty-third Congress); resumed the practice of law; city attorney of Rochester in 1838; vice chancellor of the eighth judicial district of New York 1839-1847; justice of the State supreme court in 1847 and 1848; professor of law at Genesee College in 1850 and 1851; died in Rochester, N.Y., September 19, 1851; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WHITTLESEY, Thomas Tucker** (cousin of Elisha Whittlesey and Frederick Whittlesey), a Representative from Connecticut; born in Danbury, Conn., December 8, 1798; attended the public schools and was graduated from Yale College in 1817; attended Litchfield Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1818 and commenced practice in Danbury, Conn.; served as probate judge; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Zalmon Wildman; reelected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress and served from April 29, 1836, to March 3, 1839; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1838 to the Twenty-sixth Congress; moved to Pheasant Branch, near Madison, Wis., in 1846; resumed the practice of law and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State senate in 1853 and 1854; died at Pheasant Branch, Dane County, Wis., August 20, 1868; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison, Wis.

**WHITTLESEY, William Augustus** (nephew of Elisha Whittlesey), a Representative from Ohio; born in Danbury, Conn., July 14, 1796; attended the common schools and was graduated from Yale College in 1816; taught school; moved to Canfield, Ohio, in 1818; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1821 and commenced practice in Canfield; moved to Marietta, Ohio, in 1821; auditor of Washington County 1825-1837; member of the State house of representatives in 1839 and 1840; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); did not seek renomination in 1850; resumed the practice of law; mayor of Marietta in 1856, 1860, and 1862; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he had gone for medical treatment, on November 6, 1866; interment in Mound Cemetery, Marietta, Ohio.

**WHYTE, William Pinkney**, a Senator from Maryland; born in Baltimore, Md., August 9, 1824; was instructed by a private teacher and attended Baltimore College; engaged in banking in Baltimore 1842-1844; studied law in Baltimore and attended the law school of Harvard University in 1844 and 1845; admitted to the bar in 1846 and practiced in Baltimore; member, State house of delegates 1847-1848; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1850 to the Thirty-second Congress; comptroller of the treasury of Maryland 1853-1855; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Reverdy Johnson and served from July 13, 1868, to March 3, 1869; was not a candidate for renomination in 1868; Governor of Maryland 1872-1874, when he resigned having been elected Senator; counsel for Maryland before the arbitration board in the boundary dispute between Virginia and Maryland in 1874; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1880; chairman, Committee on Printing (Forty-sixth Congress); mayor of Baltimore 1881-1882; attorney general of Maryland 1887-1891; Baltimore city solicitor 1900-1903; appointed and subsequently elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Arthur Pue Gorman and served from June 8, 1906, until his death in Baltimore, Md., March 17, 1908; interment in Greenmount Cemetery.

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**WICK, William Watson**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Canonsburg, Washington County, Pa., February 23, 1796; moved with his parents to Western Reserve in 1800; completed preparatory studies; moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1816; taught school; studied medicine until 1818 and then law; was admitted to the bar in Franklin, Johnson County, Ind., in 1819 and commenced practice in Connersville, Fayette County, Ind., in 1820; clerk of the State house of representatives 1820; assistant clerk of the State senate 1821; president judge of the fifth judicial State circuit 1822-1825; secretary of state 1825-1829; prosecuting attorney of the fifth judicial circuit 1829-1831; again president judge 1834-1837; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1841); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1840 to the Twenty-seventh Congress; resumed the practice of law in Indianapolis; elected to the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Congresses (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1849); was not a candidate for renomination; president judge for a third time, serving from 1850 to 1853; postmaster of Indianapolis, Ind., from April 9, 1853, to April 6, 1857; adjutant general in the State militia; moved to Franklin, Ind., in 1857, where he continued the practice of law, and died there May 19, 1868; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery.

**WICKER, Roger F.**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Pontotoc, Pontotoc County, Miss., July 5, 1951; graduated Pontotoc High School, Pontotoc, Miss., 1969; B.A., University of Mississippi, University, Miss., 1973; J.D., University of Mississippi, University, Miss., 1975; Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps; United States Air Force, 1976-1980; United States Air Force Reserve, 1980-present; staff for United States Representative Trent Lott of Mississippi, House Committee on Rules, 1980-1982; Tupelo, Miss., judge pro tem; Lee County, Miss., public defender, 1984-1987; member of the Mississippi state senate, 1988-1994; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1995-present).

**WICKERSHAM, James**, a Delegate from the Territory of Alaska; born in Patoka, Marion County, Ill., August 24,

1857; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and commenced practice in Springfield, Sangamon County, Ill.; served in the Governor's guards, Springfield Militia; moved to Washington Territory in 1883; probate judge of Pierce County, Wash., 1884-1888; city attorney of Tacoma, Wash., in 1894; member of the State house of representatives in 1898; moved to Eagle, Alaska, when appointed United States district judge for the Territory of Alaska in 1900; moved to Nome in 1901, to Valdez in 1902, and to Fairbanks in 1903; served as district judge until January 1908, when he resigned to run for Congress; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1917); successfully contested the election of Charles A. Sulzer to the Sixty-fifth Congress and served from January 7 to March 3, 1919; successfully contested the election of Charles A. Sulzer to the Sixty-sixth Congress and served from March 1, to March 3, 1921, succeeding George B. Grigsby, who had qualified on credentials of a special election held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Sulzer, which occurred while the contest was pending; was not a candidate for renomination in 1920; moved to Juneau, Alaska, in 1921 and resumed the practice of law; elected to the Seventy-second Congress (March 4, 1931-March 3, 1933); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; continued the practice of law in Juneau, Alaska; writer on ethnological and historical subjects; editor of Alaska Territory Law Reports, and of Old Yukon and Alaskan literature; died in Juneau, Alaska, October 24, 1939; remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in Old Tacoma Cemetery, Tacoma, Wash.

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**WICKERSHAM, Victor Eugene**, a Representative from Oklahoma; born on a farm near Lone Rock, Baxter County, Ark., February 9, 1906; moved to Mangum, Greer County, Okla., with his parents in 1915; educated in the public schools of Oklahoma; employed in the office of the county clerk of Greer County, Okla., 1924-1926; court clerk of Greer County 1926-1935; served as chief clerk of the board of affairs of the State of Oklahoma in 1935 and 1936; engaged as a building contractor in Oklahoma City in 1937 and 1938 and in the life insurance business 1938-1941; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sam C. Massingale; reelected to the Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth Congresses and served from April 1, 1941, to January 3, 1947; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1946; elected to the Eighty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1957); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1956 and for the Democratic nomination in 1958; elected to the Eighty-seventh and to the Eighty-eighth Congresses (January 3, 1961-January 3, 1965); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; real estate, insurance, and investment broker; member, Oklahoma State legislature, January 3, 1971-January 3, 1979, and again from February 9, 1988, until his death in Oklahoma City, Okla., on March 15, 1988; was a resident of Mangum, Okla.

**WICKES, Eliphalet**, a Representative from New York; born in Huntington, Long Island, N.Y., April 1, 1769; during the Revolution was employed as an express rider; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y.; elected as a Republican to the Ninth Congress (March 4, 1805-March 3, 1807); appointed July 1, 1797, the first postmaster of Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y., and served until April 1, 1806; reappointed January

1, 1807, and served until April 27, 1835; district attorney of Queens County 1818-1821; master in chancery; died in Troy, N.Y., on June 7, 1850; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**WICKHAM, Charles Preston**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, September 15, 1836; attended the public schools and the Norwalk Academy; learned the printer's trade; was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School; admitted to the bar in 1858 and practiced in Norwalk, Ohio; enlisted as a private in Company D, Fifty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, in September 1861 and was mustered out of the service July 11, 1865; was commissioned lieutenant colonel by brevet; resumed the practice of law in Norwalk in 1865; prosecuting attorney 1866-1870; elected judge of the court of common pleas of the fourth judicial district in 1880 and 1885; resigned in 1886; elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1891); chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures (Fifty-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination; resumed the practice of law; died in Norwalk, Ohio, March 18, 1925; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**WICKLIFFE, Charles Anderson** (grandfather of Robert Charles Wickliffe and John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham), a Representative from Kentucky; born near Springfield, Washington County, Ky., June 8, 1788; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1809 and commenced practice in Bardstown; served in the War of 1812; was aide to General Winlock; member of the State house of representatives in 1812 and 1813; again entered the Army as aide to General Caldwell; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1822, 1823, and 1833-1835, and served as speaker in 1834; elected to the Eighteenth Congress; reelected to the Nineteenth Congress and reelected as a Jacksonian to the Twentieth through Twenty-second Congresses (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1833); chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-first and Twenty-second Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination; one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1830 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against James H. Peck, United States judge for the district of Missouri; Lieutenant Governor in 1836; became Governor upon the death of Governor Clark and served from October 5, 1839, to September 1840; Postmaster General from October 13, 1841, to March 6, 1845; sent on a secret mission by President Polk to the Republic of Texas in 1845; member of the State constitutional convention in 1849; member of the peace conference held at Washington, D.C., in 1861 in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; elected as a Unionist to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); did not seek renomination; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1863; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1864; died near Ilchester, Md., October 31, 1869; interment in Bardstown Cemetery, Bardstown, Ky.

**WICKLIFFE, Robert Charles** (grandson of Charles Anderson Wickliffe and cousin of John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham), a Representative from Louisiana; born in Bardstown, Ky., May 1, 1874, while his parents were on a visit to relatives in that State; attended the public schools of St. Francisville, La.; was graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1895 and from the law department of Tulane University, New Orleans, La., in 1897; was admitted to the bar in 1898 and commenced practice in St. Francisville, La.; member of the State constitutional convention in 1898; enlisted as a private in Company E, First

Regiment, Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American War; was mustered out of the service in October 1898; returned to West Feliciana Parish; district attorney of the twenty-fourth judicial district of Louisiana 1902-1906; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congresses and served from March 4, 1909, until June 11, 1912, when he was killed while crossing a railroad bridge in Washington, D.C.; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Ky.

**WIDGERY, William**, a Representative from Massachusetts; probably born in Devonshire, England, about 1753; immigrated to America with his parents, who settled in Philadelphia; attended the common schools; engaged in shipbuilding; served in the Revolutionary War as a lieutenant on a privateer; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Portland, Maine (until 1820 a district of Massachusetts), about 1790; member of the Massachusetts house of representatives 1787-1793 and 1795-1797; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1788; served in the State senate in 1794; member of the executive council in 1806 and 1807; elected as a Republican to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); unsuccessful for reelection in 1812 to the Thirteenth Congress; judge of the court of common pleas 1813-1821; died in Portland, Maine, July 31, 1822; interment in the Eastern Cemetery.

**WIDNALL, William Beck**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Hackensack, Bergen County, N.J., March 17, 1906; attended the public schools; Brown University, Providence, R.I., Ph.B., 1926 and from the New Jersey Law School (now part of Rutgers University), LL.B., 1931; was admitted to the bar in 1932 and commenced the practice of law in Hackensack, N.J.; member of the State house of assembly 1946-1950; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1968; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-first Congress, by special election, February 6, 1950, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. Parnell Thomas; reelected to the twelve succeeding Congresses and served from February 6, 1950, until his resignation December 31, 1974; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1974 to the Ninety-fourth Congress; chairperson of the National Commission on Electronic Fund Transfers from November 1975 to 1981; was a resident of Ridgewood, N.J., until his death there December 28, 1983; interment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, N.Y.

**WIER, Roy William**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Redfield, Spink County, S.Dak., February 25, 1888; moved with his parents in 1896 to Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minn.; attended the public schools and North High School; learned the telephone and electrical trade, later going into theatrical stage-lighting work; during the First World War served in the United States Army for eighteen months, with overseas service; in 1920 became active in the trade-union movement in Minneapolis and had been officially a representative of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Minneapolis; member of the State house of representatives 1933-1939; member of the Minneapolis Board of Education 1939-1948 and the board of directors of Hennepin County Red Cross; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1961); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1960 to the Eighty-seventh Congress; was a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., until May 1962, when he moved to Edmonds, Wash.; died in Seattle, Wash., June 27, 1963; remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in the columbarium of Evergreen Washelli Cemetery.

**WIGFALL, Louis Trezevant**, a Senator from Texas; was born near Edgefield, Edgefield District, S.C., April 21, 1816;

pursued classical studies; attended the University of Virginia and graduated from South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) at Columbia in 1837; served as a lieutenant of Volunteers in the Seminole War in Florida in 1835; attended the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; admitted to the bar in 1839 and commenced practice in Edgefield, S.C.; moved to Marshall, Tex., in 1848; member, State house of representatives 1849-1850; member, State senate 1857-1860; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. Pinckney Henderson and served from December 5, 1859, until March 23, 1861, when he withdrew; expelled from the Senate in 1861 for support of the rebellion; served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; represented the State of Texas in the Confederate Congress; after the war moved to London, England; returned to the United States in 1873 and settled in Baltimore, Md.; died in Galveston, Tex., February 18, 1874; interment in the Episcopal Cemetery.

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**WIGGINS, Charles Edward**, a Representative from California; born in El Monte, Los Angeles County, Calif., December 3, 1927; attended the public schools in El Monte, Calif.; B.S., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1953; LL.B., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1956; United States Army, 1945-1948 and 1950-1952; lawyer, private practice; member, El Monte Planning Commission, El Monte, Calif., 1954-1960; councilman, El Monte, Calif., 1960-1964; mayor of El Monte, Calif., 1964-1966; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1979); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978; judge, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, October 11, 1984-March 2, 2000; died on March 2, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nev.; interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Va.

**WIGGINTON, Peter Dinwiddie**, a Representative from California; born in Springfield, Sangamon County, Ill., September 6, 1839; moved to Wisconsin with his parents in 1843; completed preparatory studies and attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and practiced; editor of the *Dodgeville* (Wis.) *Advocate*; moved to Snelling, Merced County, Calif., in 1862, and continued the practice of law; district attorney of Merced County 1864-1868; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); successfully contested the election of Romualdo Pacheco to the Forty-fifth Congress (February 7, 1878-March 3, 1879); settled in San Francisco in 1880 and resumed the practice of law; nominated by the American Party as candidate for Vice President in 1888 in place of James R. Geer; died in Oakland, Calif., July 7, 1890; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

**WIGGLESWORTH, Richard Bowditch**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., April 25, 1891; was graduated from Milton Academy, Milton, Mass., in 1908, from Harvard University in 1912, and from the law department of the same university in 1916; assistant private secretary to the Governor General of the Philippine Islands in 1913; admitted to the bar in 1916 and commenced practice in Boston, Mass.; during the First World War served overseas as captain, Battery E, and as commanding officer, First Battalion, Three Hundred and Third Field Ar-

tillery, Seventy-sixth Division, 1917-1919; legal adviser to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of foreign loans and railway payments, and secretary of the World War Debt Commission 1922-1924; assistant to the agent general for reparation payments, Berlin, Germany, 1924-1927; general counsel and Paris representative for organizations created under the Dawes plan in 1927 and 1928; elected as a Republican to the Seventieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Louis A. Frothingham; re-elected to the Seventy-first and to the fourteen succeeding Congresses and served from November 6, 1928, until his resignation November 13, 1958; was not a candidate for renomination in 1958; United States Ambassador to Canada from January 28, 1959, until his death in Boston, Mass., October 22, 1960; interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

**WIKE, Scott**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Meadville, Pa., April 6, 1834; moved with his parents to Quincy, Ill., in 1838 and to Pike County in 1844; was graduated from Lombard University, in Galesburg, in 1857; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1858; was graduated from Harvard Law School in 1859 and commenced practice the same year in Pittsfield, Pike County, Ill.; member of the State house of representatives 1863-1867; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; elected to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1892; appointed an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury during the second administration of President Cleveland and served from July 1, 1893, to May 4, 1897; resumed the practice of law in Pittsfield, Ill.; died near Barry, Pike County, Ill., January 15, 1901.

**WILBER, David** (father of David Forrest Wilber), a Representative from New York; born near Quaker Street, Schenectady County, N.Y., October 5, 1820; moved with his parents to Milford, Otsego County, N.Y.; attended the common schools; engaged in the lumbering trade, hop business, and agricultural pursuits; member of the board of supervisors of Otsego County in 1858, 1859, 1862, 1865, and 1866; director of the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad; director of the Second National Bank of Cooperstown, N.Y.; president of the Wilber National Bank of Oneonta 1874-1890; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); was not a candidate for renomination in 1874; elected to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); was not a candidate for renomination in 1880; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1880 and 1888; moved to Oneonta, N.Y., in 1886; again elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth Congress; reelected to the Fifty-first Congress, but owing to ill health took the oath of office at his home and never attended a session; served from March 4, 1887, until his death in Oneonta, Otsego County, N.Y., April 1, 1890; interment in Glenwood Cemetery.

**WILBER, David Forrest** (son of David Wilber), a Representative from New York; born in Milford, Otsego County, N.Y., December 7, 1859; attended the public schools; was graduated from Cazenovia (N.Y.) Seminary in 1879; engaged in the hop business at Milford in 1879 and at Oneonta, N.Y., in 1880; also interested in the real estate business, agricultural pursuits, and stock breeding; twice represented Oneonta on the board of supervisors; vice president and director on the Wilber National Bank of Oneonta 1883-1896; trustee of the Cazenovia Seminary; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses (March 4,



1895-March 3, 1899); was not a candidate for renomination in 1898; served as United States consul to Barbados 1903-1905; served as consul general to Singapore 1905-1907, Halifax 1907-1909, Kobe 1909-1910, Vancouver 1910-1913, Zurich 1913-1915, Genoa 1915-1921, and Auckland and Wellington 1922-1923; retired in June 1923 and returned to Oneonta, N.Y., to care for his business interests; member of the Republican State committee 1924-1927; died at his summer camp at Upper Dam, Oxford County, Maine, August 14, 1928; interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Oneonta, N.Y.

**WILBOUR, Isaac**, a Representative from Rhode Island; born in Little Compton, R.I., April 25, 1763; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1793 and practiced; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; held various local offices from 1793 to 1800; member of the State house of representatives in 1805 and 1806 and served as speaker the last year; Lieutenant Governor in 1806 and 1807 and Acting Governor in 1806; elected as a Republican to the Tenth Congress (March 4, 1807-March 3, 1809); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1808 to the Eleventh Congress and for election in 1812 to the Thirteenth Congress; in 1807 received a commission from Governor Fenner, appointing him as his successor to the United States Senate for the remainder of the term ending March 3, 1811, which he declined; again Lieutenant Governor in 1810 and 1811; associate justice of the supreme court of Rhode Island in 1818 and chief justice from 1819 to 1827, when he resigned; died in Little Compton, R.I., on October 4, 1837; interment in the Seaconnet Cemetery.

**WILCOX, James Mark**, a Representative from Florida; born in Willacoochee, Atkinson County, Ga., May 21, 1890; attended the public schools and Emory College, Atlanta, Ga.; was graduated from the law department of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in 1910; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Hazelhurst, Ga.; solicitor of Jeff Davis County, Ga., 1911-1918; moved to Brunswick, Ga., in 1919 and to West Palm Beach, Fla., in 1925, continuing the practice of law; city attorney of West Palm Beach 1928-1933; a member of the taxation committee of President Hoover's Conference on Home Ownership in 1931; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third, Seventy-fourth, and Seventy-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1939); was not a candidate for renomination in 1938, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator; resumed the practice of law in Miami, Fla.; attorney general for the Dade County Port Authority from 1945 until his death at his farm near White Springs, Fla., February 3, 1956; interment in Woodlawn Park Cemetery, Miami, Fla.

**WILCOX, Jeduthun** (father of Leonard Wilcox), a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Middletown, Conn., November 18, 1768; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1802 and commenced practice in Orford, N.H.; member of the State house of representatives 1809-1811; elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); died in Orford, Grafton County, N.H., July 18, 1838; interment in Orford Cemetery.

**WILCOX, John A.**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Greene County, N.C., April 18, 1819; moved to Tennessee; attended the common schools; moved to Mississippi and settled in Aberdeen; secretary of the State senate; served in the Mexican War as lieutenant, adjutant, and lieutenant colonel; elected as a Unionist to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); unsuccessful can-

didate for reelection in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; moved to Texas in 1853; member of the Confederate Congress; died in Richmond, Va., February 7, 1864; interment in Hollywood Cemetery.

**WILCOX, Leonard** (son of Jeduthun Wilcox), a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Hanover, N.H., January 29, 1799; graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1817; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1820 and commenced practice in Orford, Grafton County, N.H.; member, State house of representatives 1828-1834; judge of the superior court 1838-1840; bank commissioner 1838-1842; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Franklin Pierce; subsequently elected and served from March 1, 1842, to March 3, 1843; resumed the practice of law; judge of the court of common pleas of New Hampshire 1847-1848; again appointed judge of the superior court in 1848, and served until his death in Orford, N.H., June 18, 1850; interment in the West Congregational Churchyard.

**WILCOX, Robert William**, a Delegate from the Territory of Hawaii; born in Kahalu, Honuaula, island of Maui, Hawaiian Islands, February 15, 1855; attended the Haleakala Boarding School, Makawao, island of Maui; taught school at Honuaula for several years; elected to the legislature as a representative from Wailukua, island of Maui, in 1880; later pursued an academic course in the Royal Military Academy, Turin, Italy, 1881-1885 and became a sublieutenant of artillery; entered the Royal Application School for Engineer and Artillery Officers in Turin in 1885; recalled by the Hawaiian Government in 1887; moved to San Francisco, Calif., in 1887 and engaged in the surveying business; returned to Hawaii in 1889 and became leader of the revolution of 1889; tried for treason but acquitted by a Hawaiian jury; elected to the legislature as a representative from Honolulu in 1890 and from Koolauloa, island of Oahu, in 1892; again a revolutionary leader in 1895 in an effort to restore Liliuokalani to the throne; was court-martialed and sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to thirty-five years; pardoned by President Dole in 1898; elected the first Delegate from Hawaii to the Fifty-sixth Congress; re-elected to the Fifty-seventh Congress and served from November 6, 1900, to March 3, 1903; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1902 to the Fifty-eighth Congress; died in Honolulu, Hawaii, October 23, 1903; interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

**WILDE, Richard Henry**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Dublin, Ireland, September 24, 1789; immigrated to the United States in 1797 with his parents, who settled in Baltimore, Md.; received a limited schooling; moved to Augusta, Ga., in 1802; engaged in mercantile pursuits; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1809 and commenced practice in Augusta; solicitor general of the superior court of Richmond County and by virtue of this office attorney general of Georgia 1811-1813; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth Congress (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1817); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1816 to the Fifteenth Congress; elected to the Eighteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas W. Cobb and served from February 7 to March 3, 1825; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1824 to the Nineteenth Congress and for election in 1826 to the Twentieth Congress; subsequently elected to the Twentieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Forsyth; re-elected to the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third Congresses and served from November 17, 1827, to March 3, 1835; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1834 to the Twenty-

fourth Congress; engaged in literary pursuits while traveling in Europe 1835-1840; moved to New Orleans in 1843 and continued the practice of law; professor of constitutional law in the University of Louisiana at New Orleans; died in New Orleans, La., September 10, 1847; interment in a vault in a cemetery in New Orleans; reinterred at Sand Hill family burying ground near Augusta, Ga., in 1854 and again in 1886 in the City Cemetery, Augusta, Ga.

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**WILDER, Abel Carter**, a Representative from Kansas; born in Mendon, Worcester County, Mass., March 18, 1828; completed preparatory studies; engaged in mercantile pursuits; moved to Rochester, N.Y., and continued mercantile pursuits; moved to Leavenworth, Kans., in 1857 and again engaged in mercantile pursuits; delegate to the Osawatomie convention in 1859; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1860 and elected its chairman; served as a captain in the Kansas brigade for one year in the Civil War; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1865); delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1864, 1868, and 1872; returned to Rochester, N.Y., in 1865 and published the *Morning and Evening Express* until 1868, when he retired from active business pursuits; elected mayor of Rochester in 1872, but resigned in 1873; died in San Francisco, Calif., December 22, 1875, while there for his health; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, N.Y.

**WILDER, William Henry**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Belfast, Waldo County, Maine, May 14, 1855; moved with his parents to Massachusetts in 1866; attended the common schools; engaged in the mercantile and manufacturing business at Gardner, Mass.; president of the Wilder Industries (Inc.); studied law; admitted to the bar in 1900; was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1909; studied the monetary systems in Europe in 1909 and wrote many articles and pamphlets on monetary questions; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses and served from March 4, 1911, until his death in Washington, D.C., September 11, 1913; interment in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Gardner, Worcester County, Mass.

**WILDMAN, Zalmon**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Danbury, Fairfield County, Conn., February 16, 1775; completed preparatory studies; manufacturer of hats; established the first hat stores in Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., in 1802; first president of Danbury National Bank 1824-1826; member of the State house of representatives in 1818 and 1819; appointed postmaster of Danbury, Conn., and served from April 9, 1805, to May 26, 1835; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1835, until his death in Washington, D.C., December 10, 1835; interment in Wooster Cemetery, Danbury, Conn.

**WILDRICK, Isaac**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Marksboro, Warren County, N.J., March 3, 1803; attended the common schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits near Blairstown, Warren County, N.J.; constable from 1827 to 1832; coroner 1829-1831; justice of the peace 1834-1839; judge in 1839; sheriff 1839-1841; director of the county poorhouse 1842-1848; member freeholder 1845-1848; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1853); was not a candidate for renomination in 1852; resumed agricultural pursuits; again a freeholder 1856-1859; member of the State assembly 1882-1885; died in Blairstown, N.J., March 22, 1892; interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Marksboro, N.J.

**WILEY, Alexander**, a Senator from Wisconsin; born in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa County, Wis., May 26, 1884; attended the public schools, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn., and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; graduated from the law department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1907; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Chippewa Falls, Wis.; district attorney of Chippewa County 1909-1915; unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor in 1936; engaged in agricultural pursuits and banking; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1938; reelected in 1944, 1950 and 1956 and served from January 3, 1939, to January 3, 1963; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1962; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Eightieth Congress), Committee on Foreign Relations (Eighty-third Congress), resided in Washington, D.C., until a few days before his death, May 26, 1967, at High Oaks Christian Science Church Sanitarium in Germantown, Pa.; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

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**WILEY, Ariosto Appling** (brother of Oliver Cicero Wiley), a Representative from Alabama; born in Clayton, Barbour County, Ala., November 6, 1848; moved with his parents to Troy, Pike County, Ala.; attended the common schools and was graduated from Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., in 1870; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1871 and commenced practice in Clayton, Ala.; moved to Montgomery, Ala., the same year and continued the practice of law; was captain of a Cavalry troop of the Alabama National Guard and later a lieutenant colonel commanding the Second Regiment of Infantry of the Alabama National Guard; member of the State house of representatives in 1884, 1885, 1888, 1889, 1896, and 1897; served in the State senate 1890-1893, 1898, and 1899; appointed by President McKinley on June 9, 1898, lieutenant colonel of the Fifth Regiment, United States Volunteer Infantry, and served during the Spanish-American War; legal adviser and chief of staff to Gen. Henry W. Lawton in Santiago, Cuba, and assisted Gen. Leonard Wood in the establishment of civil government in the eastern Province; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1901, until his death at Hot Springs, Bath County, Va., June 17, 1908; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery, Ala.

**WILEY, James Sullivan**, a Representative from Maine; born in Mercer, Somerset County, Maine, January 22, 1808; moved to Bethel, Oxford County, Maine, in 1826; attended Gould's Academy and was graduated from Colby College, Waterville, Maine, in 1836; moved to Dover, Maine, and was an instructor in Foxcroft Academy; studied law; was admitted to the Piscataquis County bar in 1839 and commenced practice in Dover; elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth Congress (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1849); resumed the practice of law in Dover; moved to Fryeburg, Maine, in 1889 and continued the practice of law until his death in that city on December 21, 1891; interment in Smart Hill Cemetery.

**WILEY, John McClure**, a Representative from New York; born in Londonderry, Ireland, August 11, 1846; immigrated to the United States in 1850 with his parents, who settled in Erie County, N.Y.; attended the common schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits and the real estate business

in Colden, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1871 and 1872; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1884, 1888, and 1892; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first Congress (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1891); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1890; appointed on April 24, 1893, by President Cleveland, consul at Bordeaux, France, and served until July 31, 1897; resided in Jacksonville, Fla., during the winter and in Colden, N.Y., during the summer months; died in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, August 13, 1912; interment in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.

**WILEY, Oliver Cicero** (brother of Ariosto Appling Wiley), a Representative from Alabama; born in Troy, Pike County, Ala., January 30, 1851; attended the common schools; member of the town council for five years; chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Pike County 1884-1886; member of the Democratic State executive committee in 1888; was president of the Alabama Midland Railway during its construction, from 1887 to 1892; president of the board of directors of the State normal college at Troy, Ala.; director of the Farmers & Merchants' National Bank at Troy; vice president and general manager of the Standard Chemical & Oil Co. at Troy; elected as a Democrat to the Sixtieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, Ariosto Appling Wiley, and served from November 3, 1908, to March 3, 1909; died in Troy, Ala., October 18, 1917; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**WILEY, William Halsted**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in New York City July 10, 1842; attended private schools; was graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1861; entered the Union Army in 1860 as a member of the Seventh New York Volunteers; was promoted to first lieutenant of Volunteers in 1862 and mustered out with the rank of brevet major in 1864 by the consolidation of his regiment; was graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., in 1866; attended the Columbia College School of Mines in 1868; engaged in civil engineering and also as a superintendent of a mine for several years; member of the township committee of East Orange, N.J., 1886-1888, and president one year; in 1897 was president of one of the juries at the International Exposition in Brussels and a member of the superior jury; appointed by the Governor of New Jersey a member of the commission for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo., in 1904; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1907); was an unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1906; elected to the Sixty-first Congress (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1911); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; a publisher in New York City, with residence in East Orange, N.J.; during the First World War served as the representative of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on the National Preparedness Committee and became its chairman; died in East Orange, N.J., May 2, 1925; interment in Rosedale Cemetery.

**WILFLEY, Xenophon Pierce**, a Senator from Missouri; born near Mexico, Audrain County, Mo., March 18, 1871; attended the country schools; graduated from Clarksburg College in 1891 and from Central College, at Fayette, in 1894; taught in Central College one year and in Sedalia High School for three years; graduated from the Washington University Law School at St. Louis, Mo., in 1899 and commenced practice in that city; chairman of the board of election commissioners of St. Louis 1917-1918; appointed on April 30, 1918, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William J. Stone

and served from April 30, to November 5, 1918, when a successor was elected; unsuccessful candidate for the nomination to fill the vacancy in 1918; chairman, Committee on Industrial Expositions (Sixty-fifth Congress); resumed the practice of his profession; president of the Missouri Bar Association in 1925; died in St. Louis, Mo., May 4, 1931; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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**WILKIN, James Whitney** (father of Samuel Jones Wilkin), a Representative from New York; born in Wallkill, Orange (now Ulster) County, N.Y., in 1762; served in the Revolutionary War; was graduated from Princeton College in 1785; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1788 and began practice in Goshen, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1800; entered the State militia and rose through successive grades to the rank of major general; served in the State senate 1801-1804 and 1811-1814; member of the State assembly in 1808 and 1809, and served as speaker in the latter year; member of the council of appointment in 1802, 1811, and 1813; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jonathan Fisk; reelected to the Fifteenth Congress and served from June 7, 1815, to March 3, 1819; unsuccessful candidate for United States Senator in 1815; county clerk of Orange County 1819-1821; county treasurer for several years; died in Goshen, N.Y., February 23, 1845; interment in Slate Hill Cemetery.

**WILKIN, Samuel Jones** (son of James Whitney Wilkin), a Representative from New York; born in Goshen, Orange County, N.Y., December 17, 1793; was graduated from Princeton College in 1812; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1815 and began practice in Goshen; member of the State assembly in 1824 and 1825; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833); unsuccessful Whig candidate for election in 1844 as Lieutenant Governor of New York; member of the State senate in 1848 and 1849; canal appraiser in 1850; died in Goshen, N.Y., March 11, 1866; interment in Slate Hill Cemetery.

**WILKINS, Beriah**, a Representative from Ohio; born near Richwood, Union County, Ohio, July 10, 1846; attended the common schools of Marysville, Ohio; enlisted as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 2, 1864, and served until honorably discharged August 31, 1864; engaged in banking in Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio; member of the State senate 1880 and 1881; member of the Democratic State central committee in 1882; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1889); chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Fiftieth Congress); settled in Washington, D.C.; became majority owner and publisher of the Washington Post in 1889, and later, in 1894, acquired the entire stock ownership of the paper, serving as editor until his death in Washington, D.C., June 7, 1905; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

**WILKINS, William**, a Senator and a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Carlisle, Pa., December 20, 1779; attended Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1801 and commenced practice in Pittsburgh, Pa.; assisted in organizing the Pittsburgh Manufacturing Co. in 1810; first president of the Bank of Pittsburgh; president of the common council 1816-1819; member, State

house of representatives 1820; appointed judge of the fifth judicial district of Pennsylvania 1821-1824; judge of the United States District Court for western Pennsylvania 1824-1831; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1826 to the Twentieth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-first Congress, but resigned before qualifying; elected as a Jacksonian to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1831, to June 30, 1834, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Twenty-second Congress), Committee on Foreign Relations (Twenty-third Congress); appointed United States Minister to Russia 1834-1835; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Twenty-seventh Congress in 1840; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress and served from March 4, 1843, to February 14, 1844, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Twenty-eighth Congress); appointed Secretary of War by President John Tyler 1844-1845; member, State senate 1855-1857; major general of the Pennsylvania Home Guards in 1862; died in 'Homewood,' near Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pa., June 23, 1865; interment in Homewood Cemetery, Wilkesburg, Pa., a town named for him.

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**WILKINSON, Morton Smith**, a Senator and a Representative from Minnesota; born in Skaneateles, Onondaga County, N.Y., January 22, 1819; attended the common schools; moved to Illinois in 1837 and was employed in railroad work two years; returned to Skaneateles in 1840; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1842 and commenced practice in Eaton Rapids, Mich., in 1843; moved to Stillwater, Washington County, Minn., in 1847; elected to the first legislature of Minnesota Territory in 1849; register of deeds of Ramsey County 1851-1853; moved to Mankato in 1858; member of the board of commissioners to prepare a code of laws for the Territory of Minnesota in 1858; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1859, to March 3, 1865; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Thirty-eighth Congress); elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1871); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1870; moved to Wells, Faribault County; member of the State senate 1874-1877; prosecuting attorney of Faribault County 1880-1884; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Wells, Minn., February 4, 1894; interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minn.

**WILKINSON, Theodore Stark**, a Representative from Louisiana; born on Point Celeste plantation in Plaquemines Parish, near New Orleans, La., December 18, 1847; educated by private tutors and attended the common schools; was graduated from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., in 1870; engaged in sugar planting in 1870; member of the school board of Plaquemines Parish; member and president of the board of levee commissioners for the third levee district; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1891); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1890; chairman of the Louisiana antilottery convention in 1892; collector of the port of New Orleans 1893-1898; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1898; again engaged in sugar planting; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1912; died in New Orleans, La., on February 1, 1921; interment in Metairie Cemetery.

**WILLARD, Charles Wesley**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Lyndon, Caledonia County, Vt., June 18,

1827; was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1851; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Montpelier in 1853; secretary of state of Vermont 1855 and 1856; declined a reelection; member of the State senate 1860 and 1861; became editor and publisher of the Montpelier Freeman in 1861; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first, Forty-second, and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1875); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law in Montpelier; member of the commission to revise the laws of Vermont in 1879 and 1880; died in Montpelier, Vt., on June 8, 1880; interment in Green Mount Cemetery.

**WILLARD, George**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Bolton, Vt., March 20, 1824; attended school and received instruction from his father; moved with his parents to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1836; was graduated from Kalamazoo (Mich.) College in 1844; taught school and also studied theology, and was ordained a minister of the Episcopal Church in 1848; rector of churches in Coldwater, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo, Mich., until 1863; professor of Latin in Kalamazoo (Mich.) College in 1863 and 1864; engaged in newspaper work in Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Mich.; member of the Michigan State Board of Education 1857-1863; regent of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor 1863-1872; member of the State house of representatives in 1866 and 1867; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1872; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1877); was not a candidate for renomination in 1876; resumed newspaper work in Battle Creek, Mich.; editor and owner of the Battle Creek Journal until his death in Battle Creek, Mich., March 26, 1901; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**WILLCOX, Washington Frederick**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Killingworth, Middlesex County, Conn., August 22, 1834; prepared for college at a private school, Madison Academy, and Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven; was graduated from Yale Law School in 1862; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Deep River, Middlesex County, Conn.; member of the State house of representatives in 1862 and 1863; served in the State senate in 1875 and 1876; State's attorney 1875-1883; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1893); was not a candidate for renomination in 1892; resumed the practice of law in Deep River, Conn., and also engaged in banking; State railroad commissioner 1897-1905; died at his home in Chester, Conn., March 8, 1909; interment in Fountain Hill Cemetery, Deep River, Conn.

**WILLETT, William Forte, Jr.**, a Representative from New York; born in Brooklyn, N.Y., November 27, 1869; attended the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the law department of New York University, New York City, in 1895; was admitted to the bar the following year and commenced the practice of his profession in New York City; elected as a Democrat to the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Congresses (March 4, 1907-March 3, 1911); was not a candidate for renomination in 1910; engaged in the real estate business; died in New York City, February 12, 1938; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**WILLEY, Calvin**, a Senator from Connecticut; born in East Haddam, Conn., September 15, 1776; attended the common schools; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1798 and

commenced practice in Chatham, Conn.; moved to Stafford, Conn., in 1800; member, State house of representatives 1805-1806; postmaster of Stafford Springs, Conn., 1806-1808; moved to Tolland, Tolland County, Conn., in 1808; member, State house of representatives 1810, 1812, 1820-1821; postmaster of Tolland 1812-1816; probate judge of Stafford district 1818-1825; member, State senate 1823-1824; presidential elector in 1824; elected to the United States Senate for the term commencing March 4, 1825, and served from May 4, 1825, to March 3, 1831; chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Nineteenth Congress); resumed the practice of law in Tolland, Conn.; died in Stafford, Conn., August 23, 1858; interment in Skungamaug Cemetery, Tolland, Conn.

**WILLEY, Earle Dukes**, a Representative from Delaware; born in Greenwood, Sussex County, Del., July 21, 1889; attended the public schools and George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1911; principal of Greenwood High School 1911-1915; secretary to Hon. Thomas W. Miller, Washington, D.C., 1915-1917; was admitted to the bar in 1920 and commenced practice in Dover, Del.; State librarian 1917-1921; deputy attorney general and prosecuting attorney for Kent County, Del., 1921-1931; judge of the court of common pleas of Kent County 1931-1939 and of the juvenile court of Kent and Sussex Counties 1933-1939; unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1940; secretary of state 1941-1943; trustee of the University of Delaware, of the Elizabeth W. Murphey School for Orphan Children, and of the State College for Colored Students; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-eighth Congress (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1945); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1944 to the Seventy-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Dover, Del., until his death March 17, 1950; interment in St. Johnstown Cemetery, near Greenwood, Del.

**WILLEY, Waitman Thomas**, a Senator from Virginia and from West Virginia; born in Monongalia County, Va., in what is now a part of Marion County, W.Va., October 18, 1811; graduated from Madison (Pa.) College in 1831; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1833 and commenced practice in Morgantown, Va. (now West Virginia); appointed clerk of the county court of Monongalia County in 1841 and later clerk of the circuit superior court, and held both positions until 1852; delegate to the Virginia constitutional convention in 1850 and 1851; elected as a Unionist to the United States Senate from Virginia to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of James M. Mason and served from July 9, 1861, to March 3, 1863; chairman, Committee on Enrolled Bills (Thirty-seventh Congress); delegate to the State constitutional convention of West Virginia; upon the admission of West Virginia as a State into the Union was elected as a Unionist to the United States Senate; reelected in 1865 as a Republican and served from August 4, 1863, to March 3, 1871; chairman, Committee on Engrossed Bills (Thirty-ninth Congress), Committee on Patents and the Patent Office (Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses); again served as clerk of the county court of Monongalia County 1882-1896; retired from public life; died in Morgantown, W.Va., May 2, 1900; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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**WILLFORD, Albert Clinton**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa, September 21,

1877; attended the country and town schools and Tilford's Academy, Vinton, Iowa; employed as chief engineer of the electric light, power, and water company at Vinton 1900-1907; moved to Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa, in 1907 and engaged in the manufacture of ice until 1910, when he engaged in the seed, feed, and coal business; trustee of the Waterloo Public Library 1918-1930; served on the Black Hawk County Jury Commission 1922-1924; president of the Iowa Stationary Engineers Association for one year; president of the Izaak Walton League of America for Iowa 1927-1929 and served as a National and State director; president of the Waterloo Baseball Club 1923-1927; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third Congress (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1935); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1934 to the Seventy-fourth Congress and for election in 1936 to the Seventy-fifth Congress; resumed his former pursuits in Waterloo, Iowa, until his death there on March 10, 1937; interment in Memorial Park Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Abram Pease**, a Senator from California; born in New Portland, Somerset County, Maine, February 3, 1832; attended the common schools and completed an academic course at North Anson (Maine) Academy 1846-1848; attended normal school at Farmington, Maine, 1848-1853; taught school at North Anson; moved to Fairfield, Somerset County, Maine, in 1853 and engaged in mercantile pursuits; moved to California in 1858 and engaged in mining in Tuolumne County; resumed mercantile pursuits in 1859; moved to San Francisco in 1861 and became an importer, stock raiser, and farmer; one of the founders of the San Francisco Board of Trade, serving as its first president; member of the San Francisco chamber of commerce; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John F. Miller and served from August 4, 1886, to March 3, 1887; was not a candidate for renomination in 1887; resumed the wholesale mercantile business in San Francisco, Calif., where he died October 17, 1911; interment in Maplewood Cemetery, Fairfield, Maine.

**WILLIAMS, Alpheus Starkey**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Saybrook, Middlesex County, Conn., September 20, 1810; was graduated from Yale College in 1831; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1837 and commenced practice in Detroit, Mich.; judge of probate 1840-1844; editor of the Detroit Daily Advertiser 1843-1847; served in the war with Mexico; commissioned lieutenant colonel of the First Michigan Infantry December 8, 1847; mustered out July 29, 1848; postmaster of Detroit 1849-1853; commissioned brigadier general of Michigan Volunteers April 24, 1861, and of United States Volunteers May 17, 1861; brevetted major general of Volunteers January 12, 1865; mustered out January 15, 1866; unsuccessful nominee for Governor of Michigan in 1866; Minister Resident to San Salvador 1866-1869; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses and served from March 4, 1875, until his death in Washington, D.C., December 21, 1878; chairman, Committee on District of Columbia (Forty-fifth Congress); interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

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**WILLIAMS, Andrew**, a Representative from New York; born in Ormstown, Province of Quebec, Canada, August 27, 1828; received a limited schooling; engaged in mercantile

pursuits; immigrated to the United States in 1852 and settled in Plattsburg, N.Y.; engaged in the manufacture of nails 1863-1865, and subsequently in the mining of iron ore, in the lumber trade, and in the manufacture of horseshoe nails and wagons; one of the organizers of the Iron National Bank at Plattsburg in 1881 and served as its president until 1888; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; member of the board of supervisors of Dannemora for two years and for a number of years represented Plattsburg in a like capacity; superintendent of the Plattsburg waterworks 1889-1902; elected county treasurer in 1890; reelected in 1893, 1896, 1899, 1902, and 1905; member of the board of education; died in Plattsburg, N.Y., October 6, 1907; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Archibald Hunter Arrington** (nephew of Archibald Hunter Arrington), a Representative from North Carolina; born near Louisburg, Franklin County, N.C., October 22, 1842; attended the common schools and Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.; enlisted as a private in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; served four years in the Army of Northern Virginia, and at the surrender at Appomattox was captain of his company; after the war engaged in agricultural pursuits and in retail trade in Oxford, Granville County, N.C.; developer and president of the Oxford & Henderson Railroad; member of the State house of representatives 1883-1885; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; died in Chase City, Mecklenburg County, Va., September 5, 1895; interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Oxford, N.C.

**WILLIAMS, Arthur Bruce**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Ashland, Ashland County, Ohio, January 27, 1872; attended the common schools of Eaton County, and was graduated from Olivet College, in that county, in 1892; was admitted to the bar in 1894 and commenced practice at Battle Creek, Mich.; interested in agricultural pursuits at his summer home, Gull Lake, Mich.; director of the Old National Bank, Battle Creek; vice president and general counsel of the Postum Cereal Co.; president of the Michigan Manufacturers' Association; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John M.C. Smith; reelected to the Sixty-ninth Congress and served from June 19, 1923, until his death in Baltimore, Md., May 1, 1925; interment in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte, Eaton County, Mich.

**WILLIAMS, Benjamin**, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Smithfield, Johnston County, N.C., January 1, 1751; attended the country schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the provincial congress in 1774 and 1775; served in the Revolutionary Army as second lieutenant; promoted to captain in the Second Regiment July 19, 1776; promoted to colonel for gallantry at Guilford, N.C., July 12, 1781; member of the State house of commons in 1779, 1785, and 1789; member of the State senate in 1780, 1781, April 1784, October 1784, and 1786, and again in 1807 and 1809; elected to the Third Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1795); was not a candidate for renomination; Governor of North Carolina 1799-1802, and from December 1, 1807 until December 12, 1808; died in Moore County, N.C., July 20, 1814; interment in the family cemetery in Moore County, near Carabonton, N.C.; reinterment, 1970, at his last residence in Moore County, now known as "The House in the Horseshoe," a mile and a half from his original grave on Governor's Creek.

**WILLIAMS, Charles Grandison**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Royalton, Niagara County, N.Y., October 18, 1829; pursued an academic course and studied law in Rochester, N.Y.; moved to Wisconsin in 1856 and settled in Janesville; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Janesville; served in the State senate 1869-1872; twice chosen president pro tempore of that body; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs (Forty-seventh Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Watertown, Codington County, S.Dak., March 30, 1892; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Janesville, Rock County, Wis.

**WILLIAMS, Christopher Harris** (grandfather of John Sharp Williams), a Representative from Tennessee; born near Hillsboro, Orange County, N.C., December 18, 1798; pursued an academic course and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; studied law; was admitted to the bar about 1820 and practiced; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, and Twenty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1843); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1842 to the Twenty-eighth Congress; elected to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1853); was not a candidate for renomination in 1852; resumed the practice of law in Lexington, Henderson County, Tenn., and died there November 27, 1857; interment in Lexington Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Clyde**, a Representative from Missouri; born on a farm near Grubville, Jefferson County, Mo., October 13, 1873; attended the county schools, De Soto High School, and the State normal school at Cape Girardeau; was graduated from the law department of the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1901; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in De Soto, Mo.; prosecuting attorney of Jefferson County 1902-1908; elected as a Democrat to the Seventieth Congress (March 4, 1927-March 3, 1929); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1928 to the Seventy-first Congress; resumed the practice of law; elected to the Seventy-second and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1943); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1942 to the Seventy-eighth Congress; engaged in legal work for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington, D.C., 1943-1945; served as president of the Jefferson Trust Co. in Hillsboro and president of the Bank of Hillsboro; died in St. Louis, Mo., November 12, 1954; interment in Hillsboro Cemetery, Hillsboro, Mo.

**WILLIAMS, David Rogerson**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Robbins Neck, S.C., March 8, 1776; attended school at Wrentham, Mass., and Rhode Island College (now Brown University), Providence, R.I.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1797 and practiced for three years in Providence, R.I.; editor and proprietor of the *City Gazette* and *Weekly Carolina Gazette* of Charleston, S.C., 1801-1803; engaged in cotton planting and manufacturing in Darlington County, S.C., from 1803 until his death; built the first cottonseed-oil mill in South Carolina; elected as a Republican to the Ninth and Tenth Congresses (March 4, 1805-March 3, 1809); elected to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); brigadier general in the United States Army July 9, 1813, to April 6, 1814, when he resigned; Governor of South Carolina 1814-1816; member of the State senate from 1824 until he was accidentally killed November 17, 1830, while superintending the construction of a bridge over Lynchs Creek, Witherspoons Ferry, on the road to Georgetown, S.C.; interment on his plantation near Society Hill, Darlington County, S.C.

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**WILLIAMS, Elihu Stephen**, a Representative from Ohio; born in New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, January 24, 1835; educated in the common schools and attended Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, two years; studied law in Dayton, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1861; during the Civil War enlisted as a private in the Seventy-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in October 1861; commissioned first lieutenant February 14, 1862; promoted to captain February 10, 1863; detailed to the command of the military post at Carthage, Smith County, Tenn., in September 1863 and remained there until the close of the war; attorney general of the sixth judicial district of Tennessee from April 1865 to 1867; member of the Tennessee house of representatives 1867-1869; moved to Troy, Miami County, Ohio, in January 1875; elected as a Republican to the Fiftyeth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1891); editor of the *Buckeye*; died in Troy, Ohio, December 1, 1903; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, George Fred**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Dedham, Norfolk County, Mass., July 10, 1852; attended private schools, and was graduated from the Dedham High School in 1868 and from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1872; studied at the Universities of Heidelberg and Berlin; taught school in West Brewster, Mass., in 1872 and 1873; became a reporter on the *Boston Globe*; member of the Dedham school committee; studied law at Boston University, Boston, Mass.; was admitted to the bar in 1875 and practiced in Boston; edited *Williams' Citations of Massachusetts Cases* in 1878 and volumes 10 to 17 of the *Annual Digest of the United States 1880-1887*; member of the State house of representatives in 1890; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; was an unsuccessful Democratic nominee for Governor in 1895, 1896, and 1897; resumed the practice of law in Boston, Mass.; delegate to several State conventions; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1896, 1900, 1904 and 1908; Minister to Greece and Montenegro in 1913 and 1914; resumed the practice of law until his retirement in 1930; died in Brookline, near Boston, Mass., July 11, 1932; interment in the Old Village Cemetery, Dedham, Mass.

**WILLIAMS, George Henry**, a Senator from Oregon; born in New Lebanon, Columbia County, N.Y., March 26, 1823; completed preparatory studies; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1844 and commenced practice at Fort Madison, Iowa Territory; judge of the first judicial district of Iowa 1847-1852; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1852; chief justice of the Territory of Oregon 1853-1857; reappointed by President James Buchanan but declined; member of the State constitutional convention of Oregon in 1858; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1865, to March 3, 1871; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; Attorney General of the United States in the Cabinet of President Ulysses Grant 1872-1875; nominated by President Grant as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1873, but subsequently his name was withdrawn; mayor of Portland, Oreg., 1902-1905; died in Portland, Oreg., April 4, 1910; interment in Riverview Cemetery.

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**WILLIAMS, George Howard**, a Senator from Missouri; born in California, Moniteau County, Mo., on December 1,

1871; attended the public schools; graduated from the preparatory department of Drury College, Springfield, Mo., in 1890, from Princeton University in 1894, and from the Washington University Law School, St. Louis, Mo., in 1897; admitted to the bar in 1897 and commenced practice in St. Louis; judge of the circuit court of the city of St. Louis 1906-1912; delegate at large to the Missouri constitutional convention in 1922 and 1923; appointed on May 25, 1925, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Selden P. Spencer and served from May 25, 1925, to December 5, 1926, when a duly elected successor qualified; was an unsuccessful candidate for election to fill the vacancy in 1926; chairman, Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Thirty-ninth Congress), Committee on Private Land Claims (Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses); resumed the practice of law in St. Louis until 1943, when he retired and moved to Sarasota, Fla., where he died November 25, 1963; interment in Masonic Cemetery, California, Mo.

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**WILLIAMS, George Short**, a Representative from Delaware; born in Ocean View, Sussex County, Del., October 21, 1877; attended the public schools and Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del.; was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1900; instructor in Ironwood (Mich.) High School 1902-1904; engaged in the lumber business in Delaware and North Carolina 1905-1923; also interested in banking; mayor of Millsboro, Del., 1921-1927; treasurer of the State of Delaware 1929-1933; president of the State board of education 1927-1934; deputy motor vehicle commissioner 1935-1937; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1940; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth Congress (January 3, 1939-January 3, 1941); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Seventy-seventh Congress; motor vehicle commissioner 1941-1946; administrative assistant to Senator John J. Williams from January 1947 to January 1959; died in Millsboro, Del., November 22, 1961; interment in Union Cemetery, Georgetown, Del.

**WILLIAMS, Guinn**, a Representative from Texas; born near Beuela, Calhoun County, Miss., April 22, 1871; moved with his parents to Texas and settled in Decatur, Wise County, in 1876; attended the public schools; graduated from the commercial branch of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., 1890; engaged in the livestock business, agricultural pursuits, and banking; county clerk of Wise County, Tex., 1898-1902; member of the State senate, 1920-1922; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Lucian W. Parrish; reelected to the Sixty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses (May 22, 1922-March 3, 1933); chair, Committee on Territories (Seventy-second Congress); was not a candidate for renomination to the Seventy-third Congress in 1932; manager of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation in San Angelo, Tex., 1933; died on January 9, 1948, in San Angelo, Tex.; interment in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Tex.

**WILLIAMS, Harrison Arlington, Jr.**, a Representative and a Senator from New Jersey; born in Plainfield, Union County, N.J., December 10, 1919; attended the public schools; graduated from Oberlin College in 1941; engaged in newspaper work in Washington, D.C., and studied at Georgetown University Foreign Service School until called to active duty as a seaman in the United States Naval Reserve in 1941; became a naval aviator and was discharged

as a lieutenant (jg.) in 1945; employed in the steel industry for a short time; graduated, Columbia University Law School 1948; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New Hampshire in 1948; returned to Plainfield, N.J., in 1949 and continued to practice law; was an unsuccessful candidate for the State house of assembly in 1951 and for city councilman in 1952; elected on November 3, 1953, as a Democrat to the Eighty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Clifford Case; reelected to the Eighty-fourth Congress and served from November 3, 1953, to January 3, 1957; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1956 to the Eighty-fifth Congress; elected to the United States Senate in 1958; reelected in 1964, 1970 and 1976 and served from January 3, 1959, until his resignation on March 11, 1982; chairman, Special Committee on Aging (Ninetyeth and Ninety-first Congresses), Committee on Labor and Public Welfare (Ninety-second through Ninety-fifth Congresses), Committee on Human Resources (Ninety-fifth Congress), Committee on Labor and Human Resources (Ninety-sixth Congress); one of the congressional targets in the government operation known as "ABSCAM" and was convicted of charges related to this effort; during Senate proceedings on an expulsion motion, he resigned his seat; was a resident of Bedminster, N.J.; died on November 17, 2001.

**WILLIAMS, Henry**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., November 30, 1805; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1829 and commenced practice in Taunton, Mass.; member of the State house of representatives in 1834; served in the State senate in 1836 and 1837; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1841); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1840 to the Twenty-seventh Congress; was elected to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); resumed the practice of law; died in Taunton, Mass., on May 8, 1887; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Hezekiah**, a Representative from Maine; born near Woodstock, Vt., July 28, 1798; was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1820; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Castine, Hancock County, Maine, in 1825; register of probate for Hancock County 1824-1838; selectman of Castine 1833-1835; trustee of the school fund in 1834; member of school committee in 1840; served in the State senate 1839-1841; again a selectman of Castine in 1843 and 1844; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Congresses (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1849); resumed the practice of law; died in Castine, Maine, October 23, 1856; interment in Castine Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Isaac, Jr.**, a Representative from New York; born in Goshen, Conn., April 5, 1777; received a limited schooling; moved with his father to Otsego County, N.Y., in 1793; was appointed undersheriff of Otsego County in 1810; afterward appointed sheriff by the council of appointment in 1811 and served until 1813; successfully contested as a Republican the election of John M. Bowers to the Thirteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Dowse and served from December 20, 1813, to March 3, 1815; elected to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); elected to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); unsuccessful candidate for sheriff in 1828; died in Cooperstown, Otsego County, N.Y., November 9, 1860; interment in Warren Cemetery, Otsego, N.Y.

**WILLIAMS, James**, a Representative from Delaware; born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 4, 1825; completed pre-

paratory studies; moved to Kenton, Kent County, Del., in 1844 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives in 1856 and 1862; served in the State senate in 1866 and 1871; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1872; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; resumed agricultural pursuits; moved to Smyrna, Del., in 1891 and continued farming until his death on April 12, 1899; interment in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, James Douglas**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Pickaway County, Ohio, January 16, 1808; moved with his parents to Indiana and settled in Knox County in 1818; received a limited education; engaged in agricultural pursuits; justice of the peace of Vincennes, Ind., 1839-1843; from 1855 was identified with the State board of agriculture for sixteen years, serving four years as its president; member of the State house of representatives in 1843, 1847, 1851, 1856, and 1868; served in the State senate in 1858, 1862, and 1870; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1872; was the caucus nominee of his party, which was in the minority, for United States Senator in 1872; was elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1875, to December 1, 1876, when he resigned, having been elected Governor; chairman, Committee on Accounts (Forty-fourth Congress); Governor of Indiana from 1877 until his death in Indianapolis, Ind., November 20, 1880; interment in Walnut Grove Cemetery, near Monroe City, Knox County, Ind.

**WILLIAMS, James Robert**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Carmi, White County, Ill., December 27, 1850; attended the common schools; was graduated from Indiana State University at Bloomington in 1875 and from Union College of Law, Chicago, Ill., in 1876; was admitted to the bar in 1876 and commenced practice in Carmi, Ill.; master in chancery 1880-1882; county judge of White County 1882-1886; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Richard W. Townsend; reelected to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses and served from December 2, 1889, to March 3, 1895; elected to the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, and Fifty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1905); resumed the practice of his profession; died in Loma Linda, San Bernardino County, Calif., November 8, 1923; interment in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Carmi, Ill.

**WILLIAMS, James Wray**, a Representative from Maryland; born in that State October 8, 1792; completed preparatory studies; member of the State house of delegates; was speaker in 1830; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-seventh Congress and served from March 4, 1841, until his death on Priesford farm, Deer Creek, Harford County, Md., December 2, 1842; interment in the family cemetery on Priesford farm.

**WILLIAMS, Jared**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Montgomery County, Md., March 4, 1766; pursued classical studies; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of delegates from 1812 to 1817; elected to the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Congresses (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1825); died near Newton, Va., January 2, 1831.

**WILLIAMS, Jared Warner**, a Representative and a Senator from New Hampshire; born in West Woodstock, Conn., December 22, 1796; graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1818; studied law in the Litchfield (Conn.) Law School; admitted to the bar in 1822 and commenced



practice in Lancaster, Coos County, N.H.; member, State house of representatives 1830-1831; member, State senate 1832-1834; member, State house of representatives 1835-1836; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1841); Governor of New Hampshire 1847-1849; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles G. Atherton and served from November 29, 1853, to July 15, 1854; died in Lancaster, N.H., September 29, 1864; interment in Summer Street Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Jeremiah Norman**, a Representative from Alabama; born near Louisville, Barbour County, Ala., May 29, 1829; attended the preparatory schools of Barbour County and was graduated from the University of South Carolina at Columbia in 1852; studied law in Montgomery and Tuskegee; was admitted to the bar in 1855 and commenced practice in Clayton, Barbour County, Ala.; volunteered for service in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and was made captain of the Clayton Guards, later becoming major of the First Regiment, Alabama Infantry; elected a member of the State house of representatives in 1872, but was not allowed to take his seat; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Forty-fifth Congress); chancellor of the third division 1893-1899; resumed the practice of law in Clayton, Ala.; member of the State constitutional convention in 1901; died in Clayton, Ala., May 8, 1915; interment in the City Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, John**, a Representative from New York; born in Barnstable, England, in September 1752; received a liberal education; studied medicine and surgery in St. Thomas Hospital, London; served for one year as surgeon's mate on an English man-of-war; immigrated to America in 1773 and settled in New Perth, Charlotte County (now Salem, Washington County), N.Y.; engaged in an extensive medical practice; member of the State Provincial Congress in 1775, to which body he was reelected and served until its dissolution in 1777; appointed surgeon of the State forces in 1775; colonel of the Charlotte County Regiment in 1776 and retained command throughout the Revolutionary War; served in the State senate in 1777 and 1778; member of the State assembly in 1781 and 1782; again a member of the State senate 1782-1785; appointed a member of the first board of regents of New York University in 1784; brigadier general of militia in 1786; delegate to the State ratification convention in 1788; member of the council of appointment in 1789; elected as a Federalist to the Fourth and Fifth Congresses (March 4, 1795-March 3, 1799); was a large landholder; a promoter and director of a company organized to build the Erie Canal as a private enterprise, the project later being taken over and completed by the State; judge of the county court; died in Salem, N.Y., July 22, 1806; interment in Salem Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, John**, a Representative from New York; born in Utica, N.Y., January 7, 1807; spent his youth and completed preparatory studies in Sackets Harbor, N.Y.; moved to Rochester, N.Y., in 1824 and engaged in mercantile pursuits and the manufacture of flour; member of the board of aldermen in 1844; mayor of Rochester in 1853; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); again engaged in the milling business 1858-1870; was major general of the Seventh Division of the National Guard at the time of his death; excise commissioner and manager of the house of refuge in 1870; city treasurer from 1871 until his death; died in Rochester, N.Y., March 26, 1875; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, John**, a Delegate from North Carolina; born in Hanover County, Va., March 14, 1731; moved to North Carolina in 1745 with his parents, who settled in Granville County; donated the land and laid out the town of Williamsboro, N.C.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Williamsboro; one of the founders of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; deputy attorney general in 1768; delegate to the Provincial Congress of 1775; member of the State house of commons in 1777 and 1778 and served as speaker; Member of the Continental Congress in 1778 and 1779; judge of the supreme court of North Carolina from 1779 until his death in Montpelier, near Williamsboro, N.C., October 10, 1799; interment in the family cemetery, Montpelier, N.C.

**WILLIAMS, John** (brother of Lewis Williams and Robert Williams, father of Joseph Lanier Williams, and cousin of Marmaduke Williams), a Senator from Tennessee; born in Surry County, N.C., January 29, 1778; completed preparatory studies; captain in the Sixth Regiment, United States Infantry 1799-1800; studied law in Salisbury, N.C.; admitted to the bar of Knox County, Tenn., in 1803 and commenced practice in Knoxville, Tenn.; captain of regular troops in the War of 1812 and was colonel of a regiment of East Tennessee Mounted Volunteers in the expedition against the Seminole Indians in Florida in 1812 and 1813; colonel of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, United States Infantry, in 1813, and subsequently served under General Andrew Jackson in the expedition against the Creek Indians in Alabama; elected in 1815 as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George W. Campbell; was subsequently appointed to fill the vacancy in the regular term caused by a recess of the legislature; was then elected in 1817 and served from October 10, 1815, to March 3, 1823; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Military Affairs (Fourteenth through Seventeenth Congresses); appointed by President John Quincy Adams as Charge d'Affaires to the Central American Federation 1825-1826; member, State senate 1827-1828; died near Knoxville, Tenn., August 10, 1837; interment in the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

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**WILLIAMS, John Bell**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Raymond, Hinds County, Miss., December 4, 1918; attended the public schools; was graduated from Hinds Junior College, Raymond, Miss., in 1936, from the University of Mississippi at Oxford in 1938, and from Jackson (Miss.) School of Law in 1940; was admitted to the bar in 1940 and commenced practice in Raymond, Miss.; enlisted as an aviation cadet in the United States Army, November 5, 1941; was commissioned as a pilot July 3, 1942; retired from active service because of injuries received in the line of duty on April 29, 1944; prosecuting attorney of Hinds County, Miss., from May 20, 1944, to October 1, 1946; elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth and to the ten succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1947, to January 16, 1968, when he resigned; having been elected Governor of Mississippi for the four-year term commencing on that date; practiced law in Jackson, Miss., until he retired January 1, 1981; resident of Brandon, Miss., until his death there March 25, 1983; interment in Raymond Cemetery, Raymond, Miss.

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**WILLIAMS, John James**, a Senator from Delaware; born on a farm near Frankford, Sussex County, Del., May 17, 1904; attended the public schools at Frankford; moved to Millsboro, Del., in 1922 and engaged in the grain business; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1946; reelected in 1952, 1958 and 1964 and served from January 3, 1947, until his resignation December 31, 1970; was not a candidate for reelection in 1970; died on January 11, 1988, in Lewes, Del.; interment in Millsboro Cemetery, Millsboro, Del.

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**WILLIAMS, John McKeown Snow**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Richmond, Henrico County, Va., August 13, 1818; moved to Boston, Mass.; attended the public schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits and was also a shipowner; member of the State house of representatives in 1856; served in the State senate in 1858; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; died in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Mass., March 19, 1886; interment in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, John Patrick**, a Representative from Montana; born in Helena, Lewis-Clark County, Mont., October 30, 1937; attended the public schools; attended University of Montana, Missoula, 1956-1957; B.A., University of Denver, Colo., 1961; Colorado and Montana National Guard, 1961-1969; teacher, Butte, Mont., 1963-1969; served in the Montana State house of representatives, 1967-1969; executive assistant to Representative John Melcher of Montana, 1969-1971; member, Governor's Employment and Training Council, 1972-1978; member, Montana Reapportionment Commission, 1972-1973; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1997); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

**WILLIAMS, John Sharp** (grandson of Christopher Harris Williams), a Representative and a Senator from Mississippi; born in Memphis, Tenn., July 30, 1854; after the death of his parents moved to Yazoo County, Miss.; attended private schools, the Kentucky Military Institute near Frankfort, the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, and the University of Heidelberg, at Baden, Germany; subsequently studied law at the University of Virginia and in Memphis, Tenn.; admitted to the bar in 1877; moved to Yazoo City, Miss., in 1878; engaged in the practice of law and also interested in cotton planting; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-third and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1909); was not a candidate for renomination in 1908; minority leader in the Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, and Sixtieth Congresses; chairman, Committee on Party Leaders (Fifty-eighth through Sixtieth Congresses); elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1910; reelected in 1916 and served from March 4, 1911, to March 3, 1923; declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1922; chairman, Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Sixty-third Congress), Committee on the Library (Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth Congresses), Committee on the University of the United States (Sixty-sixth Congress); retired from public life and lived on his plantation, 'Cedar Grove,' near Yazoo City,

Miss., until his death there September 27, 1932; interment in the family cemetery on his plantation.

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**WILLIAMS, John Stuart**, a Senator from Kentucky; born near Mount Sterling, Montgomery County, Ky., July 10, 1818; attended the common schools; graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1839; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1840 and commenced practice in Paris, Bourbon County, Ky.; served in the Mexican War, first as a captain of an independent company attached to the Sixth Regiment, United States Infantry, and afterward as a colonel of the Fourth Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers; member, State house of representatives 1851, 1853; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as a colonel in 1861; promoted to brigadier general in 1862 and surrendered in 1865; engaged in agricultural pursuits, with residence in Winchester, Ky.; member, State house of representatives 1873 and 1875; was an unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1875; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1876; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1879, to March 3, 1885; was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Mount Sterling, Ky., on July 17, 1898; interment in Winchester Cemetery, Winchester, Ky.

**WILLIAMS, Jonathan**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Boston, Mass., May 20, 1750; completed preparatory studies and worked in a bank in Boston; went to France as secretary to Benjamin Franklin in 1770 and served until 1775, part of this time as commercial agent for the United States; studied military science; returned to the United States in 1785 and settled in Philadelphia; was judge of the court of common pleas; entered the United States Army as major of the Second Regiment of Artillerists and Engineers February 16, 1801; commanded the post at West Point, N.Y., and was the first Superintendent of the United States Military Academy in 1802; promoted through the ranks to colonel; planned and built the inner forts for the defense of New York Harbor; resigned July 31, 1812; returned to Philadelphia, Pa., and engaged in literary and scientific pursuits; was the author of several military and philosophical papers; elected to the Fourteenth Congress and served from March 4, 1815, until his death, before the assembling of the Congress, in Philadelphia, Pa., May 16, 1815.

**WILLIAMS, Joseph Lanier** (son of John Williams, of Tennessee), a Representative from Tennessee; born near Knoxville, Knox County, Tenn., October 23, 1810; completed preparatory studies; attended the University of East Tennessee and the United States Military Academy at West Point; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Knoxville, Tenn.; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, and Twenty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1843); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1842; engaged in the practice of law in Washington, D.C.; appointed judge of the United States District Court of Dakota Territory by President Lincoln; died in Knoxville, Tenn., December 14, 1865; interment in Old Gray Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Lawrence Gordon**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Pittsburgh, Pa., September 15, 1913; moved to Philadelphia in June of 1922; graduated from Frankfort High School, and attended Drexel Institute of

Technology; was a commissioner, 1952-1966, and president of the board, 1960-1966, township of Springfield, Pa.; employed by the Curtis Publishing Co., 1936-1966, and retired as assistant to the senior vice president in charge of manufacturing; served in the Army Air Corps during the Second World War; Delaware County's representative on the policy committee on the Penn-Jersey Transportation Study, 1959-1966, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority; past president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1975); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1974 to the Ninety-fourth Congress; appointed by President Gerald Ford as special assistant to the Cochairman of the Ozarks Regional Commission and served in that capacity from January 20, 1975, until his death; resided in Springfield, Pa.; died in Philadelphia, Pa., July 13, 1975; interment in Edgewood Memorial Park, Concordville, Pa.

**WILLIAMS, Lemuel**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Taunton, Mass., June 18, 1747; was graduated from Harvard College in 1765; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Bristol and Worcester Counties, Mass.; town clerk of New Bedford, Mass., 1792-1800; elected as a Federalist to the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Congresses (March 4, 1799-March 3, 1805); member of the State house of representatives in 1806; resumed the practice of law; died in Acushnet, Mass., November 8, 1828; interment in Acushnet Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Lewis** (brother of John Williams, of Tennessee, and Robert Williams and cousin of Marmaduke Williams), a Representative from North Carolina; born in Surry County, N.C., February 1, 1782; was graduated at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1808; member of the State house of commons in 1813 and 1814; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth Congress; reelected to the Fifteenth through Twenty-third Congresses and reelected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth through Twenty-seventh Congresses and served from March 4, 1815, until his death; chairman, Committee on Claims (Fifteenth through Twenty-first Congresses), Committee on Territories (Twenty-third Congress); died in Washington, D.C., February 23, 1842; interment in Panther Creek Cemetery, Surry County, N.C.

**WILLIAMS, Lyle**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Philippi, Barbour County, W.Va., August 23, 1942; attended the public schools of North Bloomfield, Ohio; graduated from North Bloomfield High School, 1960; served in the United States Army Reserve, 1960-1968; barber; member, Bloomfield local school board, 1970-1972; Trumbull County Commissioner, 1972-1976; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-sixth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1985); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-ninth Congress; member of the external affairs staff, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, 1987; unsuccessful candidate in 1992 for nomination to the One Hundred Third Congress; is a resident of Warren, Ohio.

**WILLIAMS, Marmaduke** (cousin of John Williams, of Tennessee, Lewis Williams, and Robert Williams), a Representative from North Carolina; born in Caswell County, N.C., April 6, 1774; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State senate in 1802; elected as a Republican to the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Congresses (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1809); was not a candidate for renomination; moved to Mis-

issippi Territory in 1810 and later to Huntsville, Madison County, Ala.; in 1818 settled in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1819 and the same year was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Alabama; member of the State house of representatives 1821-1839; judge of the Tuscaloosa County Court 1832-1842; died in Tuscaloosa, Ala., October 29, 1850; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Morgan B.**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Rhandir-Mwyn, parish of Llanfair-ar-y-Bryn, Carmarthenshire, Wales, September 17, 1831; attended the public schools; went to Australia in 1856; returned to Wales in August 1861; immigrated to the United States in March 1862 and settled in Scranton, Pa., where he worked in the coal mines; moved to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in September 1865; appointed superintendent for the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., which position he held for fourteen years; member of the school board and of the city council for twelve years; served in the State senate in 1884; member of the Chicago World's Fair Commission; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1899); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1898 to the Fifty-sixth Congress; engaged in coal mining, and was vice president and general manager of the Red Ash Coal Co.; died in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., October 13, 1903; interment in Hollenback Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Nathan**, a Representative from New York; was born in Williamstown, Mass., December 19, 1773; attended the common schools in Bennington, Vt.; moved with his parents to Troy, N.Y., in 1786; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1795 and commenced practice in Utica, N.Y.; assisted in the establishment of Utica Public Library, of which he was librarian for a number of years; president of the village corporation; president of the Manhattan Bank; district attorney for the sixth district 1801-1813; elected as a Republican to the Ninth Congress (March 4, 1805-March 3, 1807); served in the War of 1812; member of the State assembly 1816-1818 and in 1819; regent of the University of the State of New York from January 28, 1817, to February 13, 1824; district attorney of Oneida County 1818-1821; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1821; judge of the circuit court 1823-1833; appointed clerk of the State supreme court in 1834 and moved to Geneva, Ontario County, N.Y., where he died September 25, 1835; interment in the "Burying Ground," Utica, Oneida County, N.Y.; reinterment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Reuel**, a Senator from Maine; born in Hallowell, Maine, June 2, 1783; attended Hallowell Academy; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1804 and commenced practice in Augusta, Maine; member, State legislature 1812-1829, 1832, 1848; commissioner of public buildings in 1831; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1836; elected February 22, 1837, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ether Shepley and served from March 4, 1837, to February 15, 1843, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Twenty-sixth Congress); manager of a railroad for twelve years; died in Augusta, Maine, on July 25, 1862; interment in the family cemetery on the banks of the Kennebec River, Augusta, Maine.

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**WILLIAMS, Richard**, a Representative from Oregon; born in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio, November 15, 1836; attended the common schools; moved to Monroe County,

Oreg., in 1851; was educated at the Willamette University, Salem, Oreg.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in Kirbyville, Josephine County, Oreg.; moved to Portland, Oreg., in 1865 and practiced law; unsuccessful Republican candidate for election in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; resumed the practice of law in Portland, Oreg.; elected a member of the Portland School Board in 1890 and served for twenty years; died in Portland, Oreg., June 19, 1914; interment in River-view Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Robert** (relative of John Williams, of Tennessee, and Lewis Williams and Marmaduke Williams), a Representative from North Carolina; possibly born in 1768 or 1773; two prominent men named Robert Williams from the same family are involved in politics at this time; elected as a Republican to the Fifth and to the two succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1797-March 3, 1803); died on either May 27, 1821 or January 25, 1836.

**WILLIAMS, Seward Henry**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N.Y., November 7, 1870; attended the common schools, the Amsterdam Academy, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., and Princeton College; was graduated in law from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., in 1895; was admitted to the bar in 1895 and commenced practice the same year; city solicitor of Lorain, Ohio, 1901-1904; member of the State house of representatives 1910-1913; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1917); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1916 to the Sixty-fifth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Lorain, Ohio, September 2, 1922; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Sherrod**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Pulaski County, Ky., in 1804; moved with his parents to Wayne County; received a limited education; learned the trade of brickmaker in Monticello when about fifteen years of age; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State house of representatives 1829-1834 and in 1846; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1841); chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions (Twenty-sixth Congress); was not a candidate for reelection; moved to one of the Southern States, where he died; death date unknown.

**WILLIAMS, Thomas**, a Representative from Alabama; born near Richmond, Greensville County, Va., on August 11, 1825; attended preparatory schools and was graduated from the University of East Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1852 and commenced practice in Wetumpka, Elmore County, Ala.; justice of the peace; register in chancery; appointed prison inspector in 1872; member of the State house of representatives in 1878; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh, and Forty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1885); engaged in agricultural pursuits and resided in Wetumpka, Ala., until his death April 13, 1903; interment in the City Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Thomas**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., August 28, 1806; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1825; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1828 and commenced practice in Greensburg, Pa.; moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1832 and continued the practice of law; served in the State senate

1838-1841; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1869); one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1868 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against President Andrew Johnson; was not a candidate for renomination in 1868 to the Forty-first Congress, and lived in retirement until his death in Allegheny City, Pa., on June 16, 1872; interment in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**WILLIAMS, Thomas Hickman**, a Senator from Mississippi; born in Williamson County, Tenn., January 20, 1801; attended the common schools; moved to Mississippi and settled in Pontotoc County; engaged in planting; appointed and subsequently elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James F. Trotter and served from November 12, 1838, to March 3, 1839; secretary and treasurer of the University of Mississippi at Oxford 1845-1851; known as 'Father of the State University,' being the first to propose it and also aiding to secure it; died on his plantation south of Pontotoc, Pontotoc County, Miss., May 3, 1851; interment in the private cemetery on the family estate.

**WILLIAMS, Thomas Hill**, a Senator from Mississippi; born in North Carolina in 1780; completed preparatory studies; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced; register of the land office for the Territory of Mississippi in 1805; secretary of the Territory 1805; Acting Governor 1806; reappointed secretary 1807; Acting Governor 1809; collector of customs at New Orleans 1810; delegate to the State constitutional convention; upon the admission of Mississippi as a State into the Union in 1817 was elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate; reelected as a Jackson Republican (later Jacksonian) in 1823 and served from December 10, 1817, to March 3, 1829; chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Sixteenth Congress); moved to Tennessee, where he died, in Robertson County, in 1840.

**WILLIAMS, Thomas Scott**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Wethersfield, Conn., June 26, 1777; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Yale College in 1794; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1799 and commenced practice in Mansfield, Conn.; moved to Hartford, Conn., in 1803; appointed attorney of the board of managers of the school fund of Hartford 1809-1810; served in the State house of representatives in 1813, 1815, and 1816; clerk of the house in 1815 and 1816; elected as a Federalist to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); again a member of the State house of representatives in 1819, 1825, and 1827-1829; appointed in 1829 an associate judge of the supreme court of errors and of the superior court, and in May 1834 appointed chief justice, holding the position until his resignation in May 1847; mayor of Hartford 1831-1835; resigned from public office; president of the American Tract Society of New York from May 1848 until his death; died in Hartford, Conn., December 15, 1861; interment in Old North Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Thomas Sutler**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Louisville, Clay County, Ill., February 14, 1872; attended Willis district school, Louisville High School, and Austin College, Effingham, Ill.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1897 and commenced practice in Louisville; city attorney 1897-1899; member of the State house of representatives 1899-1901; mayor of Louisville 1907-1909; prosecuting attorney of Clay County 1908-1915; became the owner and publisher of the Clay County Republican at Louisville in 1920; moved to Harrisburg, Salina County, Ill.,

in 1926; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1915, until his resignation November 11, 1929, having been appointed a judge for the Court of Claims of the United States and served until his death in Washington, D.C., April 5, 1940; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Commerce (Sixty-sixth Congress); interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, Thomas Wheeler**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Stonington, Conn., September 28, 1789; attended the public schools; at the age of fifteen was employed as a clerk in New York City, and before he was twenty-one was employed on a business mission to Norway, Sweden, and Russia; for about eight years was engaged in the shipping business; moved to New London, Conn., in 1818 and became a prominent figure in the whaling business; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1843); chairman, Committee on Mileage (Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Congresses); member of the State house of representatives in 1846 and 1847; president of the New London, Willamantic and Palmer Railroad (later the New London Northern Railroad) in 1847 and for many years thereafter; died in New London, Conn., December 31, 1874; interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, William**, a Representative from New York; born in Bolton, Conn., September 6, 1815; received a common-school education; clerk in a bank in Windham, Conn.; moved to Sandusky, Ohio, in 1838, and to Buffalo, N.Y., in 1839, where he engaged in banking; also served as a railroad manager and president; member of the State assembly in 1866 and 1867; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second Congress (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1873); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; withdrew from public life and active business pursuits, and lived in retirement until his death in Buffalo, N.Y., September 10, 1876; interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, William**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., May 11, 1821; attended the common schools and received a very limited education; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1845 and commenced practice in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, Ind.; treasurer of Kosciusko County in 1852; resigned the office of treasurer in order to become a candidate for Lieutenant Governor; unsuccessful candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1853; managed the Bank of Warsaw for several years; director of the Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway 1854-1856; director of the Michigan City prison 1859-1862; served in the Union Army as commandant of Camp Allen, Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1862 and as paymaster of Volunteers, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., until the close of the war; elected as a Republican to the Fortieth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1875); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of War (Fortieth through Forty-third Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1874; resumed the practice of law in Warsaw, Ind.; appointed by President Arthur as Chargé d'Affaires to Paraguay and Uruguay April 12, 1882, and served until February 14, 1885, when he resigned; returned to Warsaw, Ind., in 1885 and retired from active business pursuits; died in Warsaw April 22, 1896; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, William**, a Delegate from Connecticut; born in Lebanon, Conn., March 29, 1731; completed preparatory

studies; was graduated from Harvard College in 1751; studied theology for a year; engaged in mercantile pursuits; town clerk of Lebanon 1753-1796; member of a military expedition to Lake George in 1755; member of the State house of representatives 1757-1762, 1763-1776, and 1780-1784, serving as speaker in 1775 and 1781-1783; Member of the Continental Congress in 1776 and 1777; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; member of the council of safety during the Revolution; judge of the county court of Windham 1776-1804; judge of probate for the Windham district 1776-1808; became an assistant councilor in 1780 and served as assistant and as councilor for twenty-four years; member of the Connecticut ratification convention in 1787; died in Lebanon, Conn., August 2, 1811; interment in the Trumbull Tomb, East Cemetery.

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**WILLIAMS, William Brewster**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Pittsford, Monroe County, N.Y., July 28, 1826; attended the common schools and received an academic education; was graduated from the State and National Law School, Ballston Spa, N.Y., in 1851; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Rochester, N.Y.; moved to Allegan, Mich., in 1855; judge of probate 1857-1865; member of the State senate 1866-1870, serving as president pro tempore in 1869; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867; appointed by the Governor in 1871 a member of the State board for the supervisory control of the charitable, penal, and beneficiary institutions, which position he resigned upon his election to Congress; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Wilder D. Foster; re-elected to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from December 1, 1873, to March 3, 1877; was not a candidate for renomination in 1876; railroad commissioner of Michigan 1877-1883; resumed the practice of law; died in Allegan, Mich., March 4, 1905; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, William Elza**, a Representative from Illinois; born near Detroit, Pike County, Ill., May 5, 1857; attended the public schools and Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and practiced in Detroit and Pittsfield, Ill.; State's attorney of Pike County 1886-1892; member of the board of aldermen of Pittsfield; member of the board of education; became trial lawyer for the City Railway Co. of Chicago in 1903; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1901); resumed the practice of law in Pittsfield, Ill.; elected to the Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1917); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1916 to the Sixty-fifth Congress and for election in 1918 to the Sixty-sixth Congress; continued the practice of law until his death in Pittsfield, Ill., September 13, 1921; interment in Pittsfield West Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, William Robert**, a Representative from New York; born in Brookfield, Madison County, N.Y., August 11, 1884; moved to Cassville, Oneida County, N.Y., with his parents in 1891; attended the public schools of Bridgewater, N.Y.; salesman with Standard Oil Co., of New York, 1907-1910; engaged in farming at Cassville, N.Y.; member of the State assembly 1935-1943; sheriff of Oneida County 1943-1951; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1951-January 3, 1959); was not a candidate for renomination in 1958 to the Eighty-sixth Congress; chairman, Oneida County Republican Committee, 1959-1961; resumed and continued his interests in farming at Cassville, N.Y., where he died May

9, 1972; interment in Sauquoit Valley Cemetery, Sauquoit, N.Y.

**WILLIAMSON, Ben Mitchell**, a Senator from Kentucky; born in White Post, Pike County, Ky., October 16, 1864; attended the rural schools of Kentucky and Bethany (W.Va.) College; engaged in the wholesale hardware business at Catlettsburg, Ky., 1886-1924 and at Ashland, Ky., in 1924; also engaged in banking and in the mining of coal; one of the founders of the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission, serving as president 1924-1941; member of the board of charities and correction for the State of Kentucky 1929-1930; director of the International Society for Crippled Children; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate on November 4, 1930, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frederic M. Sackett and served from December 1, 1930, to March 3, 1931; was not a candidate for election to the full term; resumed the wholesale hardware business at Ashland, Ky., with residence in Catlettsburg, Ky.; also interested financially in various other business enterprises; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 23, 1941; interment in Ashland Cemetery Mausoleum, Ashland, Ky.

**WILLIAMSON, Hugh**, a Delegate and a Representative from North Carolina; born on Oterara Creek, in West Nottingham Township, Pa., December 5, 1735; attended the common schools; prepared for college at Newark, Del., and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1757; studied theology, and was licensed to preach in 1758; resigned, owing to ill health, in 1760; professor of mathematics in the College of Philadelphia; studied medicine in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Utrecht, Holland; returned to Philadelphia and practiced; engaged in business; member of the American Philosophical Society, and was a member of the commission to observe the transits of Venus and Mercury in 1773; at the time of the "Boston Tea Party" he was examined in England by the privy council regarding it; returned to America in 1776 and settled in Edenton, N.C.; engaged in mercantile pursuits; during the Revolutionary War was surgeon general of the North Carolina troops 1779-1782; Member of the State house of commons in 1782 and 1785; member of the Continental Congress 1782-1785, and 1788; delegate to the Federal Convention in 1787; member of the State ratification convention in 1789; elected as a Federalist to the First and Second Congresses and served from March 19, 1790, until March 3, 1793; moved to New York City in 1793; engaged extensively in literary pursuits until his death in New York City, May 22, 1819; interment in the Apthorp tomb in Trinity Churchyard.

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**WILLIAMSON, John Newton**, a Representative from Oregon; born near Junction City, Lane County, Oreg., November 8, 1855; attended the country schools; attended Willamette University, Salem, Oreg.; moved to Prineville, Oreg., and engaged in livestock raising; sheriff of Cook County 1886-1888; member of the State house of representatives 1888-1898; served in the State senate 1900-1902; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1907); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1906; engaged in stock raising and agricultural pursuits; appointed postmaster at Prineville, Cook County, Oreg., March 21, 1922; reappointed on May 18, 1926, and served until June 30, 1934, when he retired to his farm in Central Oregon; died in Prineville, Oreg., August 29, 1943; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**WILLIAMSON, William**, a Representative from South Dakota; born near New Sharon, Mahaska County, Iowa, October 7, 1875; moved with his parents to Plankinton, Aurora County, S.Dak., in 1882; attended the public schools and the Wayne (Nebr.) Normal School; engaged in agricultural pursuits and also taught school for several years; was graduated from the University of South Dakota at Vermilion in 1903 and from the law department of that university in 1905; was admitted to the bar in 1905 and commenced practice in Oacoma, Lyman County, S.Dak.; founder, with his brother, of the Murdo Coyote and the Prairie Sun; prosecuting attorney of Lyman County 1905-1911; circuit judge of the eleventh judicial district 1911-1921; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1912; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1933); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Interior (Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Congresses), Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments (Seventieth and Seventy-first Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; resumed the practice of law in Rapid City, S.Dak.; special assistant attorney general of South Dakota and assigned as general counsel for the Public Utilities Commission 1939-1951, and also the Department of Insurance of South Dakota the last five years; officer with an insurance company, 1950-1972; member of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Commission 1928-1972; died in Custer, S.Dak., July 15, 1972; interment in Pine Lawn Cemetery, Rapid City, S.Dak.

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**WILLIAMSON, William Durkee**, a Representative from Maine; born in Canterbury, Conn., July 31, 1779; moved in boyhood with his father to Amherst, Mass.; attended the common schools and Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.; was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1804; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Bangor, Maine (then a district of Massachusetts), in 1807; State's attorney for Hancock County 1808-1815; postmaster of Bangor, Maine, 1810-1821; member of the Massachusetts State senate from 1816 until the separation of Maine from Massachusetts in 1820; served in the Maine State senate in 1820 and 1821 and was elected its president both years; as president of the senate he became Governor upon the resignation of Governor King in 1821; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); was not a candidate for renomination in 1822; judge of probate for Penobscot County 1824-1840; bank commissioner 1838-1841; died in Bangor, Maine, May 27, 1846; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WILLIE, Asa Hoxie**, a Representative from Texas; born in Washington, Wilkes County, Ga., October 11, 1829; attended private schools and pursued an academic course; moved to Washington County, Tex., in 1846 and settled in Brenham; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Brenham; district attorney of the third judicial district of Texas 1852-1854; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army under General Gregg with the rank of major; moved to Galveston, Tex., in 1866; elected associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court the same year but was removed in 1867 by the military commander; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1874; resumed the practice of law in Galveston; elected chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court in November 1882 and served until his resigna-

tion March 3, 1888; resumed the practice of law; died in Galveston, Tex., March 16, 1899; interment in Episcopal Cemetery.

**WILLING, Thomas**, a Delegate from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., December 19, 1731; completed preparatory studies in Bath, England; studied law in London at the Inner Temple; returned to Philadelphia and engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1793; member of the common council in 1755; alderman in 1759; associate justice of the city court October 2, 1759; justice of the court of common pleas February 28, 1761; mayor of Philadelphia in 1763; associate justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania 1767-1777; member of the committee of correspondence in 1774 and of the committee of safety in 1775; served in the colonial house of representatives; Member of the Continental Congress in 1775 and 1776; president of the Bank of North America; first president of the Bank of the United States 1791-1811; resumed mercantile pursuits; died in Philadelphia, Pa., January 19, 1821; interment in Christ Churchyard.

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**WILLIS, Albert Shelby**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Ky., January 22, 1843; attended the common schools, and was graduated from the Louisville (Ky.) Male High School in 1860; taught school four years; was graduated from the Louisville Law School in 1866; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in Louisville; prosecuting attorney for Jefferson County 1874-1877; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fifth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1887); chairman, Committee on Rivers and Harbors (Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1886; resumed the practice of law; appointed Minister to Hawaii by President Cleveland in 1893 and served until his death in Honolulu, Hawaii, January 6, 1897; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Ky.

**WILLIS, Benjamin Albertson**, a Representative from New York; born in Roslyn, Queens County, N.Y., March 24, 1840; was graduated from Union College in 1861; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1862 and commenced practice in New York City; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army in 1862; captain in the One Hundred and Nineteenth New York Volunteers, and subsequently colonel of the Twelfth Regiment, New York State Volunteers; honorably discharged in 1864; resumed the practice of law; member of the State assembly 1872-1878; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Navy (Forty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; engaged in the practice of law and also in the real estate business; died in New York City on October 14, 1886; interment in Friends Cemetery, Westbury, Long Island; reinterment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**WILLIS, Edwin Edward**, a Representative from Louisiana; born in Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish, La., October 2, 1904; graduated from St. Martin Parish public schools and from the law school of Loyola University, New Orleans, La., in 1926; was admitted to the bar in 1926 and commenced the practice of law in New Orleans, La., and in St. Martinville, La., since 1936; law lecturer in evening classes 1926-1936; owner and operator of a plantation in St. Martin Parish; elected to the State senate in January

1948 and served until elected to Congress; delegate to Democratic National Convention in 1956; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1969); chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities (Eighty-eighth through Ninetieth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1968 to the Ninetieth Congress; legislative consultant and author; operated a 1,000-acre farm near Arnaudville, La.; died in St. Martinville, La., October 24, 1972; interment in St. Martin of Tours Catholic Cemetery.

**WILLIS, Francis**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Frederick County, Va., January 5, 1745; received a liberal education; served as captain and colonel in the Revolutionary War in 1777 and 1778; moved to Wilkes County, Ga., in 1784; elected to the Second Congress (March 4, 1791-March 3, 1793); moved to Maury County, Tenn.; died January 25, 1829.

**WILLIS, Frank Bartlett**, a Representative and a Senator from Ohio; born in Lewis Center, Delaware County, Ohio, December 28, 1871; attended the common schools; graduated from the Ohio Northern University at Ada in 1894; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1906; professor of history and economics at Ohio Northern University 1894-1906; professor of economics and law 1906-1910; member, State house of representatives 1900-1904; was elected as a Republican to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses and served from March 4, 1911, to January 9, 1915, when he resigned, having been elected Governor; Governor of Ohio 1915-1917; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1920 for the term commencing March 4, 1921, and subsequently appointed in January 1921 to fill the vacancy in the term ending March 3, 1921, caused by the resignation of Warren G. Harding; reelected in 1926 and served from January 14, 1921, until his death; chairman, Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions (Sixty-eighth through Seventieth Congresses); died in Delaware, Ohio, March 30, 1928; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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**WILLIS, Jonathan Spencer**, a Representative from Delaware; born in Oxford, Talbot County, Md., April 5, 1830; attended the district schools and studied under private tutors; taught school seven years and then entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church; served charges in Maryland, Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa., New York City, and Stamford, Conn.; retired from the ministry in 1884; settled on a farm near Milford, Del., and engaged in fruit growing; unsuccessful Republican candidate for election in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896 to the Fifty-fifth Congress; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Milford, Sussex County, Del., November 24, 1903; interment in Barrett's Chapel Cemetery, near Frederica, Kent County, Del.

**WILLIS, Raymond Eugene**, a Senator from Indiana; born in Waterloo, De Kalb County, Ind., August 11, 1875; attended the public schools and graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1896; learned the printer's trade in Waterloo, Ind.; moved to Angola, Ind., and engaged in the newspaper publishing business in 1898; postmaster of Angola 1910-1914; during the First World War served as chairman of Steuben County Council of Defense 1917-1918; member, State house of representatives 1919-1921;

unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1938; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1940, and served from January 3, 1941, to January 3, 1947; was not a candidate for renomination in 1946; resumed the publishing business as president of the Steuben Printing Co.; trustee of Tri-State College at Angola; died in Angola, Ind., March 21, 1956; interment in Circle Hill Cemetery.

**WILLITS, Edwin**, a Representative from Michigan; born at Otto, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., April 24, 1830; moved to Michigan with his parents in September 1836; was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in June 1855; settled in Monroe, Monroe County, Mich., in April 1856; editor of the Monroe Commercial 1856-1861; studied law; was admitted to the bar in December 1857 and commenced practice in Monroe; prosecuting attorney of Monroe County 1860-1862; member of the State board of education 1860-1872; appointed postmaster of Monroe January 1, 1863, by President Lincoln, and removed by President Johnson October 15, 1866; member of the commission to revise the constitution of the State in 1873; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice (Forty-seventh Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1882; principal of the State normal school at Ypsilanti 1883-1885; president of the Michigan Agricultural College 1885-1889; First Assistant Secretary of Agriculture from March 23, 1889, to December 31, 1893; continued the practice of law in Washington, D.C., until his death there October 22, 1896; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Monroe, Mich.

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**WILLOUGHBY, Westel, Jr.**, a Representative from New York; born in Goshen, Conn., November 20, 1769; moved to Newport, N.Y.; studied medicine and engaged in practice; appointed judge of the court of common pleas of Herkimer County in 1805 and served until 1821; president of the Herkimer County Medical Society 1806-1816 and 1818-1836; served in the State assembly in 1808 and 1809; president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons for the Western District of New York 1812-1844; member of the medical staff of the militia and served in the War of 1812; successfully contested as a Republican the election of William S. Smith to the Fourteenth Congress and served from December 13, 1815, to March 3, 1817; founded the town of Willoughby, Ohio, and also Willoughby College (now a part of Syracuse University); died in Newport, Herkimer County, N.Y., October 3, 1844; interment in the First Baptist Church Cemetery.

**WILMOT, David**, a Representative and a Senator from Pennsylvania; born in Bethany, Pa., January 20, 1814; completed preparatory studies in the academy at Aurora, N.Y.; studied law; admitted to the bar of Bradford County, Pa., in 1834 and commenced practice in Towanda, Bradford County, Pa.; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first Congresses (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1851); was not a candidate for renomination in 1850; was the author of the 'Wilmot Proviso' relative to slavery in newly annexed territory; took a leading part in the founding of the Republican Party in 1854; presiding judge of the thirteenth judicial district 1851-1861; unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania in 1857; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the

vacancy caused by the resignation of Simon Cameron and served from March 14, 1861, to March 3, 1863; was not a candidate for reelection in 1862; member of the peace convention of 1861, held in Washington, D.C., in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; appointed by President Abraham Lincoln a judge of the United States Court of Claims in 1863 and served until his death in Towanda, Pa., March 16, 1868; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

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**WILSHIRE, William Wallace**, a Representative from Arkansas; born in Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Ill., on September 8, 1830; educated in the country schools; spent three years in California in gold mining, from 1852 to 1855, when he returned to his home in Port Byron and engaged in the coal mining and mercantile business; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1859; entered the Union Army as major in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served from July 16, 1862, to July 16, 1864, when he resigned his commission on account of ill health; after the war located in Little Rock, Ark., and commenced the practice of law; appointed solicitor general of the State in 1867; chief justice of the State supreme court from 1868 to 1871, when he resigned and resumed the practice of law; presented credentials as a Republican Member-elect to the Forty-third Congress and served from March 4, 1873, to June 16, 1874, when he was succeeded by Thomas M. Gunter, who contested his election; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); was not a candidate for renomination in 1876; engaged in the practice of law in Washington, D.C., where he died August 19, 1888; interment in Mount Holly Cemetery, Little Rock, Ark.

**WILSON, Addison Graves (Joe)**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Charleston, S.C., July 31, 1947; B.A., Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., 1969; J.D., University of South Carolina, 1972; United States Army Reserves, 1972-1975; South Carolina Army National Guard; lawyer, private practice; Deputy General Counsel, Department of Energy, 1981-1982; staff for United States Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina; staff for United States Representative Floyd Spence of South Carolina; member of the South Carolina state senate, 1984-2001; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Seventh Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Floyd Spence, reelected to the succeeding Congress (December 18, 2001-present).

**WILSON, Alexander**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Virginia, birth date unknown; completed preparatory studies; member of the Virginia state house of delegates, 1803 and 1804; elected as a Republican to the Eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Andrew Moore; reelected to the Ninth and Tenth Congresses (December 4, 1804-March 3, 1809); death date unknown.

**WILSON, Benjamin**, a Representative from West Virginia; born in Wilsonburg, Harrison County, Va. (now West Virginia), April 30, 1825; attended the Northwestern Virginia Academy at Clarksburg and the law school in Staunton, Va.; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Clarksburg, Harrison County, Va. (now West Virginia); Commonwealth attorney for Harrison County 1852-



1860; member of the State constitutional convention in 1861; member of the State constitutional convention of West Virginia in 1871; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1872; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1883); Assistant Attorney General of the United States 1885-1893; died in Clarksburg, W.Va., April 26, 1901; interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**WILSON, Charles**, a Representative from Texas; born in Trinity, Trinity County, Tex., June 1, 1933; attended the public schools; graduated from Trinity High School, 1951; while a student at Sam Houston State University at Huntsville, Tex., was appointed to the United States Naval Academy and received a B.S. from the Academy in 1956; served in the United States Navy, with rank of lieutenant, 1956-1960; engaged in the lumber business; elected to the Texas house of representatives, 1960-1966; elected to the Texas senate, 1966-1972; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-third and to the eleven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1973-January 3, 1997); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress and resigned October 8, 1996.

**WILSON, Charles Herbert**, a Representative from California; born in Magna, Salt Lake County, Utah, February 15, 1917; with his parents, moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1922 and attended the public schools there and in Inglewood; employee of a bank, 1935-1942; served as a staff sergeant in the United States Army from June 1942 to December 1945, with overseas service in the European Theater of Operations; in 1945, established an insurance agency in Los Angeles, Calif.; served in the State legislature, 1954-1962, as assemblyman from the Sixty-sixth Assembly District; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1981); censured by the House of Representatives on June 10, 1980, for financial misconduct; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1980 to the Ninety-seventh Congress; was a resident of Tantallon, Md., until his death in Clinton, Md., on July 21, 1984; interment in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Calif.

**WILSON, Earl**, a Representative from Indiana; born on a farm near Huron, Lawrence County, Ind., on April 18, 1906; attended the public schools and Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.; was graduated from the Coyne Electrical School, Chicago, Ill., in 1928 and from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1931; taught high school in Dubois, White, and Decatur Counties, Ind., 1931-1938; high school principal in Jackson County, Ind., in 1939 and 1940; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-seventh and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1959); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958 to the Eighty-sixth Congress; elected to the Eighty-seventh and to the Eighty-eighth Congresses (January 3, 1961-January 3, 1965); unsuccessful candidate in 1964 for reelection to the Eighty-ninth Congress; Indiana State senator, 1969-1976; was a resident of Bedford, Ind., until his death there on April 27, 1990.

**WILSON, Edgar**, a Representative from Idaho; born in Armstrong County, Pa., near the city of Pittsburgh, February 25, 1861; attended the public schools; was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1884 and admitted to the bar; moved to Idaho in 1884, settled in Boise City and commenced the practice of law; elected city attorney of Boise City in 1887 and dis-

trict attorney in 1888; member of the constitutional convention that framed the State constitution in 1890; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); was not a candidate for reelection, having been nominated as a candidate for the bench; unsuccessful candidate for justice of the State supreme court in 1896; elected as a Silver Republican to the Fifty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1901); resumed the practice of law in Boise, Idaho, where he died January 3, 1915; interment in Morris Hill Cemetery.

**WILSON, Edgar Campbell** (son of Thomas Wilson of Virginia and father of Eugene McLanahan Wilson), a Representative from Virginia; born in Morgantown, Monongalia County, Va. (now West Virginia), October 18, 1800; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar June 24, 1832, and commenced practice in Morgantown; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1835); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1834 to the Twenty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Morgantown; appointed prosecuting attorney in the circuit court of Marion County in 1842; died in Morgantown, Va. (now West Virginia), April 24, 1860; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**WILSON, Emmett** (grandson of Augustus Emmett Maxwell), a Representative from Florida; born during the temporary residence of his parents at Belize, British Honduras, Central America, September 17, 1882; moved with his parents to Chipley, Fla.; attended the public schools and Florida State College at Tallahassee; employed as a railroad telegrapher and later as a stenographer; was graduated from the law department of the John B. Stetson University at De Land in 1904; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Marianna, Fla.; moved to Pensacola in 1906 and continued the practice of law; appointed assistant United States attorney for the northern district of Florida February 1, 1907, and United States attorney for the same district October 7, 1907, holding the position until March 1909; State's attorney for the first judicial circuit of Florida 1911-1913; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1917); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1916; resumed the practice of law in Pensacola, Fla., and died there May 29, 1918; interment in St. John's Cemetery.

**WILSON, Ephraim King** (father of Ephraim King Wilson [1821-1891]), a Representative from Maryland; born near Snow Hill, Somerset (now Worcester) County, Md., September 15, 1771; received instruction in private schools and was graduated from Princeton College in 1790; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1792 and commenced practice in Snow Hill, Md.; elected to the Twentieth Congress and reelected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1831); was not a candidate for renomination in 1830 to the Twenty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law until his death in Snow Hill, Md., on January 2, 1834; interment in the Makemie Presbyterian Churchyard.

**WILSON, Ephraim King** (son of Ephraim King Wilson [1771-1834]), a Representative and a Senator from Maryland; born in Snow Hill, Worcester County, Md., December 22, 1821; attended Union Academy at Snow Hill and Washington Academy, Princess Anne, Md.; graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in 1840; taught school for six years; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Snow Hill, Md.; member, State house of delegates 1847; presidential elector on the Democratic

ticket in 1852; because of impaired health abandoned the practice of law in 1867 and retired to his farm; examiner and treasurer of the school board of Worcester County in 1868; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1874; judge of the first judicial circuit of Maryland 1878-1884; elected as a Democrat in 1884 to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1885, until his death; had been reelected in 1890 for the term beginning March 4, 1891; died in Washington, D.C., February 24, 1891; interment in Makemie Presbyterian Churchyard, Snow Hill, Md.

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**WILSON, Eugene McLanahan** (son of Edgar Campbell Wilson, grandson of Thomas Wilson of Virginia, and great-grandson of Isaac Griffin), a Representative from Minnesota; born in Morgantown, Monongalia County, Va. (now West Virginia), December 25, 1833; attended the common schools and Morgantown Academy; was graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in 1852; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1855 and commenced practice in Winona, Minn.; United States attorney for the district of Minnesota with residence in Minneapolis 1857-1861; continued the practice of law in Minneapolis; served in the Union Army during the Civil War as captain of Company A, First Minnesota Mounted Rangers; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-first Congress (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1871); was not a candidate for renomination in 1870; resumed the practice of law; elected mayor of Minneapolis in 1872 and 1874; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1876; member of the State senate in 1878 and 1879; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1888; died while on a visit to regain his health in Nassau, New Providence Island, British West Indies, April 10, 1890; interment in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn.

**WILSON, Francis Henry**, a Representative from New York; born in Clinton, Oneida County, N.Y., February 11, 1844; lived in Utica, N.Y., until ten years of age, when he moved with his parents to the Westmoreland farm; attended the district school, Dwight's Preparatory School, Clinton, N.Y., and was graduated from Yale College in 1867; taught in a preparatory school four years; was graduated from the Columbia College Law School, New York City, in 1875; was admitted to the bar in 1882 and commenced practice in New York City; one of the founders of the Union League Club and its president in 1888 and 1889; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses and served from March 4, 1895, to September 30, 1897, when he resigned to become postmaster; appointed postmaster of Brooklyn, N.Y., and served from October 1897 until December 1901; resumed the practice of law; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., September 25, 1910; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**WILSON, Frank Eugene**, a Representative from New York; born in Roxbury, Delaware County, N.Y., December 22, 1857; attended the public schools and the Poughkeepsie Military Academy; was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1882; practiced medicine in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, N.Y., until April 1888; moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1888 and continued the practice of medicine; senior physician, a director, and member of the board of governors of the Bushwick Hospital and visiting physician to the Swedish Hospital, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, and

Fifty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1905); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1904 to the Fifty-ninth Congress; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1900; elected to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1915); was not a candidate for renomination in 1914; resumed the practice of medicine in Brooklyn, N.Y., until his death there July 12, 1935; remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in Roxbury Cemetery, Roxbury, N.Y.

**WILSON, George Allison**, a Senator from Iowa; born on a farm near Menlo, Adair County, Iowa, April 1, 1884; attended the rural schools; later attended Grinnell (Iowa) College and graduated from the law school of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City in 1907; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Des Moines, Iowa; assistant county attorney of Polk County, Iowa, 1912-1914 and county attorney 1915-1916; district judge 1917-1921; member, State senate 1925-1935; Governor of Iowa 1939-1943; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate for the term beginning January 3, 1943, but was not sworn in until January 14, 1943, continuing as Governor during the interim, and served from January 14, 1943, to January 3, 1949; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1948; resumed the practice of law; died in Des Moines, Iowa, September 8, 1953; interment in Glendale Cemetery.

**WILSON, George Howard**, a Representative from Oklahoma; born in Mattoon, Coles County, Ill., August 21, 1905; moved with his parents to Oklahoma and attended the public schools of Enid; graduated from Phillips University, Enid, Okla., in 1926; student at the University of Michigan Law School in 1926 and 1927, and graduated from the law school of the University of Oklahoma in 1929; was admitted to the bar in 1928 and commenced the practice of law in 1929 in Enid, Okla.; deputy district court clerk of Garfield County, Okla., in 1928; special agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1934-1938; city attorney of Enid, Okla., 1939-1942; served as a colonel in Judge Advocate General's Department, United States Army, with overseas duty in the South Atlantic Theater of Operations 1942-1946; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1951); unsuccessful for reelection in 1950 to the Eighty-second Congress; director of Oklahoma State Crime Bureau in 1951; State judge, Superior Court, Garfield County, Okla., 1952-1968; chief judge, State Administrative Zone No. 1, 1967; president, Oklahoma Judicial Conference, 1968; district judge, 1969 to date; chief judge, Division No. 1, Judicial District No. 4; was a resident of Enid, Okla., until his death there July 16, 1985; interment in Memorial Park Cemetery.

**WILSON, George Washington**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Brighton, Clark County, Ohio, February 22, 1840; attended the common schools and Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio; enlisted in the Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 8, 1862; commissioned second lieutenant and later first lieutenant; first lieutenant in the First Regiment, United States Veteran Volunteer Engineers, July 2, 1864, and afterward captain; mustered out October 1, 1865; studied law; was admitted to the bar August 7, 1866, and practiced in London, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Madison County 1866-1870; member of the State house of representatives 1871-1874; served in the State senate 1877-1881; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1897); resumed the practice of law in London, Ohio; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1896; mayor of New London; prosecuting attorney of Madison County; died in London, Ohio, November 27, 1909; interment in Kirkwood Cemetery.

**WILSON, Heather**, a Representative from New Mexico; born in Keene, Cheshire County, N.H., December 30, 1960; graduated from Keene High School, Keene, N.H.; B.S. United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1982; Rhodes Scholar, M.Phil., Oxford University, Oxford, England, 1984; D.Phil., Oxford University, Oxford, England, 1985; United States Air Force, 1978-1989; cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, 1995-1998; director for European Defense Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council, 1989-1991; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Steven Schiff, reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (June 23, 1998-present).

**WILSON, Henry**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Dauphin, Dauphin County, Pa., in 1778; completed preparatory studies; studied law in Harrisburg, Pa.; was admitted to the bar December 21, 1812, and commenced practice in Allentown, Pa.; prothonotary and clerk of Lehigh County Courts 1815-1821; elected to the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1823, until his death in Allentown, Pa., August 14, 1826; interment in Union Cemetery.

**WILSON, Henry**, a Senator from Massachusetts and a Vice President of the United States; born Jeremiah Jones Colbath in Farmington, N.H., February 16, 1812; worked on a farm; attended the common schools; had his name legally changed by the legislature to Henry Wilson in 1833; moved to Natick, Mass., in 1833 and learned the shoemaker's trade; attended the Strafford, Wolfsboro, and Concord Academies for short periods; taught school in Natick, Mass., where he later engaged in the manufacture of shoes; member of the State legislature between 1841 and 1852; owner and editor of the Boston Republican 1848-1851; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1853; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Massachusetts in 1853; elected in 1855 to the United States Senate by a coalition of Free Soilers, Americans, and Democrats to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward Everett; reelected as a Republican in 1859, 1865, and 1871, and served from January 31, 1855, to March 3, 1873, when he resigned to become Vice President; chairman, Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia (Thirty-seventh through Fortieth Congresses), Committee on Military Affairs (Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses); in 1861 he raised and commanded the Twenty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; elected Vice President of the United States on the Republican ticket with President Ulysses Grant and served from March 4, 1873, until his death in the Capitol Building, Washington, D.C., November 22, 1875; lay in state in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, November 25-26, 1875; interment in Old Dell Park Cemetery, Natick, Mass.

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**WILSON, Isaac**, a Representative from New York; born in Middlebury, Vt., June 25, 1780; served in the War of 1812 as captain of Cavalry; moved to Genesee County, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1816 and 1817; served in the State senate 1818-1821; judge of the Genesee County Court from May 9, 1821, to February 10, 1823; presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Eighteenth Congress

and served from March 4, 1823, to January 7, 1824, when he was succeeded by Parmenio Adams, who contested his election; again judge of the Genesee County Court from February 2, 1830, to January 23, 1836; moved to Batavia, Kane County, Ill.; appointed postmaster of Batavia on February 6, 1841, and served until July 21, 1846, when his successor was appointed; died in Batavia, Ill., on October 25, 1848; interment in East Batavia Cemetery.

**WILSON, James** (son of James Wilson [1766-1839]), a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Peterboro, N.H., March 18, 1797; attended the academies at New Ipswich, Atkinson, and Exeter; moved with his parents to Keene, N.H., in 1815; was graduated from Middlebury College in 1820; member of the State militia 1820-1840 and successively promoted from captain to major general; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1823 and commenced practice in Keene, Cheshire County, N.H.; member of the State house of representatives 1825-1837, 1840, and 1846, and served as speaker in 1828; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1835 and 1838; delegate to the Whig National Convention in 1840; surveyor general of public lands in the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa 1841-1845; elected as a Whig to the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Congresses and served from March 4, 1847, to September 9, 1850, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Thirtieth Congress); appointed one of the commissioners to settle private land claims in California in 1851 and served in this capacity until 1853; settled in San Francisco and remained there until 1867, when he returned to Keene, N.H.; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1871 and 1872; died in Keene, N.H., May 29, 1881; interment in Woodland Cemetery.

**WILSON, James**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Millerstown (now Fairfield), Pa., April 28, 1779; attended the common schools; learned the trade of cabinet-maker; engaged in mercantile pursuits and also interested in the real estate business; justice of the peace 1811-1822; elected to the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1829); again a justice of the peace 1830-1859; engaged in the real estate business; died in Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., July 19, 1868; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

**WILSON, James** (father of John Lockwood Wilson), a Representative from Indiana; born in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Ind., April 9, 1825; was graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1842; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Crawfordsville, Ind.; served in the Mexican War from June 17, 1846, to June 16, 1847; during the Civil War was appointed captain of Volunteers November 26, 1862, and honorably discharged December 6, 1865, as brevet lieutenant colonel; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1861); Minister to Venezuela from 1866 until his death in Caracas, Venezuela, August 8, 1867; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville, Ind.

**WILSON, James**, a Representative from Iowa; born on a farm in Ayrshire, Scotland, August 16, 1835; immigrated to the United States in 1852 with his parents, who settled in Norwich, Conn.; moved to Iowa in 1855 and located in Traer, Tama County; attended the public schools and Grinnell (Iowa) College; engaged in agricultural pursuits; taught school; member of the State house of representatives 1867-1871, serving as speaker in 1870 and 1871; regent of the State university 1870-1874; elected as a Republican

to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1877); member of the Iowa Railway Commission 1878-1883; presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Forty-eighth Congress and served from March 4, 1883, until the closing day, March 3, 1885, when he was succeeded by Benjamin T. Frederick, who contested his election; director of the agricultural experiment station and professor of agriculture in the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames 1891-1897; was Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinets of Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft, and served from March 5, 1897, to March 3, 1913; editor of the *Agricultural Digest*; died in Traer, Iowa, August 26, 1920; interment in Buckingham Cemetery.

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**WILSON, James**, a Delegate from Pennsylvania; born in Carskerdo, near St. Andrews, Scotland, September 14, 1742; attended the Universities of St. Andrews, Glasgow, and Edinburgh; immigrated to the United States in 1765; resided in New York City until 1766, when he moved to Philadelphia, Pa.; tutor in the College of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania); studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1767; practiced in Reading and Carlisle, Pa., and for a short time, during Howe's occupation of Philadelphia, in Annapolis, Md.; also engaged in literary pursuits; member of the Provincial Convention of Pennsylvania in 1774; Member of the Continental Congress 1775-1777, 1783, and 1785-1786; chosen colonel of the Fourth Battalion of Associators in 1775; advocate general for France in America and guided that country's legal relations to the Confederation; member of the board of war; brigadier general of the State militia; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; a delegate from Pennsylvania to the Federal Convention in 1787 and a delegate to the State ratification convention; settled in Philadelphia in 1778 and resumed the practice of law; Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court 1789-1798; first professor of law in the College of Philadelphia in 1790 and in the University of Pennsylvania when they were united in 1791; died in Edenton, N.C., August 21, 1798; interment in the Johnston burial ground on the Hayes plantation near Edenton, N.C.; reinterment in Christ Churchyard, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1906.

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**WILSON, James** (father of James Wilson [1797-1881]), a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Peterboro, N.H., August 16, 1766; attended Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and was graduated from Harvard University in 1789; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1792 and commenced practice in Peterboro, N.H.; member of the State house of representatives 1803-1808 and 1812-1814; elected as a Federalist to the Eleventh Congress (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1811); was not a candidate for renomination in 1810; resumed the practice of law; moved to Keene, Cheshire County, N.H., in 1815 and continued the practice of law; died in Keene, N.H., January 4, 1839; interment in Woodland Cemetery.

**WILSON, James Clifton**, a Representative from Texas; born in Palo Pinto, Palo Pinto County, Tex., June 21, 1874; attended the public schools and Weatherford (Tex.) College; was graduated from the law department of the University of Texas at Austin in 1896; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Weatherford, Tex.; assistant prosecuting attorney of Parker County 1898-1900 and prosecuting attorney 1902-1908; chairman of the Democratic county executive committee 1908-1912; moved to Fort

Worth in November 1912 and served as assistant district attorney of Tarrant County until July 1913; United States attorney for the northern district of Texas from July 1913 to March 1917; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth Congresses and served from March 4, 1917, to March 3, 1919, when he resigned; appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as United States district judge for the northern district of Texas, serving from March 13, 1919, until his retirement in 1947; died in Fort Worth, Tex., August 3, 1951; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**WILSON, James Falconer**, a Representative and a Senator from Iowa; born in Newark, Licking County, Ohio, October 19, 1828; pursued an academic course; apprenticed to the harnessmaker's trade; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1851 and practiced in Newark, Ohio, 1851-1853; moved to Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1853 and resumed the practice of law; member of the constitutional convention of Iowa in 1857; member, State house of representatives 1857, 1859; member, State senate 1859-1861, and was its president in 1861; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Samuel R. Curtis; reelected to the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth Congresses and served from October 8, 1861, to March 3, 1869; was not a candidate for renomination in 1868; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Thirty-eighth through Fortieth Congresses); one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1868 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against President Andrew Johnson; was tendered the position of Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Ulysses Grant but declined; subsequently appointed by President Grant as government director of the Union Pacific Railroad and served eight years; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator in 1872; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1882; reelected in 1888 and served from March 4, 1883, to March 3, 1895; was not a candidate for reelection in 1894; chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining (Forty-eighth Congress), Committee on Expenditures of Public Money (Forty-eighth Congress), Committee on Revision of the Laws of the United States (Forty-ninth through Fifty-second Congresses), Committee on Education and Labor (Fifty-second Congress); died in Fairfield, Iowa, April 22, 1895; interment in Fairfield-Evergreen Cemetery.

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**WILSON, James Jefferson**, a Senator from New Jersey; born in Essex County, N.J., in 1775; attended the common schools; editor and publisher of the *True American* of Trenton 1801-1824; clerk in the State general assembly in 1804; judge advocate and captain, Hunterdon Brigade, New Jersey Militia, in 1806; surrogate of Hunterdon County in 1808; member, State general assembly 1809-1811; brigadier general and adjutant general of New Jersey 1810-1812; reappointed brigadier general and adjutant general of New Jersey in 1814; captain in the Third Regiment, Hunterdon Brigade 1814; captain in the New Jersey Militia 1814; brigadier general and quartermaster general of New Jersey 1821-1824; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1815, to January 8, 1821, when he resigned; was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses), Committee on Claims (Sixteenth Congress); appointed postmaster of Trenton, N.J., in 1821 and served until his death in that city July 28, 1824; interment in the First Baptist Church Cemetery.

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**WILSON, Jeremiah Morrow**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, November 25, 1828; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; moved to Indiana and settled in Connersville and continued the practice of law; judge of the court of common pleas 1860-1865; elected judge of the circuit court in October 1865 and served until his election to Congress; elected as a Republican to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1875); was not a candidate for reelection in 1874; resumed the practice of his profession in Washington, D.C., where he died September 24, 1901; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

**WILSON, John**, a Representative from South Carolina; born at Wilson's Ferry (now Pelzer), Anderson County, S.C., August 11, 1773; attended the common schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits in Anderson County, near Golden Grove, S.C.; also operated a public ferry across the Saluda River at what is now known as Pelzer; member, State house of representatives, 1812-1817; elected to the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1827); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1826 to the Twentieth Congress; died at his home near Golden Grove, in Anderson County, S.C., August 13, 1828; interment in the family cemetery on his plantation, which is now a part of the industrial city of Pelzer, S.C.

**WILSON, John**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Peterboro, N.H., January 10, 1777; was graduated from Harvard University in 1799; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1802 at Peterboro, N.H., and commenced practice in Belfast, Maine (then a district of Massachusetts); served as a captain in the State militia; elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth Congress (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1815); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1814 to the Fourteenth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession in Belfast; was elected to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1818; engaged in the practice of law until his death in Belfast, Maine, August 9, 1848; interment in Grove Cemetery.

**WILSON, John Frank**, a Delegate from the Territory of Arizona; born near Pulaski, Giles County, Tenn., May 7, 1846; moved with his parents to Alabama; attended the common schools and Rhuama (Ala.) College; served in the Confederate Army as a member of Company B, First Battalion, Volunteer Infantry, and later on staff duty under General Hindman until 1863, after which he served as lieutenant colonel of a regiment; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1866 and commenced practice in Fayetteville, Ark.; member of the State house of representatives in 1877 and 1878; prosecuting attorney for the fourth judicial district in 1885 and 1886; moved to the Territory of Arizona; settled in Prescott in 1887 and continued the practice of law; member of the constitutional convention in 1891; probate judge of Yavapai County 1893-1895; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1896; appointed attorney general of the Territory of Arizona by Governor Franklin and served during 1896 and 1897; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1901); elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1905); was not a candidate for renomination in 1900 and 1904; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Prescott, Ariz., April 7, 1911; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

**WILSON, John Haden**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Nashville, Tenn., August 20, 1867; moved

with his parents to Harmony, Butler County, Pa., the same year; attended the public schools; was graduated from Harmony (Pa.) Collegiate Institute, Zelenople (Pa.) Academy, and from Grove City (Pa.) College; studied law and was admitted to the bar in Butler, Pa., in 1893; taught school; commenced the practice of law in Butler in 1896; member of the Pennsylvania National Guard for three years and served during the Homestead riots; was solicitor for the city of Butler 1906-1934, except while a Member of Congress; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1916, 1932, 1936, and 1940; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative-elect Edward E. Robbins and served from March 4, 1919, to March 3, 1921; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1920 to the Sixty-seventh Congress; resumed the practice of law; served as judge of the several courts of Butler County, Pa., 1933-1943; died in Butler, Pa., on January 28, 1946; interment in North Cemetery.

**WILSON, John Henry**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Ky., January 30, 1846; pursued preparatory studies; was graduated from Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn., in June 1870; studied law; was admitted to the bar in September 1871 and commenced practice in Barbourville, Knox County, Ky.; was also greatly interested in agricultural pursuits and the construction of the Dixie Highway; member of the State senate 1883-1887; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; resumed the practice of his profession in Barbourville, Ky.; died in Louisville, Ky., January 14, 1923; interment in Barbourville Cemetery.

**WILSON, John Lockwood** (son of James Wilson of Indiana [1825-1867]), a Representative and a Senator from Washington; born in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Ind., August 7, 1850; attended the common schools; messenger during the Civil War; graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1874; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1878 and commenced practice in Crawfordsville; member, State house of representatives 1880; appointed by President Chester Arthur as receiver of public moneys at Spokane Falls and Colfax, Washington Territory 1882-1887; upon the admission of Washington as a State into the Union was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first Congress; reelected to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses and served from November 20, 1889, to February 18, 1895, when he resigned to become Senator; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate on February 1, 1895, to fill the vacancy in the term commencing March 4, 1893, but did not assume his senatorial duties until February 19, 1895; served until March 3, 1899; was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1898; chairman, Committee on Indian Depredations (Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses); published the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, Seattle, Wash.; died in Washington, D.C., on November 6, 1912; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville, Ind.

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**WILSON, John Thomas**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Bell, Highland County, Ohio, April 16, 1811; received a limited schooling; engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits; during the Civil War was appointed first lieutenant of Company E, Seventieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, November 2, 1861, and was discharged as captain November 27, 1862; member of the State senate 1863-1866; elected as a Republican to the Fortieth, Forty-

first, and Forty-second Congresses (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1873); chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; engaged in the handling of loans and mortgages; died in Tranquillity (near what is now known as Seaman), Adams County, Ohio, on October 6, 1891; interment in Tranquillity Cemetery.

**WILSON, Joseph Franklin**, a Representative from Texas; born in Corsicana, Navarro County, Tex., March 18, 1901; attended the elementary school at Corsicana; at the age of twelve moved to Memphis, Tex. (in the Panhandle), and attended the public schools until 1916; during the First World War enrolled at Peacock Military College, San Antonio, Tex., from September 1917 to June 1918 and at Tennessee Military Institute at Sweetwater from September 1918 to June 1919, advancing through the grades to first sergeant; graduated from Baylor University Law School, Waco, Tex., in 1923; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Dallas, Tex.; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1936; chairman of the Dallas County Democratic Executive Committee 1942-1945; district judge of the criminal district court of Texas in 1943 and 1944; elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1955); was not a candidate for renomination in 1954; appointed judge of Criminal District Court No. 1, Dallas, Tex., in 1955, in which capacity he served until September 1968, when he retired due to illness; died in Dallas, Tex., October 13, 1968; interment in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

**WILSON, Joseph Gardner** (cousin of James Willis Nesmith), a Representative from Oregon; born in Acworth, Sullivan County, N.H., December 13, 1826; moved with his parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1828 and later to a farm near Reading, Hamilton County; attended the district schools until 1840 and Cary's Academy from 1840 to 1842; was graduated from Marietta (Ohio) College in 1846; professor in Farmer's College, near Cincinnati, in 1849; was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1852 and was admitted to the bar; moved to Oregon Territory in 1852 and commenced the practice of law in Salem, Oreg.; clerk of the Territorial legislature in 1853; first secretary of the Willamette Woolen Co. when it was established in 1854; prosecuting attorney of Marion County 1860-1862; associate judge of the State supreme court 1864-1866 and 1868-1870; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1870 to the Forty-second Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress and served from March 4, 1873, until his death in Marietta, Ohio, July 2, 1873; interment in Pioneer Cemetery, The Dalles, Oreg.

**WILSON, Nathan**, a Representative from New York; born in Bolton, Worcester County, Mass., December 23, 1758; moved with his family to Greenwich, Hampshire County, Mass., where he attended school; served two enlistments in Massachusetts regiments during the Revolutionary War in 1777 and 1780; moved to New Perth (now Salem), Washington County, N.Y.; enlisted as a private in the Sixteenth Regiment, Albany County Militia; appointed by Governor George Clinton in 1791 adjutant in Washington County Militia Regiment; town collector in 1801 and 1802; sheriff of Washington County 1802-1806; elected as a Republican to the Tenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of David Thomas and served from June 3, 1808, to March 3, 1809; justice of the peace 1808-1816; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died near Salem, Washington County,

N.Y., July 25, 1834; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Salem, N.Y.

**WILSON, Pete**, a Senator from California; born in Lake Forest, Lake County, Ill., August 23, 1933; attended private school in St. Louis, Mo.; graduated, Yale University 1956; graduated, University of California School of Law, Berkeley, 1962; served in the United States Marine Corps 1955-1958; admitted to the California bar in 1963 and commenced practice in San Diego; member, California legislature 1966-1971; mayor of San Diego 1971-1983; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1982; reelected in 1988 and served from January 3, 1983, until January 7, 1991, when he resigned, having been elected governor of California; Governor of California, 1991-1999; fellow, Hoover Institution 1999-.

**WILSON, Riley Joseph**, a Representative from Louisiana; born near Goldonna, Winn Parish, La., November 12, 1871; attended the public schools and Beeson College, Arcadia, La.; was graduated from Iuka (Miss.) Normal Institute in 1894; principal of Harrisonburg High School 1895-1897; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1898 and commenced practice in Harrisonburg, La.; member of the State constitutional convention in 1898; edited the Catahoula News 1898-1904; member of the State house of representatives 1900-1904; district attorney of the eighth judicial district from December 1, 1904, until his resignation on May 1, 1910, to accept a judicial appointment; judge of the eighth judicial district from May 1, 1910, until his resignation on December 1, 1914, having been elected to Congress; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1920; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fourth and to the ten succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1915-January 3, 1937); chairman, Committee on Elections No. 1 (Sixty-fifth Congress), Committee on Flood Control (Seventy-second through Seventy-fourth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1936; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1928; retired from public and political activities; died in Ruston, La., February 23, 1946; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**WILSON, Robert**, a Senator from Missouri; born near Staunton, Va., in November 1803; moved to Howard County, Mo., in 1820; taught school; probate judge of Howard County in 1825; clerk of the circuit and county courts 1829-1840; appointed brigadier general of the State forces in 1837 and served during the so-called Mormon war; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in 1840; moved to Huntsville, Mo.; member, State house of representatives 1844; moved to Andrew County, Mo., in 1852; member, State senate 1854; Union delegate to the State convention called to determine the attitude on secession in 1861 and elected vice president of the convention, later acting as president; appointed as a Unionist to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the expulsion of Waldo P. Johnson and served from January 17, 1862, to November 13, 1863, when a successor was elected; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Marshall, Saline County, Mo., on May 10, 1870; interment in Mount Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph, Mo.

**WILSON, Robert Carlton (Bob)**, a Representative from California; born in Calexico, Imperial County, Calif., April 5, 1916; attended California public schools, San Diego State College, and Otis Art Institute; during the Second World War operated Conship Commissary and served as a private in the United States Army; lieutenant colonel, United States Marine Corps Reserve; partner in two advertising agencies in San Diego; chairman, Republican Congressional Cam-

paign Committee, 1962-1966; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third and to the thirteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1981); was not a candidate for reelection in 1980; chairman, Washington Industrial Team and Air-Space America; died in Chula Vista, Calif., on August 12, 1999; interment at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, Calif.

**WILSON, Robert Patterson Clark**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Boonville, Cooper County, Mo., August 8, 1834; moved with his parents to Platte County; attended William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and was graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1853; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1854 and commenced practice in Seguin, Tex., in 1855; returned to Missouri in 1858; moved to Leavenworth, Kans., in 1860; was a member of the first State house of representatives of Kansas from March to June 4, 1861; returned to Missouri in 1861; member of the State house of representatives of Missouri in 1871 and 1872 and served as speaker both years; member of the State senate in 1879 and 1880; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888; president of the school board of Platte City, Mo.; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James N. Burnes; reelected to the Fifty-second Congress and served from December 2, 1889, to March 3, 1893; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Fifty-second Congress); resumed the practice of his profession in Platte City, Platte County, Mo.; died in Kansas City, Mo., December 21, 1916; interment in Marshall Cemetery, Platte City, Mo.

**WILSON, Stanyarne**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Yorkville (now York), S.C., January 10, 1860; attended Kings Mountain Military School and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; studied law; was admitted to the bar by an act of the legislature in 1880, then being a minor; settled in Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, S.C., in 1881; practiced law and was also interested in cotton manufactures, gold mining, iron works, and agriculture; member of the State house of representatives 1884-1886 and 1890-1892; served in the State senate 1892-1895; member of the State constitutional convention in 1895; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, and Fifty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1901); continued the practice of law in Spartanburg, S.C., and later in Richmond, Va., where he moved in 1913; returned to Spartanburg, S.C., in January 1928, and died there February 14, 1928; interment in Church of the Advent Cemetery.

**WILSON, Stephen Fowler**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Columbia, Pa., September 4, 1821; received an academic education; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; held several local offices; member of the State senate 1863-1865 and served in one session after he had been elected a Representative to Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1869); appointed additional judge of the fourth judicial district of Pennsylvania in 1871 to fill a vacancy; elected additional judge and served ten years; appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of New Mexico by President Arthur on October 16, 1884; president judge of the fourth judicial district of Pennsylvania from 1887 to 1889; resumed the practice of his profession in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pa., where he died March 30, 1897; interment in Wellsboro Cemetery.

**WILSON, Thomas**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Dungannon, County Tyrone, Ireland, May 16, 1827;

attended the common schools; immigrated to the United States in 1839 with his parents, who settled in Venango County, Pa.; was graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., in 1852; studied law; was admitted to the bar in February 1855 and commenced practice in Winona, Minn.; member of the Minnesota constitutional convention in 1857; judge of the third judicial district court 1857-1864; associate justice of the supreme court of Minnesota in 1864; chief justice from 1864 to July 1869, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives 1880-1882; served in the State senate 1882-1885; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth Congress (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1889); unsuccessful candidate for reelection; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1890; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1892; general counsel for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad until his death in St. Paul, Minn., April 3, 1910; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona, Minn.

**WILSON, Thomas** (father of Edgar Campbell Wilson and grandfather of Eugene McLanahan Wilson), a Representative from Virginia; born in Staunton, Va., September 11, 1765; studied law in Staunton, Va.; was admitted to the bar September 21, 1789, and commenced practice in Morgantown, Va. (now West Virginia); member of the State senate 1792-1795; served in the State house of delegates in 1799 and 1800; again a member of the State senate 1800-1804; elected as a Federalist to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); again a member of the State house of delegates in 1816 and 1817; resumed the practice of law; died in Morgantown, Va., January 24, 1826; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**WILSON, Thomas**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., in 1772; attended the common schools; had the contract for supplying the western forts of the United States from Niagara to New Orleans; engaged in shipbuilding in Erie, Pa., in 1805; built vessels for commerce on the Great Lakes; burgess of Erie in 1807; town clerk in 1808; treasurer of Erie County 1809-1812; county commissioner in 1811; justice of the peace; elected as a Republican to the Thirteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Abner Lacock; reelected to the Fourteenth Congress and served from May 4, 1813, to March 3, 1817; member of the State house of representatives 1817-1820; prothonotary and clerk of court of Erie County 1819-1824; died in Erie, Pa., October 4, 1824.

**WILSON, Thomas Webber**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Coldwater, Tate County, Miss., January 24, 1893; attended the public schools of his native city; was graduated from the law department of the University of Mississippi at Oxford in 1913; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Laurel, Miss.; prosecuting attorney of Jones County 1915-1919; district attorney for the twelfth judicial district of Mississippi 1919-1923; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1929); was not a candidate for renomination in 1928 but was an unsuccessful candidate for the nomination for United States Senator; engaged in the private practice of law 1928-1933; appointed a Federal judge for the Virgin Islands and served from 1933 until 1935; member of the Parole Board in the Justice Department, Washington, D.C., 1935-1947; died in Coldwater, Miss., January 31, 1948; interment in Magnolia Cemetery.

**WILSON, William**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; birth date unknown; elected as a Republican to the Four-

teenth and Fifteenth Congresses (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1819); death date unknown.

**WILSON, William**, a Representative from Ohio; born in New Boston, Hillsboro County, N.H., March 19, 1773; attended the public schools and was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1797; studied law in Johnstown, N.Y., and was admitted to the bar; moved to Ohio and settled in Chillicothe about 1805; engaged in the practice of law; moved to Newark, Ohio, in 1808, having been appointed chief judge of the court of common pleas, and served until 1823; elected to the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Congresses and served from March 4, 1823, until his death in Newark, Licking County, Ohio, June 6, 1827; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Nineteenth Congress); interment in the Old Cemetery; reinterment on March 23, 1853, in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**WILSON, William Bauchop**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Blantyre, Scotland, April 2, 1862; immigrated to this country with his parents, who settled in Arnot, Tioga County, Pa., in 1870; attended the common schools; engaged in coal mining 1871-1898; international secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America 1900-1908; elected as a Democrat to the Sixtieth, Sixty-first, and Sixty-second Congresses (March 4, 1907-March 3, 1913); chairman, Committee on Labor (Sixty-second Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1912 and for election in 1914 to the Sixty-fourth Congress; appointed Secretary of Labor in the Cabinet of President Wilson and served from March 5, 1913, to March 5, 1921; during the First World War was a member of the Council of National Defense; member of the Federal Board for Vocational Education 1914-1921 and also chairman of the board in 1920 and 1921; appointed on March 4, 1921, a member of the International Joint Commission, created to prevent disputes regarding the use of the boundary waters between the United States and Canada, and served until March 21, 1921, when he resigned; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1926; engaged in mining and agricultural pursuits near Blossburg, Tioga County, Pa.; died on a train near Savannah, Ga., May 25, 1934; interment in Arbon Cemetery, Blossburg, Pa.

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**WILSON, William Edward**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Mount Vernon, Posey County, Ind., March 9, 1870; attended the public schools and the Evansville Commercial College, with which he was associated as teacher, principal, and owner from 1888 to 1904; retired from school work and engaged in the insurance business at Evansville, Ind.; deputy auditor of Vanderburg County, Ind., 1910-1912; clerk of the circuit court of Vanderburg County 1912-1920; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1920 to the Sixty-seventh Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1925); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1924 to the Sixty-ninth Congress; engaged in banking and was later employed by the Chrysler Corp.; died in Evansville, Ind., September 29, 1948; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**WILSON, William Henry**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., December 6, 1877; attended the public and high schools and was graduated from the law department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1898; was admitted to the bar in 1899 and

commenced the practice of law in Philadelphia, Pa.; served as assistant city solicitor 1900-1909; member of the State house of representatives 1913-1915; served as director of public safety, Philadelphia, 1916-1920; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-fourth Congress (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1937); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1936 to the Seventy-fifth Congress; died in Santa Barbara, Calif., August 11, 1937; remains were cremated and placed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif.

**WILSON, William Lyne**, a Representative from West Virginia; born near Charles Town, Jefferson County, Va. (now West Virginia), May 3, 1843; attended Charles Town Academy; was graduated from Columbian College (now George Washington University), Washington, D.C., in 1860 and subsequently studied in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as a private in the Twelfth Virginia Cavalry; taught for several years in Columbian College, during which time he was graduated from its law school; was admitted to the bar in 1869 and commenced practice in Charles Town, W.Va.; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1880; chosen president of the West Virginia University at Morgantown and entered upon the office September 4, 1882; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1895); chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (Fifty-third Congress); Postmaster General in the Cabinet of President Cleveland and served from April 4, 1895, to March 5, 1897; president of the Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; died in Lexington, Rockbridge County, Va., October 17, 1900; interment in Edgehill Cemetery, Charles Town, W.Va.

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**WILSON, William Warfield**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Ohio, Bureau County, Ill., March 2, 1868; attended the public schools of Ohio, Ill., and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; was graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1893; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Chicago, Ill.; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1913); unsuccessful candidate for election in 1912 to the Sixty-third Congress; elected to the Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, and Sixty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1921); was not a candidate for renomination in 1920; appointed general counsel of the Alien Property Custodian of the United States in 1922, serving until 1927; resumed the practice of law; died in Chicago, Ill., July 22, 1942; interment in Union Cemetery, Ohio, Ill.

**WINANS, Edwin Baruch**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Avon, Livingston County, N.Y., May 16, 1826; moved with his parents to Michigan in 1834; attended Albion College, Michigan; went to California and engaged in mining on the North Yuba River, near Placerville, in 1850; worked in different parts of the State until 1857; returned to Michigan in 1858 and settled in Hamburg, Livingston County, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives 1861-1865; delegate to the State constitutional convention of May 15, 1867; probate judge of Livingston County 1877-1881; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); resumed agricultural pursuits in Livingston County, Mich.; Governor of Michigan 1891-1893; died in Hamburg, Mich., July 4, 1894; interment in Hamburg Cemetery.

**WINANS, James January**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Maysville, Ky., June 7, 1818; moved with his parents



to Greene County, Ohio; attended the common schools and the University of Lexington, Kentucky; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Lexington, Ky., in 1841 and commenced practice in Indiana; moved to Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, in 1843 and continued the practice of law; clerk of the Greene County Courts 1845-1851; served in the State senate in 1857; member of the State house of representatives in 1863; judge of the court of common pleas 1864-1871; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1871); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1870 to the Forty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Xenia, Ohio, April 28, 1879; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**WINANS, John**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Vernon, Sussex County, N.J., September 27, 1831; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1855; moved to Janesville, Rock County, Wis., in 1857 and practiced his profession; member of the board of aldermen of Janesville in 1861; city attorney 1865-1875; member of the State assembly in 1874, 1882, 1887, and 1891; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1864; served as colonel on the staff of Governor Taylor in 1874 and 1875; mayor of Janesville 1885-1887; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); was not a candidate for renomination in 1884; engaged in the practice of law in Janesville, Wis., until his death January 17, 1907; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**WINCHESTER, Boyd**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Ascension Parish, La., September 23, 1836; pursued preparatory studies; attended Centre College, Danville, Ky., and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; was graduated from the law department of the University of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1857 and commenced practice in Louisville; member of the State senate in 1867 and 1868, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1873); was not a candidate for renomination in 1872; resumed the practice of law in Louisville, Ky.; president of an insurance company 1875-1877; president of the Democratic State convention in 1884; appointed Minister Resident and consul general to Switzerland and served from 1885 to 1889; died in Louisville, Ky., May 18, 1923; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

**WINDOM, William**, a Representative and a Senator from Minnesota; born in Belmont County, Ohio, on May 10, 1827; pursued an academic course at Martinsburg, Ohio; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1850 and commenced practice in Mount Vernon, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Knox County in 1852; moved to Winona, Winona County, Minnesota Territory, in 1855; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1869); chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Thirty-eighth through Fortieth Congresses); appointed as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending March 3, 1871, caused by the death of Daniel S. Norton, and served from July 15, 1870, to January 22, 1871, when a successor was elected to complete the term; elected to the United States Senate in 1871; re-elected in 1877 and served from March 4, 1871, to March 7, 1881, when he resigned to accept a Cabinet portfolio; appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President James Garfield and served from March 1881, until his resignation, effective November 1881, having been elected Senator; elected to the United States Senate on October 26, 1881, to fill the vacancy caused by his own resignation, and served from November 15, 1881, to March 3, 1883; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1883; chairman, Committee on

Enrolled Bills (Forty-second Congress), Committee on Appropriations (Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Foreign Relations (Forty-seventh Congress); moved to New York City in 1883 and practiced law; appointed Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of President Benjamin Harrison and served from March 1889, until his death in New York City on January 29, 1891; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

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**WINFIELD, Charles Henry**, a Representative from New York; born in Crawford, N.Y., April 22, 1822; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1846 and commenced practice in Goshen, N.Y.; district attorney for Orange County 1850-1856; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1867); was not a candidate for renomination in 1866; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Walden, N.Y., June 10, 1888; interment in Wallkill Valley Cemetery.

**WING, Austin Eli**, a Delegate from Michigan; born in Conway, Hampshire County, Mass., February 3, 1792; in early youth moved with his parents to Marietta, Ohio; attended the common schools, the academy at Chillicothe, Ohio, and Athens College, Ohio; was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1814; moved to Detroit, Mich.; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1829); moved to Monroe, Mich.; elected to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833); affiliated with the Whig Party after its formation; member of the State house of representatives in 1842; served as a member of the board of regents of the University of Michigan from 1845 until 1850; appointed United States marshal for the district of Michigan on February 24, 1846, and served until 1849; died in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 27, 1849; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Monroe, Mich.

**WINGATE, Joseph Ferdinand**, a Representative from Maine; born in Haverhill, Essex County, Maine (until 1820 a district of Massachusetts), June 29, 1786; received a limited schooling; engaged in the mercantile business in Bath, Maine; member of the Massachusetts state house of representatives, 1818 and 1819; collector of customs at the port of Bath, 1820-1824; elected to the Twentieth and Twenty-first Congresses (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1831); moved to Windsor, Maine; died in South Windsor, Kennebec County, Maine; death date unknown; interment in Rest Haven Cemetery.

**WINGATE, Paine**, a Delegate, a Senator, and a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Amesbury, Mass., May 14, 1739; graduated from Harvard College in 1759; studied theology and was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church in 1763, holding a pastorate in Hampton Falls, N.H., until 1776; moved to Stratham, N.H., in 1776 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State constitutional convention in 1781; member, State house of representatives 1783; Member of the Continental Congress in 1788; elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1789, to March 3, 1793; elected to the Third Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1795); member, State house of representatives 1795; judge of the superior court of New Hampshire 1798-1809; withdrew from political life and resumed agricultural pursuits; died in Stratham, N.H.,

on March 7, 1838, being the last survivor of the Continental Congress; interment in Stratham Cemetery.

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**WINGO, Effiegene Locke** (wife of Otis Theodore Wingo and great-great-granddaughter of Matthew Locke), a Representative from Arkansas; born in Lockesburg, Sevier County, Ark., April 13, 1883; attended public and private schools and Union Female College, Oxford, Miss.; was graduated from Maddox Seminary, Little Rock, Ark., in 1901; moved to Texarkana, Ark., in 1895 and to De Queen, Ark., in 1897; elected as a Democrat on November 4, 1930, to the Seventy-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Otis Theodore Wingo, and on the same day was elected to the Seventy-second Congress and served from November 4, 1930, to March 3, 1933; was not a candidate for renomination in 1932; co-founder in 1934 of National Institute of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.; engaged in educational and research work; was a resident of De Queen, Sevier County, Ark.; died September 19, 1962, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada, while visiting her son; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

**WINGO, Otis Theodore** (husband of Effiegene Wingo), a Representative from Arkansas; born in Weakley County, Tenn., June 18, 1877; attended the public schools, Bethel College at McKenzie, Tenn., McFerrin College at Martin, Tenn., and Valparaiso (Ind.) University; taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1900 and commenced practice in De Queen, Sevier County, Ark.; member of the State senate 1907-1909; resumed the practice of his profession in De Queen, Ark.; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third and to the eight succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1913, until his death in Baltimore, Md., October 21, 1930; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

**WINN, Edward Lawrence, Jr. (Larry)**, a Representative from Kansas; born in Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo., August 22, 1919; attended public schools in Kansas City, Mo.; B.A., University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans., 1941; two years with a radio station in Kansas City, Mo.; two years with North American Aviation; two years as a private builder; vice president, Winn-Rau Corp., 1950-1966; national director, National Association of Home Builders, fourteen years; past president, Home Builders Association of Kansas; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1985); did not seek reelection to the Ninety-ninth Congress; is a resident of Prairie Village, Kans.

**WINN, Richard**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Fauquier County, Va., in 1750; attended the common schools; moved to Georgia and then to Fairfield County in South Carolina in 1768; served as a clerk in a counting-house; engaged in cotton buying and other mercantile pursuits, and was a land surveyor; entered the Revolutionary Army as a lieutenant and attained the rank of colonel of State militia; after the war was promoted to the rank of major general of militia; member, State assembly, 1779-1786; appointed superintendent of Indian affairs for the Creek Nation in 1788; elected to the Third Congress and reelected as a Republican to the Fourth Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1797); elected to the Seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas Sumter; reelected to the Eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from January 24, 1803, to March 3, 1813; moved to Tennessee in 1813; became a planter,

and continued in the mercantile business until his death on his plantation at Duck River, Maury County, Tenn., December 19, 1818; interment at Winnsboro, Fairfield County, S.C.

**WINN, Thomas Elisha**, a Representative from Georgia; born near Athens, Clarke County, Ga., May 21, 1839; attended Carrollton (Ga.) Masonic Institute, and was graduated from Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., in 1860; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1861 and commenced practice in Alpharetta, Milton County, Ga.; solicitor of the county court of Milton County; entered the Confederate Army as a first lieutenant in 1861; promoted to captain, afterward, a major, and finally a lieutenant colonel, Twenty-fourth Regiment, Georgia Infantry, and served with Lee's army until the close of the Civil War; engaged in agricultural pursuits in 1868; county school commissioner of Gwinnett County from 1876 to 1890, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); did not seek renomination in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; resumed agricultural pursuits in Greene County, Ga.; died in Atlanta, Ga., on June 5, 1925; interment in Ridge Grove Cemetery, near Greensboro, Greene County, Ga.

**WINSLOW, Samuel Ellsworth**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Worcester, Mass., April 11, 1862; attended the public schools; was graduated from Worcester Classical High School in 1880, from Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., in 1881, and from Harvard University in 1885; engaged in the manufacture of skates; appointed as a colonel on the staff of Governor Brackett in 1890; chairman of the Republican city committee of Worcester 1890-1892; chairman of the Republican State committee in 1893 and 1894; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1908; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1925); chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1924; appointed by President Coolidge in 1926 as a member of the United States Board of Mediation, for the disposition of disputes between carriers and their employees, and was subsequently chosen chairman, serving until 1934; moved in 1935 to Worcester, Mass., where he died July 11, 1940; remains were cremated and the ashes interred in Hope Cemetery.

**WINSLOW, Warren**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, N.C., January 1, 1810; was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1827; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Fayetteville; member of the State senate, and served as speaker; Acting Governor of North Carolina in December 1854; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1861); died in Fayetteville, N.C., August 16, 1862; interment in Cross Creek Cemetery.

**WINSTEAD, William Arthur**, a Representative from Mississippi; born near Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Miss., January 6, 1904; attended the public schools, Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss., and the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa; was graduated from Mississippi Southern College at Hattiesburg in 1931; engaged in agricultural pursuits; superintendent of education of Neshoba County, Miss., 1935-1942; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-eighth and to the ten succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1965); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; resumed agricultural pursuits;

automobile dealer; commissioner, Mississippi department of Public Welfare, 1968-1971; died March 14, 1995 in Philadelphia, Miss.; interment at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Philadelphia, Miss.

**WINSTON, Joseph**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Louisa County, Va., June 17, 1746; moved in 1766 to that part of Rowan County which later became Stokes County, N.C.; participated in expeditions against the hostile frontier Indians; member of the Hillsboro convention in 1775; member of the commission that concluded a treaty with the Cherokees in 1777; appointed entry taker for Surry County in 1778; chief ranger of Surry County; served as major in the Revolutionary Army; member of the State senate in 1790, 1791, 1802, 1807, and 1812; elected to the Third Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1795); elected as a Republican to the Eighth and Ninth Congresses (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1807); died near Germanton, Stokes County, N.C., April 21, 1815; interment in the family burial ground near Germanton; reinterment on Guilford Battle Grounds, N.C.

**WINTER, Charles Edwin**, a Representative from Wyoming; born in Muscatine, Iowa, September 13, 1870; attended the public schools and Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant; was graduated from the Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln in 1892; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1895 and commenced practice in Omaha, Nebr.; moved to Encampment, Carbon County, Wyo., in 1902 and to Casper, Natrona County, Wyo., in 1903; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1908; judge of the sixth judicial district of Wyoming 1913-1919; resigned from the bench and resumed the practice of law at Casper, Wyo.; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1929); was not a candidate for renomination in 1928, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate; attorney general of Puerto Rico in 1932 and 1933, and served as Acting Governor; resumed the practice of law; died in Casper, Wyo., April 22, 1948; interment in Highland Cemetery.

**WINTER, Elisha I.**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City, July 15, 1781; moved about 1806 to that portion of the township of Peru, Clinton County, which was later included in the township of Ausable, and engaged in mining ore; was elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth Congress (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1815); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1814 to the Fourteenth Congress; moved to a farm near Lexington, Ky., and engaged as a planter; was also instrumental in building the first railroad in that locality, and subsequently became president of the Lexington & Ohio Railroad; died in Lexington, Fayette County, Ky., June 30, 1849; interment in Lexington Cemetery.

**WINTER, Thomas Daniel**, a Representative from Kansas; born in Columbus, Cherokee County, Kans., July 7, 1896; attended the public and high schools; during the First World War served as a private in the United States Air Corps in 1918 and 1919; court reporter of the district court of Crawford County, Kans., 1921-1927; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1926 and commenced practice in Girard, Kans.; assistant county attorney of Crawford County, Kans., in 1927 and 1928 and county attorney in 1929 and 1930; commissioner of public utilities of Girard 1933-1935; commissioner of finance of Girard 1936-1938; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1939-January 3, 1947); unsuccessful

candidate for renomination in 1946; returned to Girard, Kans., and continued to practice law; died in Pittsburg, Kans., November 7, 1951; interment in Park Cemetery, Columbus, Kans.

**WINTHROP, Robert Charles**, a Representative and a Senator from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., May 12, 1809; graduated from Harvard University in 1828; studied law with Daniel Webster; admitted to the bar in 1831 and practiced in Boston; member, State house of representatives 1835-1840, and served as speaker 1838-1840; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Abbott Lawrence; reelected to the Twenty-seventh Congress and served from November 9, 1840, to May 25, 1842, when he resigned; subsequently elected to the Twenty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of his successor, Nathan Appleton; reelected to the Twenty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from November 29, 1842, to July 30, 1850, when he again resigned to become Senator; Speaker of the House of Representatives during the Thirtieth Congress; appointed as a Whig to the United States Senate on July 27, 1850, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Daniel Webster and served from July 30, 1850, to February 1, 1851, when a successor was elected; unsuccessful candidate for election to the vacancy in 1851; was an unsuccessful candidate for governor of Massachusetts the same year; presidential elector on the Whig ticket in 1852; engaged in literary, historical, and philanthropic pursuits; died in Boston, Mass., November 16, 1894; interment in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Middlesex County, Mass.

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**WIRTH, Timothy E.**, a Representative and a Senator from Colorado; born in Santa Fe, N.Mex., September 22, 1939; graduated, Harvard University 1961; received a graduate degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education 1964; received a doctoral degree from Stanford University 1973; United States Army Reserve 1961-1967; White House fellow 1967-1968; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education 1969-1970; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974; reelected to the five succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1975, to January 3, 1987; was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives in 1986, but was elected to the United States Senate for the term ending January 3, 1993; was not a candidate for reelection in 1992; appointed counselor, Department of State, by President William Jefferson Clinton 1993-1997; became president of the United Nations Foundation in 1997.

**WISE, George Douglas** (cousin of John Sergeant Wise and Richard Alsop Wise and nephew of Henry Alexander Wise), a Representative from Virginia; born at "Deep Creek," the Wise estate in Accomack County, near Onancock, Va., June 4, 1831; was graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington; studied law in the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Richmond, Henrico County, Va.; captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; Commonwealth attorney of the city of Richmond from 1870 to 1889, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1889); chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Forty-ninth Congress); presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Fifty-first Congress and served from March 4,

1889, to April 10, 1890, when he was succeeded by Edmund Waddill, Jr., who contested his election; elected to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); chairman, committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses); died in Richmond, Va., February 4, 1898; interment in Hollywood Cemetery.

**WISE, Henry Alexander** (father of John Sergeant Wise and Richard Alsop Wise and uncle of George Douglas Wise), a Representative from Virginia; born in Drummondtown, Accomack County, Va., December 3, 1806; was privately tutored until his twelfth year and then entered Margaret Academy, near Pungoteague, Accomack County; was graduated from Washington College, Pennsylvania, in 1825; studied law in Winchester, Va.; was admitted to the bar in 1828 and commenced practice in Nashville, Davidson County, Tenn.; returned to Virginia in 1830; held several local offices; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses, as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth through Twenty-seventh Congresses, and as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress and served from March 4, 1833, until his resignation on February 12, 1844; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Congresses); was appointed Minister to France in 1843, but was not confirmed; Minister to Brazil 1844-1847; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1850; Governor of Virginia 1856-1860; delegate to the Virginia Convention, 1861; served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; resumed the practice of law in Richmond, Henrico County, Va.; served on the commission to fix the boundary line between Virginia and Maryland; died in Richmond, Va., September 12, 1876; interment in Hollywood Cemetery.

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**WISE, James Walter**, a Representative from Georgia; born near McDonough, Henry County, Ga., March 3, 1868; attended the common schools; studied law at Emory College, Oxford, Ga.; was admitted to the bar in 1892 and commenced practice in Fayetteville, Fayette County, Ga., in January 1893; member of the State house of representatives 1902-1908; was mayor of Fayetteville 1904-1906; solicitor general of the Flint judicial circuit 1908-1912; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1925); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1924; owing to prolonged illness was unable to qualify for or attend the Sixty-eighth Congress; died in Atlanta, Ga., on September 8, 1925; interment in McDonough Cemetery, McDonough, Ga.

**WISE, John Sergeant** (son of Henry Alexander Wise, grandson of John Sergeant, brother of Richard Alsop Wise, and cousin of George Douglas Wise), a Representative from Virginia; born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 27, 1846, while his father was United States Minister to that country; attended preparatory schools in Goochland and Princess Anne Counties, Va., and the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington in 1862; participated with the institute cadets in the Battle of New Market during the Civil War; subsequently became a lieutenant in the Confederate Army; was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1867; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Richmond, Henrico County, Va.; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Forty-seventh Congress in 1880; United States attorney

for the eastern district of Virginia from May 1882 to March 1883, when he resigned, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Readjuster to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); was not a candidate for renomination in 1884; unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia in 1885; moved to New York City and engaged in the practice of his profession; died near Princess Anne, Somerset County, Md., May 12, 1913; interment in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

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**WISE, Morgan Ringland**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in West Bethlehem, Washington County, Pa., June 7, 1825; attended the public schools; taught school; crossed the Plains and engaged in gold mining in California in 1850; while there volunteered, under Major Stammins, to defend the miners against the depredations of the Indians; returned to Pennsylvania, and was graduated from Waynesburg College, Pennsylvania, in 1856; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives from 1874 to 1878; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Forty-sixth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1882; moved to Arizona and engaged in cattle raising; consular agent at Nogales, Mexico, from February 20, 1888, to May 31, 1900; died in Coraopolis, Pa., on April 13, 1903; interment in Greenmount Cemetery, Waynesburg, Pa.

**WISE, Richard Alsop** (son of Henry Alexander Wise, grandson of John Sergeant, brother of John Sergeant Wise, and cousin of George Douglas Wise), a Representative from Virginia; born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 2, 1843; attended private schools in Richmond, Va., Harrison's Academy, Albemarle County, Va., and the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., for two years; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as a private in Stuart's cavalry and as assistant inspector general of Wise's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia; was graduated in medicine from the Medical College of Virginia in 1867 and practiced; professor at the College of William and Mary 1869-1881; delegate to all Republican State conventions from 1879 to 1900; superintendent of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum of Virginia 1882-1885; member of the State house of delegates 1885-1887; clerk of the circuit and county courts of the city of Williamsburg and county of James City 1888-1894; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1892, 1896, and 1900; successfully contested as a Republican the election of William A. Young to the Fifty-fifth Congress and served from April 26, 1898, to March 3, 1899; was again successful in contesting the election of William A. Young to the Fifty-sixth Congress and served from March 12, 1900, until his death in Williamsburg, Va., December 21, 1900; interment in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

**WISE, Robert Ellsworth, Jr.**, a Representative from West Virginia; born in Washington, D.C., January 6, 1948; B.A., Duke University, Durham, N.C., 1970; J.D., Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, La., 1975; admitted to the West Virginia bar in 1975 and commenced practice in Charleston; member, State senate, 1980-1982; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 2001); was not a candidate for reelection to the United States House of Representatives, but was elected Governor of West Virginia in 2000.

**WISNER, Henry**, a Delegate from New York; born near Florida, Orange County, N.Y., in 1720; completed academic studies; invested in real estate and built a gristmill near Goshen, N.Y.; assistant justice of the court of common pleas; member of the colonial assembly 1759-1769; delegate to the New York provincial convention in 1775; Member of the Continental Congress 1775-1776; voted for the Declaration of Independence, but was absent at the time it was signed, attending the Provincial Congress in New York, to which he had just been elected; member of the Provincial Congress in 1776 and 1777; erected three powder mills in the vicinity of Goshen, Orange County, N.Y., and supplied powder to the Continental Army during the Revolution; one of the committee that framed the first constitution of New York in 1777; member of the commission to provide for fortifying the Hudson River in 1777 and 1778; served in the State senate 1777-1782; established an academy at Goshen in 1784; member of the first board of regents of the University of the State of New York 1784-1787; served as a member of the State ratification convention in 1788; died in Goshen, N.Y., on March 4, 1790; interment in the Old Wallkill Cemetery, Phillipsburg, N.Y.

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**WITCHER, John Seashoal**, a Representative from West Virginia; born in Cabell County, Va. (now West Virginia), July 15, 1839; attended the public schools; elected clerk of the circuit court of Cabell County in 1861; enrolled in the Union Army as a first lieutenant, Third Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, December 13, 1862; promoted to captain September 8, 1863, major May 23, 1864, lieutenant colonel May 6, 1865; honorably mustered out June 30, 1865; member of the State house of delegates in 1865; secretary of state of West Virginia 1866-1869; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1871); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1870 to the Forty-second Congress; appointed by President Grant as collector of internal revenue for the third district of West Virginia and served from April 1, 1871, to October 1, 1876; served as United States pension agent at Washington, D.C., from July 7, 1878, to October 3, 1880; major and paymaster, United States Army, from October 5, 1880, until he retired September 8, 1899; moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1891, and died there July 8, 1906; interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**WITHERELL, James**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Mansfield, Mass., June 16, 1759; completed preparatory studies; served in the Revolutionary Army as a member of the Eleventh Massachusetts Regiment 1775-1783; studied medicine and was licensed to practice in 1788; moved to Hampton, Vt., in 1788 and to Fair Haven, Vt., in 1789 and continued the practice of his profession; member of the State house of representatives 1798-1802; associate county judge 1801-1803; judge of Rutland County 1803-1806; executive councillor 1802-1806; elected as a Republican to the Tenth Congress and served from March 4, 1807, to May 1, 1808, when he resigned; appointed United States judge for the Territory of Michigan in 1808 and served until 1828, when he resigned to become secretary of the Territory; during the War of 1812 was in command of the troops at Detroit in the absence of General Hull, and was taken prisoner when the latter surrendered; lived in Fair Haven, Vt., while on parole; was exchanged and returned to his duties in Detroit; secretary of Michigan Territory by appointment of President John Quincy Adams 1828-1830; died in Detroit, Mich., January 9, 1838, interment in the Russell Street Cemetery; reinterment in Elmwood Cemetery.

**WITHERS, Garrett Lee**, a Senator and a Representative from Kentucky; born on a farm in Webster County, near Clay, Ky., June 21, 1884; student of Providence M. and F. Academy and Southern Normal School, Bowling Green, Ky.; admitted to the bar in 1908; practicing attorney in Webster County, Ky., 1911-1953; clerk of Webster County Circuit Court 1910-1912, and master commissioner 1913-1917; member, Kentucky Highway Commission 1932-1936; referee in bankruptcy 1941-1945; appointed commissioner, Kentucky Department of Highways 1947-1949; appointed on January 20, 1949, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alben W. Barkley, and served from January 20, 1949, to November 26, 1950; was not a candidate for election to the vacancy; member, Kentucky house of representatives 1951; elected on August 2, 1952, as a Democrat to the Eighty-second Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John A. Whitaker; reelected to the Eighty-third Congress and served from August 2, 1952, until his death in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., April 30, 1953; interment in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Clay, Ky.

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**WITHERS, Robert Enoch** (cousin of Thomas Withers Chinn), a Senator from Virginia; born near Lynchburg, Campbell County, Va., September 18, 1821; attended private schools; graduated from the medical department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1841 and commenced practice in Campbell County; moved to Danville, Pittsylvania County, Va., in 1858; during the Civil War entered the Confederate Army as major of Infantry in 1861 and was promoted to colonel of the Eighteenth Virginia Infantry, which he commanded until retired in consequence of numerous disabling wounds; appointed to command the post at Danville, Va., which position he held until the close of the war; moved to Lynchburg, Va., in 1866 and established the Lynchburg News, a daily paper devoted to the interests of the Conservative Party; nominated for governor by that party, but withdrew; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1872; elected lieutenant governor in 1873; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1881; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Forty-sixth Congress); appointed by President Grover Cleveland as United States consul at Hong Kong, China, 1885-1889, when he resigned; returned to Wytheville, Wythe County, Va.; died at 'Ingleside,' Wytheville, Va., September 21, 1907; interment in the East End Cemetery.

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**WITHERSPOON, John**, a Delegate from New Jersey; born in Gifford, Haddingtonshire, Scotland, February 5, 1723; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Edinburgh University in 1739; studied theology at Edinburgh; was licensed in 1743 and ordained minister of the parish of Beith in 1745; was the author of various religious pamphlets; installed pastor at Paisley June 16, 1757; moderator of the synod of Glasgow and Ayr in 1758; became president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1768; member of the committee on correspondence from Somerset County July 28, 1775; member of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey from June 10 to June 22, 1776; Member of the Continental Congress from 1776-1782; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; member of the secret committee of the Congress on the conduct of the war and member of the board of war in 1778; member of the State

council in 1780; drafted the instructions of June 1781 to the American peace commissioners; served in the State general assembly in 1783 and 1789; member of the State ratification convention in 1787; after the war returned to Princeton, where he continued his duties as president; died on his farm near Princeton, N.J., November 15, 1794; interment in the Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, N.J.

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**WITHERSPOON, Robert** (great-great-grandfather of Robert Witherspoon Hemphill), a Representative from South Carolina; born near Kingstree, Williamsburg County, S.C., January 29, 1767; attended local schools; elected State treasurer in 1800 and served one term; was a member of the State house of representatives, 1792-1794, 1802-1804, 1806-1808, 1816-1817; elected as a Republican to the Eleventh Congress (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1811); declined to be a candidate for reelection; had large planting interests in Sumter County, S.C.; opposed the nullification act in 1832; died near Mayesville, Sumter County, S.C., October 11, 1837; interment in the Salem Brick Church Cemetery.

**WITHERSPOON, Samuel Andrew**, a Representative from Mississippi; born near Columbus, Lowndes County, Miss., May 4, 1855; attended the public schools; in 1872 moved with his mother to Oxford, Miss.; was graduated from the University of Mississippi at Oxford in 1876; professor in the University of Mississippi 1876-1879; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1879 and commenced practice in Meridian, Lauderdale County, Miss., the same year; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-second, Sixty-third, and Sixty-fourth Congresses and served from March 4, 1911, until his death in Meridian, Miss., November 24, 1915; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**WITHROW, Gardner Robert**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in La Crosse, Wis., October 5, 1892; attended the grade and high schools; after two years of legal training engaged in railroading as a fireman and conductor 1912-1931; member of the Wisconsin assembly in 1926 and 1927; served as State representative for the railroad brotherhoods 1928-1931; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-second and Seventy-third Congresses and as a Progressive to the Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1939); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1938 to the Seventy-sixth Congress, and for election in 1940 to the Seventy-seventh Congress and in 1942 to the Seventy-eighth Congress; resumed activities as State representative for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-first and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1961); did not seek renomination in 1960; was a resident of La Crosse, Wis., until his death September 23, 1964; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**WITTE, William Henry**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Columbia, Morris County, N.J., October 4, 1817; moved to Springtown, Bucks County, Pa., and attended the common schools; moved to Philadelphia in 1840; engaged in mercantile pursuits and the real estate business; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); engaged in newspaper work and resumed real estate interests; died in Philadelphia, Pa., November 24, 1876; interment in Durham Cemetery, Durham, Bucks County, Pa.

**WOFFORD, Harris**, a Senator from Pennsylvania; born in New York City, April 9, 1926; graduated from University of Chicago, 1948; graduated from Yale and Howard Univer-

sity Law Schools, 1954; admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1954 and commenced the practice of law; legal assistant, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights 1954-1958; associate professor of law, Notre Dame Law School 1959-1960; coordinator of civil rights section of John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign; special assistant to President Kennedy and chairman of the Subcabinet Group on Civil Rights 1960-1962; assisted in the formation of the Peace Corps, serving as special representative to Africa and subsequently as associate director 1962-1966; president of the College at Old Westbury (State University of New York) 1966-1970, and Bryn Mawr College 1970-1978; practiced law in Philadelphia 1980-1986; chairman, Pennsylvania State Democratic Party 1986; Pennsylvania secretary of labor and industry 1987-1991; appointed on May 8, 1991, to the United States Senate as a Democrat to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry John Heinz, III; elected in a special election to the remainder of the term on November 5, 1991, and served from May 9, 1991, to January 3, 1995; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1994; CEO, Corporation for National Service (Americorps), 1995-2001; chairman and then co-chairman of America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth 2001-2004; is a resident of Washington, D.C.

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**WOFFORD, Thomas Albert**, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Madden Station, Laurens County, S.C., September 27, 1908; attended the public schools; graduated from the University of South Carolina at Columbia 1928, and from Harvard University Law School 1931; admitted to the bar in 1931 and commenced the practice of law in Greenville, S.C.; assistant solicitor of thirteenth judicial circuit 1935-1936; assistant United States district attorney 1937-1944; member, board of trustees, Winthrop College 1944-1956; appointed on April 5, 1956, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Strom Thurmond and served from April 5, 1956, to November 6, 1956; was not a candidate for election to fill the vacancy; engaged in the practice of law; member, State senate 1966-1972; changed party affiliation to Republican; resided in Greenville, S.C., where he died February 25, 1978; interment in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

**WOLCOTT, Edward Oliver**, a Senator from Colorado; born in Long Meadow, Hampden County, Mass., March 26, 1848; attended the common schools; served in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War; attended Yale College; graduated from the law department of Harvard University in 1875; moved to Colorado; taught school and practiced law; elected district attorney in 1876; moved to Denver in 1879; member, State senate 1879-1882; elected in 1889 as a Republican to the United States Senate; reelected in 1895 and served from March 4, 1889, to March 3, 1901; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1901 and again in 1902 and 1903; chairman, Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment (Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses), Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-sixth Congresses); resumed the practice of law in Denver, Colo.; died in Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco, March 1, 1905; remains were cremated in Paris, France, and the ashes interred in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City.

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**WOLCOTT, Jesse Paine**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Gardner, Worcester County, Mass., March 3, 1893; attended the common and high schools at Gardner, Mass., and the Detroit (Mich.) Technical Institute; was graduated from the Detroit College of Law, Detroit, Mich., in 1915; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Detroit, Mich.; during the First World War served overseas as a second lieutenant in a machine gun company of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, First Division, 1917-1919; after the war settled in Port Huron, Mich., and resumed the practice of law; assistant police judge of Port Huron in 1921; assistant prosecuting attorney of St. Clair County, Mich., 1922-1926; prosecuting attorney 1927-1930; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-second and to the twelve succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1957); chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Eightieth and Eighty-third Congresses), Joint Committee on Economic Report (Eighty-third Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1956; in 1958, appointed a director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation by President Eisenhower and served as chairman until January 1964; resided in Chevy Chase, Md., until his death, January 28, 1969; interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

**WOLCOTT, Josiah Oliver**, a Senator from Delaware; born in Dover, Del., October 31, 1877; attended the public schools and Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Del., and graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1901; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1904 and commenced practice in Wilmington, Del.; deputy attorney general of Delaware 1909-1913; attorney general of Delaware 1913-1917; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1917, to July 2, 1921, when he resigned to accept a judicial position; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Commerce (Sixty-fifth Congress); appointed chancellor of Delaware in 1921 and served until his death in Dover, Del., November 11, 1938; interment in Lake Side Methodist Episcopal Cemetery.

**WOLCOTT, Oliver**, a Delegate from Connecticut; born in Windsor, Conn., November 20, 1726; was graduated from Yale College in 1747; commissioned a captain by the Governor of New York in 1747; raised a company of Volunteers and served on the northwestern frontier until the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle; returned to Connecticut and settled in Litchfield; studied medicine, but did not practice; elected sheriff of the newly organized county of Litchfield, Conn., in 1751; member of the State council 1774-1786 and at the same time judge of the county court of common pleas; judge of probate for the Litchfield district many years; major general of militia; appointed by the Continental Congress in 1775 as one of the commissioners of Indian affairs for the northern department, intrusted with the task of inducing the Iroquois Indians to remain neutral; Member of the Continental Congress 1776-1778 and 1780-1783; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; commander of the fourteen Connecticut regiments sent for the defense of New York in 1776, and divided his time between Army service and service in Congress; commanded a brigade of militia which took part in the defeat of General Burgoyne in 1777; Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut 1786-1796; elected Governor in 1796 and served until his death in Litchfield, Conn., December 1, 1797; interment in the East Cemetery.

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**WOLD, John Schiller**, a Representative from Wyoming; born in East Orange, Essex County, N.J., August 31, 1916;

graduated from Taft High School, Watertown, Conn., 1934; attended St. Andrews University, Scotland; A.B., Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., 1938; M.S., Cornell University, 1939; consulting physicist, Bureau of Ordnance, Department of the Navy, 1941-1942; gunnery and executive officer, destroyer escort duty, Atlantic and Pacific Theaters, during the Second World War; member of the Wyoming house of representatives, 1957-1959; Wyoming Republican State chairman, 1960-1964; chairman, Western States Republican State Chairmen's Association; member, Republican National Committee, 1960-1964; executive committee, Republican National Committee, 1962-1964; Republican nominee United States Senate from Wyoming in 1964; geologist, specializing in oil, gas, coal, and uranium exploration, 1939-1968; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-first Congress (January 3, 1969-January 3, 1971); was not a candidate for reelection, but was an unsuccessful nominee to the United States Senate in 1970; business executive; is a resident of Casper, Wyo.

**WOLF, Frank Rudolph**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 30, 1939; attended the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., 1957-1958; B.A., Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa., 1961; LL.B., Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C., 1965; United States Army, 1962-1963; United States Army Reserve, 1963-1967; lawyer, private practice; staff for United States Representative Edward G. Biester, Jr., of Pennsylvania, 1968-1971; staff for United States Secretary of Interior Rogers C.B. Morton, 1971-1974; deputy assistant secretary, United States Department of the Interior, 1974-1975; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the United States House of Representatives in 1976; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States House of Representatives in 1978; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-seventh and to the eleven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1981-present).

**WOLF, George**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pa., August 12, 1777; pursued preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1799 and commenced practice in Easton, Pa.; postmaster of Easton in 1802 and 1803; clerk of the orphans' court of Northampton County 1803-1809; member of the State house of representatives in 1814; elected to the Eighteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas J. Rogers; reelected to the Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty-first Congresses and served from December 9, 1824, until his resignation in 1829 before the convening of the Twenty-first Congress; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Twentieth Congress); Governor of Pennsylvania 1829-1835; was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1834; first Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States from June 18, 1836, to February 23, 1838; appointed collector of customs of the port of Philadelphia in 1838 and served until his death in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 11, 1840; interment in Harrisburg Cemetery, Harrisburg, Pa.

**WOLF, Harry Benjamin**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Baltimore, Md., June 16, 1880; attended the public schools of Baltimore and was graduated from the law department of the University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1901; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Baltimore; also engaged in the real estate business and hotel property investments; member of the State house of delegates 1906-1908; elected as a Democrat to the Sixtieth Congress (March 4, 1907-March 3, 1909); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1908

to the Sixty-first Congress; resumed the practice of his profession and other business interests in Baltimore, Md.; died in Baltimore, Md., February 17, 1944; interment in Hebrew Friendship Cemetery.

**WOLF, Leonard George**, a Representative from Iowa; born on a farm in Dane County, near Mazomanie, Wis., October 29, 1925; attended the public schools of Mazomanie, Wis.; served in the United States Navy 1944-1946, with service in the Pacific Theater; graduated from the University of Wisconsin in agricultural economics in 1949 and moved to Elkader, Iowa, the same year; retail feed dealer in Elkader, Iowa, 1952-1958; also public speaker and lecturer; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1956 to the Eighty-fifth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-sixth Congress (January 3, 1959-January 3, 1961); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1960 to the Eighty-seventh Congress; in 1961 was appointed special assistant to the director, International Cooperation Administration Mission in Brazil and served until 1965; in 1966, coordinator for the child feeding program for Latin America; in 1967, coordinated famine relief activities in India following drought; in 1968, appointed executive director of the American Freedom From Hunger Foundation; died in Washington, D.C., March 28, 1970; interment in St. Barnabas Cemetery, Mazomanie, Wis.

**WOLF, William Penn**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Harrisburg, Stark County, Ohio, December 1, 1833; attended the public schools and Holbrook Seminary; moved to Cedar County, Iowa, in 1856; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa; superintendent of public schools; member of the State house of representatives in 1863 and 1864; served in the Union Army as captain of Company I, Forty-sixth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry; appointed assistant assessor of internal revenue in 1865; member of the State senate 1867-1869; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Smyth and served from December 6, 1870, to March 3, 1871; resumed the practice of law in Tipton, Iowa; again a member of the State house of representatives 1881-1885, and was chosen speaker in 1884; elected judge of the eighteenth judicial district in the fall of 1894 and continued in this capacity until his death in Tipton, Iowa, on September 19, 1896; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**WOLFE, Simeon Kalfius**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Georgetown, Floyd County, Ind., February 14, 1824; attended Floyd County schools, and was graduated from the law department of the University of Indiana at Bloomington in 1850; was admitted to the bar in 1851 and commenced practice in Corydon, Harrison County, Ind.; edited and published the Corydon Democrat from 1857 to 1865; member of the State senate 1860-1864; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions at Charleston and Baltimore in 1860; moved to New Albany in 1870 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); was not a candidate for renomination in 1874; resumed the practice of law; judge of the Floyd and Clark circuit court 1880-1884; died in New Albany, Floyd County, Ind., November 18, 1888; interment in Fairview Cemetery.

**WOLFENDEN, James**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Cardington, Delaware County, Pa., on July 25, 1889; attended the public schools, the Friends' Central School, and Penn Charter Academy, Philadelphia, Pa.; engaged in the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods,

Cardington, Pa.; elected as a Republican to the Seventieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas S. Butler; reelected to the Seventy-first and to the eight succeeding Congresses and served from November 6, 1928, to January 3, 1947; was not a candidate for renomination in 1946; died in Philadelphia, Pa., April 8, 1949; interment in Friends Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pa.

**WOLFF, Joseph Scott**, a Representative from Missouri; born on a farm in Westmoreland County near Greensburg, Pa., June 14, 1878; attended the public schools; served with the Fourth United States Cavalry in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American War 1899-1901; moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1901; was graduated from the dental department of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., in 1905 and practiced his profession in St. Louis and Festus, Mo.; mayor of Festus, Jefferson County, Mo., 1907-1911 and 1915-1917; member of the State house of representatives 1913-1915; was graduated from the St. Louis College of Law and Finance in 1923; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Festus, Mo.; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1925); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1924 to the Sixty-ninth Congress; moved to Kansas City in 1924 and continued the practice of dentistry and law until retirement in 1957; died in Kansas City, Mo., February 27, 1958; interment in Gambel Cemetery, Festus, Mo.

**WOLFF, Lester Lionel**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City January 4, 1919; attended the public schools of New York City; student at New York University; lecturer at New York University, 1939-1941; head of marketing department of Collegiate Institute, 1945-1949; major, public relations officer, and squadron commander in the Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxilliary, 1945-1950; colonel, commanding Congressional Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxilliary, 1968-1980; chairman of the board of Coordinated Marketing Agency, 1950-1964; member of the board of Noramco (Dugan's), 1963-1964, and of the Madison Life Insurance Co., 1963-1968; engaged in television as a moderator and producer, 1948-1960; member of the United States Trade Mission to the Philippines in 1962 and to Malaysia and Hong Kong in 1963; chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Subcommittee on Consumers Study by the House of Representatives in 1957; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1981); chairman, Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control (Ninety-fourth through Ninety-sixth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1980 to the Ninety-seventh Congress; chairman, Pacific Community Institute, 1984 to present; television commentator; is a resident of Great Neck, N.Y.

**WOLFORD, Frank Lane**, a Representative from Kentucky; born near Columbia, Adair County, Ky., September 2, 1817; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Liberty, Casey County, Ky.; member of the State house of representatives in 1847, 1848, 1865, and 1866; during the Civil War served as colonel of the First Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry 1861-1864; adjutant general of the State of Kentucky in 1867 and 1868; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; continued the practice of law in Columbia, Ky., until his death there August 2, 1895; interment in Columbia Cemetery.

**WOLPE, Howard Eliot, III**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Calif.,



November 3, 1939; attended the public schools of Los Angeles; graduated from University High School, Los Angeles, 1956; B.A., Reed College, Portland, Oreg., 1960; Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, 1967; associate professor, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, 1967-1972; regional representative to United States Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan, 1976-1978; member, Michigan State legislature, 1972-1976; Kalamazoo City Commissioner, 1969-1972; delegate, Michigan State Democratic conventions, 1972-1978; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1993); was not a candidate for renomination in 1992 to the One Hundred Third Congress; is a resident of Lansing, Mich.

**WOLVERTON, Charles Anderson**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Camden, N.J., October 24, 1880; attended the public schools and was graduated from the law department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1900; was admitted to the bar in 1901 and began practice in Camden, N.J.; assistant prosecutor of Camden County, N.J., 1906-1913; special assistant attorney general of New Jersey in 1913 and 1914; member of the State house of assembly 1915-1918, serving as speaker in 1918; Federal food administrator for Camden County 1917-1919; prosecutor of pleas of Camden County 1918-1923; elected as a Republican to the Seventieth and to the fifteen succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1927-January 3, 1959); chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Eightieth and Eighty-third Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1958; resumed the practice of law in Camden where he died on May 16, 1969; interment in Harleigh Cemetery.

**WOLVERTON, John Marshall**, a Representative from West Virginia; born in Big Bend, Calhoun County, W.Va., January 31, 1872; attended country schools and Glenville and Fairmont State Normal Schools; was graduated from the law department of the West Virginia University at Morgantown in 1901; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Grantsville, Calhoun County, W.Va.; moved to Richwood in 1904; mayor of Richwood in 1918 and 1919; prosecuting attorney of Nicholas County 1913-1917 and 1921-1925; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1925-March 3, 1927); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1926 to the Seventieth Congress; elected to the Seventy-first Congress (March 4, 1929-March 3, 1931); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress, and for election in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress and in 1936 to the Seventy-fifth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Richwood, W.Va., where he died August 19, 1944; interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**WOLVERTON, Simon Peter**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Rush Township, Northumberland County, Pa., January 28, 1837; attended the common schools and Danville (Pa.) Academy, and was graduated from Lewisburg University (now Bucknell University), Lewisburg, Pa., in 1860; principal of Sunbury (Pa.) Academy 1860-1862; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1862 and commenced practice in Sunbury; during the Civil War raised a company of emergency men, of which he was made captain in 1862, and served in the Eighteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers; chosen captain of Company F, Thirty-sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in June 1863; member of the State senate in 1878, 1880, and 1884; Democratic nominee for the United States Senate in the joint convention of 1884; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second and Fifty-

third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); was not a candidate for renomination in 1894; continued the practice of law; died in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., October 25, 1910; interment in Pomfret-Manor Cemetery.

**WON PAT, Antonio Borja**, the first Delegate from the Territory of Guam; born in Sumay, Guam, December 10, 1908; educated in Guam public schools; became school teacher in 1926; principal in the school systems of Piti, Inarajan, and Sumay, 1934-1939; taught school at George Washington High School, Agana, Guam, from 1940 until end of the Second World War; first elected to the Advisory Guam Congress in 1936; reelected in 1948 as speaker of the Guam Assembly; speaker of the first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh Guam Legislatures; elected in 1965 as Guam's first representative to Washington; reelected to the same position in 1968; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1972; elected as a Democrat Guam's Delegate to the Ninety-third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1973-January 3, 1985); unsuccessful candidate in 1984 for reelection to the Ninety-ninth Congress; was a resident of Sinajana, Guam until his death May 1, 1987, in Silver Spring, Md.; interment in Veterans Cemetery, Piti, Guam.

**WOOD, Abiel**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Wiscasset, Maine (then a district of Massachusetts), July 22, 1772; attended the common schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits; member of the Massachusetts house of representatives 1807-1811, and again in 1816; elected as a Republican to the Thirteenth Congress (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1815); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1814 to the Fourteenth Congress; delegate to the constitutional convention of Maine in 1819; State counselor of Maine in 1820 and 1821; resumed mercantile pursuits and also engaged in shipping; bank commissioner for Maine until his death in Belfast, Waldo County, Maine, October 26, 1834; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wiscasset, Lincoln County, Maine.

**WOOD, Alan, Jr.** (nephew of John Wood), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 6, 1834; attended private schools; employed in his father's mill at Delaware Iron Works, near Wilmington, Del.; moved to Conshohocken, Montgomery County, Pa., in 1857; engaged in iron manufacturing and banking; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); was not a candidate for renomination in 1876; resumed his former business activities and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; president of the Alan Wood Iron & Steel Co.; died in Philadelphia, Pa., October 31, 1902; interment in Woodland Cemetery.

**WOOD, Amos Eastman**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Ellisburg, N.Y., January 2, 1810; attended the common schools; moved to Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1833 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives 1840-1842; served in the State senate in 1845; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rudolphus Dickinson and served from December 3, 1849, until his death in Fort Wayne, Ind., November 19, 1850; interment in Woodville Cemetery, Woodville, Sandusky County, Ohio.

**WOOD, Benjamin** (brother of Fernando Wood), a Representative from New York; born in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Ky., October 13, 1820; moved to New York City with his parents; attended the public schools; entered the shipping business; purchased the Daily News in 1860 and was its editor and publisher until his death; chairman of Democratic Editors in 1860; elected as a Democrat to the

Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1865); member of the State senate in 1866 and 1867; elected to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); died in New York City February 21, 1900; interment in Calvary Cemetery, Long Island City, N.Y.

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**WOOD, Benson**, a Representative from Illinois; born near Bridgewater, Susquehanna County, Pa., on March 31, 1839; attended the common schools, Montrose (Pa.) Academy, and Wyoming (Pa.) Seminary; moved to Illinois in 1859 and for two years was principal of a village school in Lee County; enlisted as first lieutenant of Company C, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, September 7, 1861; promoted to captain May 1, 1862; honorably discharged January 29, 1863; was graduated from the law department of the University of Chicago in 1864; was admitted to the bar in 1864 and engaged in the practice of law in Effingham, Effingham County, Ill.; member of the State house of representatives in 1872; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1876 and 1888; mayor of Effingham 1881-1883; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896 to the Fifty-fifth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Effingham, Ill.; president of the Effingham State Bank 1903-1912, and chairman of the board of directors 1912-1915; died in Effingham, Ill., on August 27, 1915; interment in Oakridge Cemetery.

**WOOD, Bradford Ripley**, a Representative from New York; born in Westport, Conn., September 3, 1800; attended the common schools and was graduated from Union College at Schenectady, N.Y., in 1824; was engaged in teaching and lecturing; studied law at the Litchfield (Conn.) Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1827 and commenced practice in Albany, N.Y.; on May 29, 1827, was made solicitor in the court of chancery of New York State, and on June 6, 1830, rose to the position of chancellor of the same court; became counselor in the New York Supreme Court in 1835 and in the United States Supreme Court in 1845; member of the Albany County board of supervisors in 1844; was elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1847); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1846 to the Thirtieth Congress; president of the Young Men's Temperance Society in 1851; trustee of Union College, Williams College, and the Albany Law School; vice president of the Albany Medical College; one of the founders of the Republican Party in New York State in 1856; vice president of the American Home Missionary Society; founder of the First Congregational Church in Albany; United States Minister to Denmark from 1861 to 1865; died in Albany, N.Y., September 26, 1889; interment in Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany County, N.Y.

**WOOD, Ernest Edward**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Chico, Butte County, Calif., August 24, 1875; attended the public schools and was graduated from the Stockton (Calif.) High School in 1892; appointed as a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1893 and remained two years; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1898 and commenced practice in St. Louis, Mo.; presented credentials as a Democratic Member-elect to the Fifty-ninth Congress and served from March 4, 1905, to June 23, 1906, when he was succeeded by Harry M. Coudrey, who contested his election; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1907 and resumed the practice of law; died in

Los Angeles, Calif., January 10, 1952; interment in Hollywood Cemetery, Hollywood, Calif.

**WOOD, Fernando** (brother of Benjamin Wood), a Representative from New York; born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 14, 1812; attended the public schools; moved with his father to New York City in 1820; was engaged in business as a shipping merchant in 1831; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1842 to the Twenty-eighth Congress; appointed by Secretary of State John C. Calhoun dispatch agent for the State Department at the port of New York; reappointed to the position by Secretary of State James Buchanan and served from 1844 to 1847; unsuccessful candidate for mayor of New York in 1850 and in 1867; retired as a shipping merchant in 1850; mayor of New York City in 1855-1858, 1861, and 1862; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1865); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; elected to the Fortieth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1867, until his death at Hot Springs, Ark., February 14, 1881, before the beginning of the Forty-seventh Congress, to which he had been reelected; chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses); censured by the Fortieth Congress on January 15, 1868, for use of unparliamentary language; interment in Trinity Cemetery, New York City.

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**WOOD, Ira Wells**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on June 19, 1856; was graduated from Princeton College in 1877; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and commenced practice in Trenton, N.J.; was a member of the city board of education 1894-1896; served in the city council 1896-1900; president of the Board of Trade of Trenton 1896-1900; member of the State assembly in 1899 and 1900; commissioner for New Jersey to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held in St. Louis, Mo., in 1904; delegate to the Interparliamentary Peace Union at Brussels, Belgium, in 1905; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William M. Lanning; reelected to the Fifty-ninth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from November 8, 1904, to March 3, 1913; declined to be a candidate for reelection to the Sixty-third Congress; resided in Trenton, N.J., until his death there on October 5, 1931; interment in Mercer Cemetery.

**WOOD, John** (uncle of Alan Wood, Jr.), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 6, 1816; attended the Friends Society schools of Philadelphia; employed by his father in the manufacture of tools and agricultural machinery 1832-1840; engaged in the manufacture of iron and steel near Wilmington, Del., 1841-1844; moved to Conshohocken, Montgomery County, Pa., in 1844 and engaged in the milling of iron and steel; first Burgess of Conshohocken, Pa.; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1861); was not a candidate for renomination in 1860; resumed his former manufacturing pursuits; died in Conshohocken, Pa., May 28, 1898; interment in Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa.

**WOOD, John Jacob**, a Representative from New York; born in Clarkstown (now New City), Rockland County, N.Y., February 16, 1784; town clerk of Clarkstown 1809-1812; inspector of schools in 1815, 1823, 1829-1831, 1835-1836; elected to the Twentieth Congress (March 4, 1827-March 3,

1829); again inspector of schools 1829-1831, 1835-1837; surrogate of Rockland County in 1837; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1846; died at New City, Rockland County, N.Y., May 20, 1874; interment in Old Wood Burying Ground.

**WOOD, John M.**, a Representative from Maine; born in Minisink, Orange County, N.Y., November 17, 1813; attended the common schools; engaged in railroad construction in New Jersey; moved to Portland, Maine, in 1846; was one of the contractors in the construction of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad; also engaged in banking; member of the State house of representatives in 1852 and 1853; owner and publisher of the Portland Daily Advertiser 1853-1857; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1859); contractor for building the Air Line Railroad between Woonsocket and New Haven, Conn.; died while on a visit in Boston, Mass., December 24, 1864; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**WOOD, John Stephens**, a Representative from Georgia; born on a farm near Ball Ground, Cherokee County, Ga., February 8, 1885; attended the public schools and the North Georgia Agricultural College at Dahlonega; was graduated from the law department of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in 1910; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Jasper, Ga.; member of the State house of representatives in 1917; served as solicitor general of the Blue Ridge judicial circuit of Georgia 1921-1925, and as judge of superior courts of the Blue Ridge judicial circuit 1925-1931; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-second and Seventy-third Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1935); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1934; resumed the practice of law; elected to the Seventy-ninth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1945-January 3, 1953); chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities (Seventy-ninth, Eighty-first, and Eighty-second Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1952; resumed law practice in Canton, Ga., until failing health forced his retirement; died in Marietta, Ga., September 12, 1968; interment in Arlington Cemetery, Sandy Springs, Atlanta, Ga.

**WOOD, John Travers**, a Representative from Idaho; born in Wakefield, England, November 25, 1878; immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1889 and settled in Woodridge, N.Dak.; naturalized in 1901; attended the public schools; taught school for six years; graduated from Detroit College of Medicine in 1904 and practiced medicine in Hannah, N.Dak., for one year; moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1905 and licensed to practice medicine in 1906; surgeon for Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad 1910-1950; mayor of Coeur d'Alene in 1911 and 1912; founder and first president of Coeur d'Alene Hospital in 1908; during the First World War served as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second Congress (January 3, 1951-January 3, 1953); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1952 to the Eighty-third Congress; resumed the practice of medicine; died in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, November 2, 1954; interment in Forest Cemetery.

**WOOD, Joseph**, a Delegate from Georgia; born in Pennsylvania in 1712; moved to Sunbury, St. John's Parish (afterward Liberty County), Ga., about 1774; served in the Revolutionary War as major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel of the Second Pennsylvania Battalion, which later became the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, and was on duty in Canada in 1776; returned to Georgia and engaged in planting; mem-

ber of the State council of safety; Member of the Continental Congress 1777-1778; died on his plantation near Sunbury, Ga., in September 1791.

**WOOD, Reuben Terrell**, a Representative from Missouri; born on a farm near Springfield, Greene County, Mo., August 7, 1884; attended the public schools and received private instructions; apprenticed as a cigar maker in Springfield, Mo., in 1898; employed as a labor organization officer 1902-1912; served as president of the Missouri State Federation of Labor 1912-1932; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1933, to January 3, 1941; chairman, Committee on War Claims (Seventy-sixth Congress); was an unsuccessful candidate for election in 1940 to the Seventy-seventh Congress; resumed office as president of the Missouri State Federation of Labor until his retirement in May 1953; member of the Missouri Constitutional convention in 1944; died in Springfield, Mo., July 16, 1955; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery.

**WOOD, Silas**, a Representative from New York; born in West Hills, near Huntington, Suffolk County, N.Y., September 14, 1769; pursued classical studies; was graduated from Princeton College in 1789 and during the five succeeding years was a teacher at that institution; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Huntington, N.Y.; was appointed district attorney of Suffolk County in 1818 and 1821; elected to the Sixteenth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1829); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Seventeenth and Eighteenth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; died in Huntington, N.Y., March 2, 1847; interment in the Old Public Cemetery on Main Street.

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**WOOD, Thomas Jefferson**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Athens County, Ohio, September 30, 1844; moved with his parents to Vigo County, Ind., in 1853; attended the common schools; taught school two years; studied law in Terre Haute, Ind., and was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1867; moved to Crown Point, Lake County, Ind., in November 1867 and practiced law; corporation treasurer 1870-1872; prosecuting attorney of Lake County 1872-1876; member of the State senate 1878-1882; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful candidate for reelection; resumed the practice of law; died in Crown Point, Ind., October 13, 1908; interment in Maplewood Cemetery.

**WOOD, Walter Abbott**, a Representative from New York; born in Mason, N.H., October 23, 1815; moved to New York in 1816 with his parents, who settled in Rensselaerville; attended the common schools; moved to Hoosick Falls in 1835; became an inventor and manufacturer of reapers, mowers, and binders; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); was not a candidate for renomination; returned to Hoosick Falls, N.Y., and resumed his former pursuits; died in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., January 15, 1892; interment in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**WOOD, William Robert**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Oxford, Benton County, Ind., on January 5, 1861; attended the public schools of Oxford and was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1882; was admitted to the bar the same year

and commenced practice in LaFayette, Tippecanoe County; prosecuting attorney of Tippecanoe County 1890-1894; member of the State senate 1896-1914, and served as president pro tempore 1899-1907; Republican floor leader of the State senate for four sessions; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1912, 1916, 1920, and 1924; chairman of the Republican National congressional committee 1920-1933; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1933); chairman, Committee on Appropriations (Seventy-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; died while on a visit in New York City March 7, 1933; interment in Spring Vale Cemetery, LaFayette, Ind.

**WOODARD, Frederick Augustus**, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Wilson, Wilson County, N.C., February 12, 1854; attended private schools in Wilson County; studied law at the law school of Chief Justice Richmond Mumford Pearson; was admitted to the bar in 1873 and commenced practice in Wilson, N.C.; vice president of the First National Bank of Wilson; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Fifty-fifth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Wilson, N.C., and died there May 8, 1915; interment in Maplewood Cemetery.

**WOODBIDGE, Frederick Enoch**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Vergennes, Addison County, Vt., August 29, 1818; was graduated from the University of Vermont at Burlington in 1840; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1843 and commenced practice in Vergennes; member of the State house of representatives in 1849, 1857, and 1858; mayor of Vergennes for five years; State auditor 1850-1852; prosecuting attorney 1854-1858; engaged in the construction of railroads; member of the State senate in 1860 and 1861 and served as president pro tempore in the latter year; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1869); resumed the practice of his profession; died in Vergennes, Vt., April 25, 1888; interment in Prospect Cemetery.

**WOODBIDGE, William**, a Delegate and a Senator from Michigan; born in Norwich, Conn., August 20, 1780; studied law; moved to Ohio in 1799; admitted to the Ohio bar in 1806 and commenced the practice of law in Marietta; member, State house of representatives 1807; prosecuting attorney for New London (now Washington) County, Ohio, 1808-1814; member, State senate 1808-1814; moved to Detroit, Mich.; collector of customs, Michigan Territory 1814-1829; appointed secretary of Michigan Territory in 1814, and served until appointed judge of the Territory in 1828; elected as a Delegate to the Sixteenth Congress and served from March 4, 1819, to August 9, 1820, when he resigned; judge of the supreme court of Michigan Territory 1828-1832; delegate to the State constitutional convention 1835; member, State senate 1838-1839; Governor of Michigan 1840-1841; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1841, to March 3, 1847; was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-eighth Congress), Committee on Patents and the Patent Office (Twenty-ninth Congress); retired from public life and devoted his time to horticulture; died in Detroit, Mich., October 20, 1861; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

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**WOODBURN, William**, a Representative from Nevada; born in County Wicklow, Ireland, April 14, 1838; immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1849; attended St. Charles College, Maryland; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1866 and commenced the practice of law in Virginia City, Nev.; district attorney of Storey County, Nev., in 1871 and 1872; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); elected to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); resumed the practice of his profession in Virginia City, Storey County, Nev.; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; died in Carson City, Nev., January 15, 1915; interment in St. Theresa Cemetery.

**WOODBURY, Levi**, a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Francestown, N.H., December 22, 1789; graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1809; studied law in Litchfield, Conn., Boston, Mass., and Exeter, N.H.; admitted to the bar in 1812 and practiced in Francestown, N.H., 1813-1816; judge of the superior court of New Hampshire 1816-1823; moved to Portsmouth, N.H., in 1819; Governor of New Hampshire 1823-1824; member, State house of representatives 1825, and served as speaker; elected as a Jacksonian to the United States Senate for the term beginning March 4, 1825, and served from March 16, 1825, to March 3, 1831; chairman, Committee on Commerce (Twentieth and Twenty-first Congresses); nominated for the State senate in 1831 but declined; Secretary of the Navy in the Cabinet of President Andrew Jackson 1831-1834, when he was appointed Secretary of the Treasury 1834-1841; appointed chief justice of the superior court of New Hampshire but declined to serve; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1841, to November 20, 1845, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Finance (Twenty-ninth Congress); declined the British mission; appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and served from November 1845 until his death in Portsmouth, N.H., September 4, 1851; interment in Harmony Grove Cemetery.

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**WOODCOCK, David**, a Representative from New York; was born in Williamstown, Berkshire County, Mass., in 1785; attended the public schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; moved to Ithaca, Seneca (now Tompkins) County, N.Y.; commissioned postmaster of Ithaca November 19, 1808; appointed master of the court of chancery in 1808; member of the State assembly in 1814 and 1815; appointed district attorney of Tompkins County in April 1817; surrogate and assistant attorney general of the State in 1817; president of the Cayuga Steamboat Co. in 1819; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); president and trustee of the village of Ithaca in 1823, 1824, and 1826; resumed the practice of law; again a member of the State assembly in 1826; took a prominent part in the Anti-Masonic Crusade and State Convention at Utica, N.Y., in 1827; elected to the Twentieth Congress (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Ithaca, N.Y., September 18, 1835; interment in the City Cemetery.

**WOODFORD, Stewart Lyndon**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City September 3, 1835; was graduated from Columbia College (now Columbia Univer-

sity), New York City, in 1854; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in New York City; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1860 and 1872; assistant attorney for the United States in New York City in 1861 and 1862; during the Civil War served in the Union Army; lieutenant colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh New York Volunteers September 8, 1862; colonel of the One Hundred and Third United States Colored Infantry March 3, 1865; brevetted brigadier general of Volunteers May 12, 1865; resigned August 23, 1865; was first Union military commander of Charleston, S.C., and of Savannah, Ga.; Lieutenant Governor of New York 1867-1869; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1870; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress and served from March 4, 1873, to July 1, 1874, when he resigned; United States attorney for the southern district of New York from 1877 to 1883; appointed United States Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain on June 19, 1897, and served until September 20, 1898, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law in New York City and died there February 14, 1913; interment in Woodland Cemetery, Stamford, Conn.

**WOODHOUSE, Chase Going**, a Representative from Connecticut; born March 3, 1890, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; graduated from Science Hill School, Shelbyville, Ky., 1908; graduated from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1912; graduate work at the University of Berlin and the University of Chicago; faculty, Smith College, Northampton, Mass., 1918-1925; faculty, Connecticut College, New London, Conn., 1934-1946; managing director, Institute of Women's Professional Relations, Connecticut College, New London, Conn., 1929-1946; personnel director, Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N.C., 1929-1934; senior economist, Bureau of Home Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, 1926-1928; consultant, National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel, War Manpower Commission, 1942-1944; chair, New London, Conn., Democratic Town Committee, 1942-1943; secretary of state of Connecticut, 1941-1942; president of the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs, 1943-1948; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth Congress (January 3, 1945-January 3, 1947); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Eightieth Congress in 1946; executive director, women's division, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C., 1947-1948; visiting expert on the staff of Gen. Lucius Clay, Allied Military Governor of Germany, in 1948; elected to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1951); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Eighty-second Congress in 1950; special assistant to the Director of Price Stabilization, 1951-1953; member, Connecticut state Constitutional Convention, 1965; died on December 12, 1984, in New Canaan, Conn.

**WOODMAN, Charles Walhart**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Aalborg, Denmark, March 11, 1844; was educated in the schools of his native country; followed the sea 1860-1863; arrived in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1863 and immediately enlisted in the Gulf Squadron of the United States Navy; moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1865; graduated from the law department of Chicago University in 1871; was admitted to the Illinois bar the same year and commenced practice in Chicago; appointed prosecuting attorney of the lower courts in 1877; appointed justice of the peace by the judges of Cook County in 1881; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896 to the Fifty-fifth Congress; engaged in the practice of his profession until his death; died in Elgin, Ill., March 18, 1898; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

**WOODRUFF, George Catlin**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Litchfield, Conn., on December 1, 1805; was graduated from Yale College in 1825; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1827 and began practice in Litchfield; postmaster of Litchfield from January 4, 1832, to January 27, 1842, and from September 2, 1842, to September 28, 1846; member of the State house of representatives in 1851, 1866, and 1874; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; continued the practice of law until his death in Litchfield, Conn., November 21, 1885; interment in East Cemetery.

**WOODRUFF, John**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in West Hartford, Hartford County, Conn., February 12, 1826; received a limited schooling; moved to Catskill, Greene County, N.Y., in 1835; returned to Connecticut in 1841 and settled in Bristol, where he worked in a clock factory until 1845; moved to New Haven in 1845; elected a member of the common council in 1848 and served several terms; member of the general assembly in 1852; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1861); upon establishment of the office in 1862 was appointed collector of internal revenue for the second district of Connecticut and served until his death in New Haven, Conn., May 20, 1868; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

**WOODRUFF, Roy Orchard**, a Representative from Michigan; born at Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Mich., March 14, 1876; attended the common schools and the high school of Eaton Rapids; apprenticed to the printing business 1891-1899; enlisted as a corporal in Company G, Thirty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American War; saw active service and was mustered out; was graduated from the dental department of the College of Medicine, Detroit, Mich., in 1902 and practiced dentistry in Bay City, Mich., 1902-1911; mayor of Bay City 1911-1913; elected as a Progressive to the Sixty-third Congress (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1915); was not a candidate for renomination in 1914; served for two years in the First World War as an Infantry officer, acquiring the rank of major during his service in France; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh and to the fifteen succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1921-January 3, 1953); was not a candidate for renomination in 1952 to the Eighty-third Congress; died in Washington, D.C., February 12, 1953; interment in Elm Lawn Cemetery, Bay City, Mich.

**WOODRUFF, Thomas M.**, a Representative from New York; born in New Jersey, May 3, 1804; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Twenty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1847); employed as a cabinetmaker and later engaged in the furniture business in New York City; died in New York City, March 28, 1855; interment in the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Newark, N.J.

**WOODRUM, Clifton Alexander**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Roanoke, Roanoke County, Va., April 27, 1887; attended the public schools of his native city and the University College of Medicine (now combined with the Medical College of Virginia), Richmond, Va.; became a registered pharmacist and engaged in his profession in Roanoke; studied law at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; was admitted to the bar in 1908 and commenced practice in Roanoke, Va.; Commonwealth attorney of Roa-

noke 1917-1919; judge of the Hustings Court of Roanoke 1919-1922; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1923, until his resignation on December 31, 1945, to become president of the American Plant Food Council, Inc.; died in Washington, D.C., October 6, 1950; interment in Fairview Cemetery, Roanoke, Va.

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**WOODS, Frank Plowman**, a Representative from Iowa; born near Sharon, Walworth County, Wis., December 11, 1868; attended the public schools and the Northern Indiana Normal School, Valparaiso, Ind.; moved to Estherville, Emmett County, Iowa, in 1887 and worked in a newspaper office for two years; engaged in the mortgage-loan business and private banking; chairman of the Republican State central committee in 1906 and 1907; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-first and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1919); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1918; chairman of the Republican National Congressional Committee 1913-1918; resided in Altadena, Calif., until his death there April 25, 1944; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

**WOODS, Henry** (brother of John Woods [1761-1816]), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Bedford, Bedford County, Pa., in 1764; received a limited schooling; attended the subscription schools of Bedford County, Pa.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1792 and commenced practice in Bedford, Pa.; elected as a Federalist to the Sixth and Seventh Congresses (March 4, 1799-March 3, 1803); engaged as a land speculator; died in Bedford, Pa., in 1826.

**WOODS, James Pleasant**, a Representative from Virginia; born near Roanoke, Roanoke County, Va., February 4, 1868; attended the common schools; was graduated from Roanoke College in 1892; studied law at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1892 and 1893; was admitted to the bar in the latter year and commenced practice in Roanoke, Va.; mayor of Roanoke 1898-1900; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth Congresses to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Carter Glass; was reelected to the Sixty-seventh Congress and served from February 25, 1919, to March 3, 1923; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1922; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1920; president of the board of trustees of Roanoke College; member of the board of trustees of the Randolph-Macon system of colleges; rector of the board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; resumed the practice of law; died in Roanoke, Va., July 7, 1948; interment in Evergreen Burial Park.

**WOODS, John**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Johnstown, Dauphin County, Pa., October 18, 1794; moved with his parents to Ohio, where he attended the common schools; served in the War of 1812; after the war operated a school near Springborough for two years; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1819 and commenced the practice of his profession in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Butler County 1820-1825; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; became editor and publisher of the *Hamilton Intelligencer* in 1829; State auditor of Ohio from 1845 to 1851; president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis Railroad; died in Hamilton, Ohio, July 30, 1855; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**WOODS, John** (brother of Henry Woods), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Bedford, Bedford County,

Pa., in 1761; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Washington County, Pa., in December 1783, in Westmoreland County and Fayette County in 1784, in Allegheny County on December 16, 1788, and in Bedford County in 1791; practiced extensively in those counties; assisted in laying out the city of Pittsburgh in 1784; member of the State senate in 1797; elected as a Federalist to the Fourteenth Congress (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1817); owing to illness never attended or qualified; died in Brunswick County, Va., December 16, 1816, while on a journey to the South to regain his health.

**WOODS, Samuel Davis**, a Representative from California; born in Mount Pleasant, Maury County, Tenn., September 19, 1845; moved with his parents to Stockton, Calif., in February 1850; attended the public schools; studied law; was admitted to the California bar in April 1875 and engaged in practice in Stockton and in the city and county of San Francisco; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Marion De Vries; reelected to the Fifty-seventh Congress and served from December 3, 1900, to March 3, 1903; was not a candidate for reelection in 1902 to the Fifty-eighth Congress; resumed the practice of law in San Francisco, Calif., and died there December 24, 1915; interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery, San Mateo County, Calif.

**WOODS, William**, a Representative from New York; born in Washington County, N.Y., in 1790; received a limited schooling; moved to Bath, Steuben County, N.Y., in 1813; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Bath, N.Y.; member of the State assembly 1823-1825; elected to the Eighteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William B. Rochester and served from November 3, 1823, to March 3, 1825; resumed the practice of his profession; surrogate of Steuben County 1827-1835; died in Bath, N.Y., August 7, 1837; interment in Grove Cemetery.

**WOODSON, Samuel Hughes** (son of Samuel Hughes Woodson [1777-1827]), a Representative from Missouri; born near Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Ky., October 24, 1815; attended the public schools; was graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., and the law department of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky.; was admitted to the bar in 1838 and commenced the practice of law in Independence, Jackson County, Mo., in 1840; member of the State house of representatives in 1853 and 1854; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1855; elected on the American Party ticket to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1861); was not a candidate for renomination in 1860; resumed the practice of his profession in Independence; became affiliated with the Democratic Party; was judge of the twenty-fourth judicial circuit of Missouri from March 1875 until his death in Independence, Mo., June 23, 1881; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**WOODSON, Samuel Hughes** (father of Samuel Hughes Woodson [1815-1881]), a Representative from Kentucky; born near Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Va., September 15, 1777; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1802 and commenced practice in Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Ky.; clerk of Jessamine County Circuit Court 1803-1819; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1822 to the Eighteenth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession in Nicholasville; member of the State house of representatives in 1825 and 1826; died at "Chaumiere," Jessamine County, Ky., July 28, 1827; interment in the Crocket Burying Ground.

**WOODWARD, George Washington**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Bethany, Wayne County, Pa., March 26, 1809; attended Geneva Seminary (now Hobart College), Geneva, N.Y., and Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Academy; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1830 and commenced practice in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1837; president judge of the fourth judicial district 1841-1851; unsuccessful candidate for United States Senator in 1845; nominated in 1845 by President Polk a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States but was not confirmed by the Senate; associate judge of the supreme court of Pennsylvania 1852-1863 and chief justice 1863-1867; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor in 1863; elected as a Democrat to the Fortieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Denison; reelected to the Forty-first Congress and served from November 21, 1867, to March 3 1871; was not a candidate for renomination in 1870; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1868; unsuccessful candidate for president judge of the eleventh judicial district in 1870; moved to Philadelphia in 1871 and continued the practice of his profession; was a delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1873; traveled abroad in 1874 and died in Rome, Italy, on May 10, 1875; interment in Hollenback Cemetery, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**WOODWARD, Gilbert Motier**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Washington, D.C., December 25, 1835; educated in the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1861 and commenced practice in La Crosse, Wis., in February 1860; served more than three years in the Union Army during the Civil War as a private, first sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and adjutant in the Second Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; district attorney of La Crosse County 1866-1873; mayor of the city of La Crosse in 1874 and 1875; city attorney 1876-1882; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful for reelection in 1884 to the Forty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law in La Crosse, Wis.; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor of Wisconsin in 1886; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888; died in La Crosse, Wis., March 13, 1913; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**WOODWARD, Joseph Addison** (son of William Woodward), a Representative from South Carolina; born in Winnsboro, Fairfield County, S.C., on April 11, 1806; received an academic training and was graduated from the University of South Carolina at Columbia; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State house of representatives, 1834-1835, 1840-1841; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1853); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; moved to Alabama and resumed the practice of his profession; died in Talladega, Talladega County, Ala., on August 3, 1885; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**WOODWARD, William** (father of Joseph Addison Woodward), a Representative from South Carolina; birth date unknown; member, State house of representatives, 1818-1823; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth Congress (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1817); death date unknown.

**WOODWORTH, James Hutchinson**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Greenwich, N.Y., December 4, 1804; received a limited schooling; moved to Fabius, Onondaga County, N.Y., and taught school; engaged in mercantile pursuits in 1823; inspector of the common schools in 1826;

moved to Erie, Pa., in 1827; justice of the peace 1829-1832; moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1833 and engaged in the dry-goods business; served in the State senate 1839-1842; member of the State house of representatives 1842-1847; owner and manager of the Chicago Hydraulic Flouring Mills for ten years; member of the Chicago City Council 1845-1848; mayor of Chicago 1848-1850; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); retired to private life until appointed by Governor Yates to serve on the board of auditors on war claims; served as president of the Merchants & Mechanics' Bank of Chicago and was president of the Treasury Bank of Chicago at the time of his death; one of the founders of Chicago University; died in Highland Park, Ill., March 26, 1869; interment in Oakland Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

**WOODWORTH, Laurin Dewey**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Windham, Portage County, Ohio, September 10, 1837; attended the common schools, Windham (Ohio) Academy, Hiram (Ohio) College, and the Ohio State University at Columbus; studied law at Union Law College, Cleveland, Ohio; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Ravenna, Ohio; member of the Portage County Board of School Examiners; served in the Union Army as major of the One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry from July 1862 to December 1862; moved to Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1864 and resumed the practice of law; elected to the State senate in 1867; reelected in 1869 and served as president pro tempore; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1877); was an unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; continued the practice of law in Youngstown, Ohio, until his death there on March 13, 1897; interment in Windham Cemetery, Windham, Portage County, Ohio.

**WOODWORTH, William W.**, a Representative from New York; born in New London, Conn., March 16, 1807; moved to Hyde Park, Dutchess County, N.Y., in 1834; received a limited schooling; supervisor of Hyde Park in 1838, 1841, and 1843; appointed judge of Dutchess County in 1838 and reappointed in 1843; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1842 to the Twenty-eighth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1847); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1846; held interests in Cuba and formed a stock company of the Hudson River State Co. at Clinton, N.Y.; contractor for building a section of the Hudson River Railroad; moved to Yonkers, N.Y., December 1, 1849, and engaged in the real estate business and banking; elected president of Yonkers in 1857 and 1858; elected receiver of taxes in 1870; died in Yonkers, N.Y., February 13, 1873; interment in Oakland Cemetery.

**WOODYARD, Harry Chapman**, a Representative from West Virginia; born in Spencer, Roane County, W.Va., November 13, 1867; attended the common schools; engaged in the wholesale grocery and lumber business; member of the State senate in 1898; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1911); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; elected to the Sixty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hunter H. Moss, Jr.; reelected to the Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, and Sixty-seventh Congresses and served from November 7, 1916, to March 3, 1923; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; elected to the Sixty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1925-March 3, 1927); was not a candidate for reelection to the Seventieth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; died in Spen-

cer, W.Va., on June 21, 1929; interment in Spencer Mausoleum.

**WOOLSEY, Lynn C.**, a Representative from California; born in Seattle, King County, Wash., November 3, 1937; graduated from Lincoln High School, Seattle, Wash.; attended the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., 1955-1957; B.S., University of San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif., 1980; human resources manager and personnel service owner; teacher, Marin Community College, Indian Valley, Calif.; instructor, Dominican College of San Rafael, Calif.; member, Petaluma, Calif., city council, 1984-1992; vice mayor, Petaluma, Calif., 1989 and 1992; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-present).

**WOOMER, Ephraim Milton**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., January 14, 1844; attended the common schools; during the Civil War enlisted in Company A, Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in September 1861; promoted to sergeant; taught school until 1869; engaged in mercantile pursuits; clerk of the orphans' court of Lebanon County 1869-1872; cashier of the People's Bank of Lebanon; member of the council of the borough of Lebanon 1884-1886; president of the select council of the city of Lebanon 1886-1890; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1896; again engaged in banking; died in Lebanon, Pa., November 29, 1897; interment in Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

**WOOTEN, Dudley Goodall**, a Representative from Texas; born near Springfield, Greene County, Mo., June 19, 1860; moved in infancy with his parents to Texas during the Civil War; attended private schools in Paris, Tex., and was graduated from Princeton College in 1875; attended Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., and was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and practiced in Austin, Tex.; prosecuting attorney of Austin 1884-1886; moved to Dallas, Tex., in 1888; judge of the Dallas County district court 1890-1892; member of the State house of representatives in 1898 and 1899; delegate to the National Antitrust Conference at Chicago in 1899; member of the executive council of the National Civic Federation in 1900; delegate to the National Tax Conference at Buffalo in 1901; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert E. Burke and served from July 13, 1901, to March 3, 1903; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1902; continued the practice of law in Seattle, Wash.; served as special judge of the superior court at various times; delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in 1912; delegate to the National Conservation Congress in 1913; appointed a member of the State board of higher curricula by the Governor in 1919; professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., 1924-1928; died, while on a visit, in Austin, Tex., on February 7, 1929; interment in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, Wash.

**WORCESTER, Samuel Thomas**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Hollis, Hillsborough County, N.H., August 30, 1804; attended the common schools and was graduated from Harvard University in 1830; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1835 and began practice in Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio; member of the State senate in 1849 and 1850; served as judge of the court of common pleas in 1859 and

1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Sherman and served from July 4, 1861, to March 3, 1863; resumed the practice of law and engaged in literary pursuits; died in Nashua, N.H., on December 6, 1882; interment in the South Cemetery, Hollis, N.H.

**WORD, Thomas Jefferson**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Surry County, N.C., birth date unknown; member of the State house of commons in 1832; moved to Mississippi and settled in Pontotoc, Pontotoc County; contested the election of Samuel J. Gholson to the Twenty-fifth Congress, and the election was set aside by the House; subsequently elected as a Whig to fill the vacancy caused by this action (May 30, 1838-March 3, 1839); death date unknown.

**WORKS, John Downey**, a Senator from California; born near Rising Sun, Ohio County, Ind., March 29, 1847; attended private schools; during the Civil War served in the Tenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, of the Union Army; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1868 and commenced practice in Vevay, Ind.; member, State house of representatives 1878-1880; moved to San Diego, Calif., in 1883 and continued the practice of law; judge of the superior court of San Diego County 1886-1887; associate justice of the supreme court of California 1888-1891; moved to Los Angeles in 1896; president of the city council of Los Angeles 1910; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1911, to March 3, 1917; was not a candidate for renomination; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the War Department (Sixty-second Congress), Committee on Fisheries (Sixty-second Congress); resumed the practice of law for a short time; died in Los Angeles, Calif., June 6, 1928; remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in Inglewood Cemetery.

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**WORLEY, Francis Eugene**, a Representative from Texas; born to Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Okla., October 10, 1908; moved to Shamrock, Tex., in 1922; attended the public schools, the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station in 1927 and 1928, and the law school of the University of Texas at Austin 1930-1935; was admitted to the bar in 1935 and commenced practice in Shamrock, Tex.; member of the State house of representatives from 1935 to 1940, when he resigned, having been elected to Congress; served as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy from December 1941 to August 1942, while a Member of Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-seventh Congress; reelected to the four succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1941, until his resignation April 3, 1950; chairman, Committee on Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives (Seventy-eighth Congress); appointed an associate judge of the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, Washington, D.C., and served from April 4, 1950, to May 4, 1959; appointed chief judge May 4, 1959; resided in Arlington, Va., until his death in Naples, Fla., December 17, 1974; cremated; ashes interred at Columbia Gardens, Arlington, Va.

**WORMAN, Ludwig**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Tincum Township, Bucks County, Pa., in 1761; received a limited schooling; learned the tanning business; moved to Earl Township, Berks County, Pa., in 1784 and established a tannery; elected as a Federalist to the Seventeenth Congress and served from March 4, 1821, until his



death; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1822 to the Eighteenth Congress; died in Earl Township, Berks County, Pa., October 17, 1822; interment in Earl Township Cemetery.

**WORTENDYKE, Jacob Reynier**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Chestnut Ridge, near Hackensack, Bergen County, N.J., November 27, 1818; completed preparatory studies under a private tutor; was graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., 1839; taught school for ten years; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1853 and commenced practice in Jersey City, N.J.; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1859); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1858 to the Thirty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of law; trustee of Rutgers College 1862-1868; president of the water board, Jersey City, 1860-1868; president of the Riparian Commission of New Jersey 1865-1868; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1868; died in Jersey City, N.J., November 7, 1868; interment in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery, Park Ridge, Bergen County, N.J.

**WORTHINGTON, Henry Gaither**, a Representative from Nevada; born in Cumberland, Md., February 9, 1828; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Tuolumne County, Calif.; traveled in Central America and Mexico and upon his return settled in San Francisco, Calif.; member of the State house of representatives in 1861; moved to Nevada in 1862 and settled in Austin; upon the admission of Nevada as a State into the Union was elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth Congress and served from October 31, 1864, to March 3, 1865; collector of the port of Charleston, S.C.; served as United States Minister to Uruguay and the Argentine Republic in 1868 and 1869 by appointment of President Andrew Johnson; United States district judge; major general of militia; defeated by two votes for election to the United States Senate; served as a pallbearer at the funeral of President Abraham Lincoln; died in Washington, D.C., July 29, 1909; interment in Congressional Cemetery.

**WORTHINGTON, John Tolley Hood**, a Representative from Maryland; born at "Shewan," near Baltimore, Baltimore County, Md., November 1, 1788; received a limited schooling; engaged in agricultural pursuits; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1832 to the Twenty-third Congress and for election in 1834 to the Twenty-fourth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1841); resumed agricultural pursuits; died at "Shewan," Baltimore County, Md., April 27, 1849; interment in a private cemetery on his farm; reinterment in St. John's Episcopal Churchyard, Worthington Valley, Baltimore County, Md.

**WORTHINGTON, Nicholas Ellsworth**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Brooke County, Va. (now West Virginia), March 30, 1836; was graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1860 and commenced practice in Peoria, Ill.; superintendent of schools of Peoria County 1865-1872; member of the State board of education 1869-1872; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress and for election in 1888 to the Fifty-first Congress; resumed the practice of law; elected circuit judge of the tenth judicial district of Illinois in 1891; reelected in 1897, and served until his retirement

June 15, 1915; appointed by President Cleveland a member of the commission to investigate labor strikes in 1894; died in Peoria, Ill., March 4, 1916; interment in Springdale Cemetery.

**WORTHINGTON, Thomas**, a Senator from Ohio; born in Jefferson County, Va. (now West Virginia), on July 16, 1773; completed preparatory studies; went to sea; studied surveying; moved to Ross County, Ohio, in 1796; member of the first and second Territorial legislatures 1799-1803; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1803; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate and served from April 1, 1803, to March 3, 1807; member, State house of representatives 1807; again elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Return J. Meigs, Jr., and served from December 15, 1810, until December 1, 1814, when he resigned, having been elected Governor; Governor of Ohio 1814-1818; canal commissioner from 1818 until his death; member, State house of representatives 1821-1822; died in New York City on June 20, 1827; interment in Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio.

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**WORTHINGTON, Thomas Contee** (nephew of Benjamin Contee), a Representative from Maryland; born near Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Md., November 25, 1782; received a limited schooling; served as a captain in the War of 1812; brigadier general of the Ninth Brigade, Maryland Militia, 1818-1847; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1817 and commenced practice in Annapolis, Md.; member of the executive council in 1830 under the first State constitution; moved to Frederick, Frederick County, Md., in 1818 and continued the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives in 1818; elected to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); resumed the practice of law in Frederick, Md., and died there on April 12, 1847; interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**WORTLEY, George Cornelius**, a Representative from New York; born in Syracuse, N.Y., December 8, 1926; attended St. Lucy's Academy, Syracuse; graduated from Tully Central School, Tully, N.Y., 1944; B.S., Syracuse University, 1948; attended Kings Point Academy, 1945-1946; cadet midshipman, MMR-USNR, 1945-1946; president of publishing company; publisher-editor, *Eagle Bulletin*; director, Bank of New York (central region); director, Wortley Drug Store, Inc.; National Editorial Foundation, president, 1968-1973; New York Press Association, president, 1966; National Commission on Historical Publications and Records, 1977-1980; director, Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, 1979-1982; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1981-January 3, 1989); was not a candidate for renomination in 1988 to the One Hundred First Congress; is a resident of Fayetteville, N.Y.

**WREN, Thomas**, a Representative from Nevada; born in McArthurstown, Ohio, January 2, 1826; received a common-school education; moved with his parents to Illinois; crossed the Plains to California in 1850; engaged in mining for three years; deputy clerk of Eldorado County, Calif., 1855-1857; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Downeyville, Calif.; moved to Nevada in 1863, where he resided successively in Austin, Hamilton, Pioche, Eureka, and Reno, being engaged in the practice of law at each place; city attorney of Austin 1874-1876; president and attorney for the Richmond Mining Co. in Eureka; member of

the State house of representatives in 1875; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); resumed the practice of law; died in Reno, Nev., February 5, 1904; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**WRIGHT, Ashley Bascom**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Hinsdale, Berkshire County, Mass., May 25, 1841; attended the public schools and Lincoln Academy at Hinsdale; moved to North Adams, Mass., in 1861; appointed chief deputy collector of internal revenue for the tenth district of Massachusetts in 1861; resigned in 1865 and engaged in mercantile pursuits; elected selectman; commissioner for the county of Berkshire 1884-1887 and chairman for one year; member of the State executive council in 1890 and 1891; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, and Fifty-fifth Congresses and served from March 4, 1893, until his death in North Adams, Berkshire County, Mass., August 14, 1897; chairman, Committee on Mileage (Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses); interment in Hinsdale Cemetery.

**WRIGHT, Augustus Romaldus**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Wrightsboro, Ga., June 16, 1813; attended the public schools at Appling, Ga., the grammar school, Franklin College, and the University of Georgia at Athens; studied law at Litchfield (Conn.) Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1835 and commenced practice in Crawfordville, Ga., moving the following year to Cassville; served as judge of the superior courts of the Cherokee circuit from 1842 until he resigned in 1849 to resume the practice of law; moved to Rome, Ga., in 1855 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1859); delegate to Georgia Secession Convention (opposing secession) and to the Confederate Secession Convention; offered provisional governorship of Georgia by President Lincoln, but declined; served as a member of the Confederate Congress; during the Civil War organized Wright's Legion, which was mustered in with the Thirty-eighth Georgia Infantry; after the Civil War resumed the practice of law at Rome, Ga.; member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention of 1877; died March 31, 1891, at his home "Glenwood," later a part of the Berry School, near Rome, Ga.; interment in Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

**WRIGHT, Charles Frederick** (brother of Myron Benjamin Wright), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Forest Lake Township, Susquehanna County, Pa., on May 3, 1856; attended the public schools and was graduated from the Montrose (Pa.) Academy in 1874; teller of the First National Bank of Montrose, Pa., 1875-1881; was assistant cashier, cashier, and president of the First National Bank of Susquehanna Depot 1882-1899; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1896, 1904, and 1908; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, and Fifty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1905); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture (Fifty-eighth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1904; State treasurer 1911-1913; commissioner of public service in 1915 and 1916; resumed banking pursuits; died in Susquehanna, Pa., November 10, 1925; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

**WRIGHT, Daniel Boone**, a Representative from Mississippi; born near Mount Pleasant, Giles County, Tenn., February 17, 1812; attended the common schools and was graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1837; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1840 and commenced practice in Ashland, Benton County, Miss.; moved to Salem (later Hudsonville), Benton County, Miss.,

in 1850 and continued the practice of law and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1857); was not a candidate for renomination in 1856; resumed the practice of law at Ashland, Miss.; during the Civil War was appointed, on April 16, 1862, lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-fourth Regiment of Mississippi Infantry in the Confederate Army; appointed colonel of Cavalry to take effect June 6, 1864, and served as a judge of military courts in Gen. N.B. Forrest's Cavalry Division; resumed the practice of his profession in Ashland, Miss., and was also interested in agricultural pursuits in Benton County; died in Ashland, Miss., December 27, 1887; interment in the McDonald (private) Cemetery, near Ashland, Miss.

**WRIGHT, Edwin Ruthvin Vincent**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Hoboken, N.J., January 2, 1812; completed preparatory studies; engaged in newspaper work in 1835; editor of the Jersey Blue in 1836, a newspaper published in Hoboken, N.J.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1839 and commenced practice in Jersey City; subsequently settled in Hudson City and continued the practice of law; member of the State council in 1843; district attorney for Hudson County 1851-1855; mayor of Hudson, N.J., in 1855; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1867); owing to ill health, was not a candidate for renomination in 1866 to the Fortieth Congress; elected Governor of New Jersey in 1869; died in Jersey City, N.J., January 21, 1871; interment in Hoboken Cemetery, New Durham, Hudson County, N.J.

**WRIGHT, George Grover** (brother of Joseph Albert Wright), a Senator from Iowa; born in Bloomington, Monroe County, Ind., March 24, 1820; attended private schools and graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1839; studied law in Rockville, Ind.; admitted to the bar in 1840 and commenced practice in Keosauqua, Iowa Territory; prosecuting attorney of Van Buren County, Iowa, 1847-1848; member, State senate 1849-1851; justice of the State supreme court 1854-1870; served as president of the Iowa Agricultural Society 1860-1865; moved to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1865; one of the founders of the College of Law, University of Iowa; professor in the law department of the State university 1865-1871; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1871, to March 3, 1877; was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Forty-second Congress), Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment (Forty-third Congress), Committee on Claims (Forty-fourth Congress); resumed the practice of his profession in Des Moines and also engaged in banking; president of the American Bar Association 1887-1888; died in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 11, 1896; interment in Woodland Cemetery.

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**WRIGHT, George Washington**, a Representative from California; was born in Concord, Mass., on June 4, 1816; attended the public schools; employed in the business department of the Boston Courier in 1835 and later engaged in mercantile pursuits in Boston; moved to California and settled in San Francisco in 1849; again engaged in mercantile pursuits and also became interested in banking and mining; one of the founders of the banking house of Palmer, Cook & Co. in San Francisco; upon the admission of California as a State into the Union was elected as an Inde-

pendent to the Thirty-first Congress and served from September 11, 1850, to March 3, 1851; declined to be a candidate for renomination; affiliated with the Republican Party; moved to Washington, D.C., and served as attorney of the Choctaw Indians; engaged in private scientific work; moved to Dorchester, Mass., in 1880 and retired from active pursuits; died in Dorchester, Mass., April 7, 1885; interment in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord, Middlesex County, Mass.

**WRIGHT, Hendrick Bradley**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pa., April 24, 1808; attended the Wilkes-Barre Grammar School and was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1829; studied law; was admitted to the bar November 8, 1831, and commenced practice in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County; appointed district attorney for Luzerne County in 1834; member of the State house of representatives 1841-1843 and served the last year as speaker; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1844, 1848, 1852, 1856, 1860, 1868, and 1876; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Thirty-second Congress in 1850; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; elected to the Thirty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Scranton and served from July 4, 1861, to March 3, 1863; resumed the practice of his profession; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fifth Congress and reelected as a Greenbacker to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1881); chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Forty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1880; died in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., September 2, 1881; interment in Hollenback Cemetery.

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**WRIGHT, James Assion**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pa., on August 11, 1902; attended the public schools; was graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., in 1923 and from the law department of the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1927; was admitted to the bar in 1927 and commenced practice in Carnegie, Pa.; served as assistant county solicitor of Allegheny County, Pa., 1935-1941; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth Congresses (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1945); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1944 to the Seventy-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Scott Township, Pa., November 7, 1963; interment in Holy Souls Cemetery, Carnegie, Pa.

**WRIGHT, James Claude, Jr.**, a Representative from Texas; born in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tex., December 22, 1922; attended the public schools of Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex.; student at Weatherford (Tex.) College, 1939-1940, and the University of Texas, 1940-1941; enlisted in the United States Army Air Force in December 1941; commissioned in 1942 and flew combat missions in the South Pacific; was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross; partner in a national trade extension and advertising firm; member of the Texas State house of representatives, 1947-1949; mayor of Weatherford, Tex., 1950-1954; served as president of the League of Texas Municipalities in 1953; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1956, 1960, 1964, and 1968, and Convention chairman in 1988; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-fourth and to the seventeen succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1955, until his resignation on June 30, 1989; majority leader (Ninety-fifth

through Ninety-ninth Congresses), Speaker of the House of Representatives (One Hundredth and One Hundred First Congresses); is a resident of Fort Worth, Tex.

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**WRIGHT, John Crafts**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Wethersfield, Conn., August 17, 1783; completed preparatory studies; learned the trade of printer; moved to Troy, N.Y., and edited the Troy Gazette for several years; studied law in Litchfield, Conn.; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1809; United States district attorney in 1817; elected to the Seventeenth Congress, but resigned on March 3, 1821, before the beginning of the congressional term; reelected to the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; elected to the Ohio Supreme Court in 1831 and served until February 2, 1835, when he resigned; moved to Cincinnati in 1835 and engaged in newspaper work, and for thirteen years published the Cincinnati Gazette; director of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Co.; delegate to and honorary president of the peace congress held in Washington, D.C., in 1861 in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war, and died while serving in that capacity at Washington, D.C., February 13, 1861; interment in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**WRIGHT, John Vines**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Purdy, McNairy County, Tenn., June 28, 1828; completed preparatory studies; attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he pursued courses in medicine and law, graduating from the law department; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Purdy, Tenn.; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1861); during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as colonel of the Thirtieth Regiment, Tennessee Infantry, in 1861; elected to the First and Second Confederate Congresses; judge of the circuit court of Tennessee; chancellor and judge of the State supreme court; practiced law in Nashville, Tenn., 1865-1886; unsuccessful candidate as an Anti-Repudiation Democrat for Governor of Tennessee in 1880; was chairman of the Northwest Indian Commission in 1886 and member of the commission to treat with the Great Sioux Nation in Dakota; appointed to the law division of the General Land Office in 1887 and served until his death in Washington, D.C., June 11, 1908; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

**WRIGHT, Joseph Albert** (brother of George Grover Wright), a Representative and a Senator from Indiana; born in Washington, Pa., April 17, 1810; moved to Indiana about 1820 with his parents, who settled in Bloomington, Monroe County; attended the common schools; graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1825; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1829 and commenced practice in Rockville, Parke County, Ind.; member, State house of representatives 1833, 1836; member, State senate 1840; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1844 to the Twenty-ninth Congress; Governor of Indiana 1849-1857; appointed by President James Buchanan as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Prussia 1857-1861; appointed as a Unionist to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the expulsion of Jesse D. Bright and served from February 24, 1862, to January 14, 1863;

was not a candidate for the succeeding term; appointed United States commissioner to the Hamburg Exhibition in 1863; again appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Prussia in 1865, and served until his death in Berlin, Germany, May 11, 1867; interment in New York City.

**Bibliography:** *Dictionary of American Biography*.

**WRIGHT, Myron Benjamin** (brother of Charles Frederick Wright), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born at Forest Lake, Susquehanna County, Pa., June 12, 1847; attended the common schools and pursued an academic course; taught school; clerk in the First National Bank of Susquehanna in 1865 and 1866; elected assistant cashier of the bank in 1867 and cashier in 1869; interested in several financial, business, and manufacturing enterprises; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, and Fifty-third Congresses and served from March 4, 1889, until his death before the close of the Fifty-third Congress; had been reelected to the Fifty-fourth Congress; died while on a trip for the benefit of his health in Trenton, Canada, November 13, 1894; interment in the Grand Street Cemetery, Susquehanna, Pa.

**WRIGHT, Robert** (cousin of Turbutt Wright), a Senator and a Representative from Maryland; born at "Narborough," near Chestertown, Queen Annes County, Md., November 20, 1752; attended the common schools and Washington College, Chestertown, Md.; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1773 and commenced practice in Chestertown; served in the Revolutionary War as private, lieutenant, and later as captain; member, State house of delegates 1784-1786; member, State senate 1801; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate on November 19, 1801, for the term commencing March 4, 1801, and served until his resignation on November 12, 1806, having been elected Governor; delegate to the Farmers' National Convention in 1803; Governor of Maryland 1806-1809; clerk of Queen Annes County 1810; elected to the Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Brown; reelected to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses and served from November 29, 1810, to March 3, 1817; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1816 to the Fifteenth Congress; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); was not a candidate for renomination in 1822; district judge of the lower Eastern Shore district of Maryland from 1823 until his death at "Blakeford," Queen Annes County, Md., September 7, 1826; interment in the private burying ground of the DeCourcy family at "Cheston-on-Wye," Queen Annes County, Md.

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**WRIGHT, Samuel Gardiner**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Wrightstown, N.J., November 18, 1781; was mainly self-educated; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Philadelphia, Pa., with a country place near Imlaystown, N.J.; owned several iron furnaces in New Jersey and Delaware; was elected as a Whig to the Twenty-ninth Congress and served from March 4, 1845, until his death near Imlaystown, Monmouth County, N.J., July 30, 1845, before the assembling of Congress; interment in the East Branch Cemetery, near Imlaystown, N.J.

**WRIGHT, Silas, Jr.**, a Representative and a Senator from New York; born in Amherst, Mass., May 24, 1795; moved with his father to Wyebridge, Vt., in 1796; graduated from Middlebury (Vt.) College in 1815; moved to Sandy Hill, Washington County, N.Y., in 1816; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1819 and commenced practice in Canton, St.

Lawrence County, N.Y.; surrogate of St. Lawrence County 1821-1824; member, State senate 1824-1827; appointed brigadier general of State militia in 1827; elected to the Twentieth Congress and served from March 4, 1827, to February 16, 1829, when he resigned; successfully contested the election of George Fisher to the Twenty-first Congress, but declined to qualify; comptroller of the State of New York 1829-1833; elected to the United States Senate in 1833 as a Jacksonian (later Democrat) to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William L. Marcy; reelected in 1837 and served from January 4, 1833, to November 26, 1844, when he resigned, having been elected Governor; chairman, Committee on Finance (Twenty-fourth through Twenty-sixth Congresses); declined the Democratic nomination for Vice President of the United States in 1844; Governor of New York 1844-1846; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; died in Canton, N.Y., August 27, 1847; interment in Silas Wright Cemetery (formerly Old Canton) in Canton, New York.

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**WRIGHT, Turbutt** (cousin of Robert Wright), a Delegate from Maryland; born at "White Marsh," near Chester Mills (now Centerville), Queen Annes County, Md., on February 5, 1741; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the General Assembly of Maryland in 1773 and 1774; one of the signers of the Association of Freemen of Maryland July 26, 1775; member of the Maryland constitutional convention in 1776; appointed February 3, 1777, by the council of Maryland as a member of the council of safety to fill the place of James Lloyd Chamberlaine, resigned, and served until the dissolution of the council on March 21, 1777; commissioned a justice of Queen Annes County in 1779; register of wills of Queen Annes County in 1779 and 1780; Member of the Continental Congress in 1782; again served in the State general assembly in 1781 and 1782; died on his estate, "White Marsh," near Centerville, Md., in 1783; interment in the family burial plot on the homestead.

**WRIGHT, William**, a Representative and a Senator from New Jersey; born in Clarksville, Rockland County, N.Y., November 13, 1794; attended the public schools and Poughkeepsie Academy; was a volunteer for the defense of Stonington, Conn., in the War of 1812; learned the saddler's trade and engaged in business in Bridgeport, Conn.; moved to Newark, N.J., in 1821 and ran a saddlery and leather business; mayor of Newark 1840-1843; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1847); unsuccessful candidate for governor of New Jersey in 1847; affiliated with the Democratic Party in 1850; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1853, to March 3, 1859; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1858; chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses), Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses (Thirty-fifth Congress), Committee on Engrossed Bills (Thirty-fifth Congress); again elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1863, until his death in Newark, N.J., November 1, 1866; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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**WRIGHT, William Carter**, a Representative from Georgia; born on a farm in Carroll County, Ga., January 6, 1866; moved with his parents to Newnan, Coweta County, Ga., in 1869; attended the common and high schools of Newnan; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1886; lawyer, private practice; banker; farmer; city attorney for

Newnan, Ga., 1892-1895; solicitor of the city court of Newnan, Ga., 1894-1903; member of the board of education, 1910-1918; chairman of the Democratic Georgia state executive committees, 1910 and 1911; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative William C. Adamson; reelected to the Sixty-sixth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 16, 1918-March 3, 1933); did not seek renomination to the Seventy-third Congress in 1932; died on June 11, 1933, in Newnan, Ga.; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**WU, David**, a Representative from Oregon; born in Taiwan, April 8, 1955; B.S., Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., 1977; attended Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Mass.; J.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn., 1982; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Sixth Congress and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1999-present).

**WURTS, John**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Flanders, Morris County, N.J., August 13, 1792; after his father's death in 1793 the family resided in Montville, Morris County, and subsequently moved to Philadelphia, Pa.; was graduated from Princeton College in 1813; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1816 and commenced practice in Philadelphia, Pa.; member of the State house of representatives in 1817; served in the State senate in 1820; elected to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); was not a candidate for renomination; United States district attorney 1827-1831; member of the city council of Philadelphia; president of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co. 1831-1858; went abroad for his health in 1859; died in Rome, Italy, on April 23, 1861; interment in the family cemetery at Pleasant Mills, near Batsto, Atlantic County, N.J.

**WURZBACH, Harry McLeary** (uncle of Robert Christian Eckhardt), a Representative from Texas; born in San Antonio, Tex., May 19, 1874; attended the public schools, and was graduated from the law department of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., in 1896; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in San Antonio, Tex.; during the Spanish-American War volunteered as a private in Company F, First Regiment, Texas Volunteer Infantry; after the war moved to Seguin, Tex., in 1900 and continued the practice of law; prosecuting attorney of Guadalupe County 1900-1902; judge of Guadalupe County 1904-1910; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1929); successfully contested the election of Augustus McCloskey to the Seventy-first Congress; reelected to the Seventy-second Congress and served from February 10, 1930, until his death; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1924; died in San Antonio, Tex., November 6, 1931; interment in Military Cemetery.

**WYANT, Adam Martin**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pa., September 15, 1869; attended the public schools, Mount Pleasant Institute, and Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.; was graduated from the University of Chicago in 1895; moved to Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., in 1896; studied law; was admitted to the Westmoreland County Bar in 1902 and commenced the practice of law in Greensburg; interested in coal mining and other business enterprises; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1933); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; died

in Greensburg, Pa., on January 5, 1935; interment in St. Clair Cemetery.

**WYATT, Joseph Peyton, Jr.**, a Representative from Texas; born in Victoria, Victoria County, Tex., October 12, 1941; attended the Victoria County public schools; attended Victoria College, 1964; B.A., University of Texas, 1968; graduate work, University of Houston Law School, 1970; served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, 1966-1970; served on the staffs of Texas State Senator William N. Patman, United States Representative Clark W. Thompson, and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; auditor, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Tex.; director of community affairs, private firm, Victoria, Tex.; member, Texas house of representatives, 1971-1979; served on, Southern Legislative Conference and National Conference of State Legislatures; delegate, Texas State Democratic conventions, 1968-1978; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1964; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth Congress (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1981); was not a candidate for reelection in 1980; special projects consultant; is a resident of Victoria, Tex.

**WYATT, Wendell**, a Representative from Oregon; born in Eugene, Lane County, Oreg., June 15, 1917; graduated from Jefferson High School, Portland, Oreg., 1935; LL.B., University of Oregon, Eugene, Oreg., 1941; United States Marine Corps, 1942-1946; lawyer, private practice; chairman, Oregon State Republican Central committee, 1955-1957; elected simultaneously as a Republican to the Eighty-eighth and to the Eighty-ninth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Walter Norblad, and reelected to the four succeeding Congresses (November 3, 1964-January 3, 1975); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974; is a resident of Portland, Oreg.

**WYDEN, Ronald Lee**, a Representative and a Senator from Oregon; born in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kans., May 3, 1949; attended the public schools of Palo Alto, Calif.; A.B., Stanford University 1971; J.D., University of Oregon Law School in Eugene 1974; director, Oregon Legal Services for the Elderly 1977-1979; public member, Oregon State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators 1977-1979; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-seventh and to the seven succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1981, to February 5, 1996, when he resigned, having been elected to the Senate; elected to the Senate in a special election on January 30, 1996, to fill the unexpired portion of the term ending January 3, 1999, left vacant by the resignation of Robert W. Packwood, and took the oath of office on February 6, 1996; reelected in 1998 and in 2004 for the term ending January 3, 2011.

**WYDLER, John Waldemar**, a Representative from New York; born in Brooklyn, N.Y., June 9, 1924; attended West School of Long Beach, Long Beach High School, and Brown University, Providence, R.I.; enlisted as a private in the United States Army Air Corps November 16, 1942, was promoted to staff sergeant in a chemical weapons company and assigned to the China-Burma-India Theater, and was discharged in November 1945; served as a lieutenant in the judge advocate's office, and in Air Force Reserve, 1945-1955; resumed studies at Brown University until 1947; LL.B., Harvard University Law School, 1950; was admitted to the bar in October 1950; served in the United States attorney's office, Eastern District of New York, 1953-1959; entered the private practice of law in Mineola, N.Y., in 1959; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1968; elected as

a Republican to the Eighty-eighth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1981); was not a candidate for reelection in 1980 to the Ninety-seventh Congress; chairman, Long Island Development Agency; was a resident of Garden City, N.Y., until his death in Washington, D.C., on August 4, 1987; interment in Holy Rood Cemetery, Garden City, N.Y.

**WYLIE, Chalmers Pangburn**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Norwich, Muskingum County, Ohio, November 23, 1920; attended Pataskala public schools, Otterbein College, and Ohio State University; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1948; enlisted in United States Army as a private, attained rank of first lieutenant and served with Thirtieth Infantry Division in Europe during the Second World War; lieutenant colonel in Army Reserves; assistant attorney general of Ohio, 1951-1954; assistant city attorney of Columbus, Ohio, 1949-1950; elected city attorney of Columbus, Ohio, 1953-1956; administrator of Bureau of Workman's Compensation for the State of Ohio in 1957; appointed first assistant to the Governor of Ohio in 1957; elected president of Ohio Municipal League in 1957; practicing attorney, 1959-1968; served three terms in State Legislature of Ohio, 1961-1967; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth and to the twelve succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1993); was not a candidate for renomination in 1992 to the One Hundred Third Congress; practiced law in Columbus until his death there on August 14, 1998.

**WYMAN, Louis Crosby**, a Representative and a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Manchester, Hillsborough County, N.H., March 16, 1917; graduated from the University of New Hampshire at Durham in 1938 and from the Harvard University Law School in 1941; admitted to the bar of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in 1941, and of Florida in 1957, and commenced the practice of law in Boston, Mass.; during the Second World War served in the Alaskan Theater as lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve 1942-1946; general counsel to a United States Senate committee in 1946; secretary to Senator Styles Bridges in 1947; counsel, Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation 1948-1949; attorney general of New Hampshire 1953-1961; president, National Association of Attorneys General 1957; legislative counsel to Governor of New Hampshire 1961; member and chairman of several State legal and judicial commissions; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-eighth Congress (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1965); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; elected to the Ninetieth Congress; reelected to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1967, until his resignation December 31, 1974; was not a candidate for reelection, but was a candidate in 1974 to the United States Senate for the six-year term commencing January 3, 1975; certified elected by the State of New Hampshire by a two vote margin; subsequently appointed December 31, 1974, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Norris Cotton, for the term ending January 3, 1975, and served until that date; due to the contested election of November 5, 1974, the United States Senate declared the seat, for the six-year term commencing January 3, 1975, vacant as of August 8, 1975; unsuccessful in a special September election to fill the vacancy; associate justice, New Hampshire Superior Court 1978-1987; was a resident of Manchester, N.H. and West Palm Beach, Florida, until his death due to cancer on May 5, 2002.

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**WYNKOOP, Henry**, a Delegate and a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pa., March 2, 1737; completed English and classical studies; member of the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1760 and 1761; associate justice of Bucks County Courts 1764-1777 and president judge 1777-1789; member of the committee of observation in 1774; delegate to the provincial conferences of July 15, 1774, and June 18, 1775; major of Bucks County Associated Battalions; member of the general committee of safety in 1776 and 1777; Member of the Continental Congress from 1779 to 1782; justice of the high court of errors and appeals from 1783 to 1789; elected to the First Congress (March 4, 1789-March 3, 1791); appointed associate justice of Bucks County, Pa., and served until his death in that county on March 25, 1816; interment in the graveyard of the Low Dutch Reformed Church, Richboro, Pa.

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**WYNN, Albert Russell**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Philadelphia, Montgomery County, Pa., September 10, 1951; graduated from DuVal High School, Lanham, Md., 1969; B.S., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1973; attended Howard University Graduate School of Political Science, Washington, D.C.; J.D., Georgetown University School of Law, Washington, D.C., 1977; director, Prince George's County, Md., consumer protection commission, 1977-1982; member of the Maryland state house of delegates, 1983-1987; member of the Maryland state senate, 1987-1993; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-present).

**WYNN, William Joseph**, a Representative from California; born in San Francisco, Calif., June 12, 1860; attended the public schools of San Francisco; apprenticed to the machinist's trade and subsequently worked in the principal manufacturing establishments of San Francisco; member of the board of supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco from January 8, 1902, to March 4, 1903; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1905); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1904 to the Fifty-ninth Congress; engaged in the insurance business in San Francisco, Calif., until his death in that city January 4, 1935; interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, Calif.

**WYNNS, Thomas**, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Barfields, Hertford County, N.C., in 1764; received his education in England; captured at sea on a vessel called the *Fair American* in 1780, and with several other colonists was carried to London; returned to North Carolina and settled as a planter in Hertford County; one of the first trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; member of the North Carolina House of Commons in 1787; delegate to the State conventions for the ratification of the Federal Constitution in 1788 and 1789; served in the North Carolina State senate 1790-1802 and 1807-1817; elected as a Republican to the Seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Johnston; reelected to the Eighth and Ninth Congresses and served from December 7, 1802, to March 3, 1807; resumed planting in Hertford County; member of the North Carolina Executive Council 1818-1824; brigadier general of militia; died near Winton, Hertford County, N.C., on June 3, 1825; interment in Maney's Cemetery, near Maney's Ferry, N.C.

**WYTHE, George**, a Delegate from Virginia; born near Back River, Elizabeth City County, Va., in 1726; privately

instructed by his mother and attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1746 and commenced practice in Elizabeth City County in 1755; moved to Williamsburg about 1755; member of the house of burgesses 1758-1768; appointed a member of the committee of correspondence in 1759; moved to his estate in Elizabeth City County in 1763 and returned to Williamsburg in 1768; clerk of the house of burgesses 1768-1775; Member of the Continental Congress 1775-1776; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; speaker of the house of delegates in 1777; judge of the Virginia Chancery Court in 1777; appointed sole chancellor of Virginia in 1778; professor of law at the College of William and Mary from 1779 to 1791, when he resigned and moved to Richmond, Va.; conducted a private school in Richmond and continued teaching until his death; delegate to the Federal Convention at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1787; a member of the State ratification convention in 1788; died in Richmond, Va., June 8, 1806; interment in St. John's Churchyard.

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**YANCEY, Bartlett** (cousin of John Kerr), a Representative from North Carolina; born near Yanceyville, Caswell County, N.C., February 19, 1785; attended a private school and Hyco Academy in Caswell County; student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1804-1806; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1807 and practiced; elected as a Republican to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); chairman, Committee on Claims (Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1816; member of the State senate and served as its presiding officer 1817-1827; died near Yanceyville, N.C., August 30, 1828; interment in the family cemetery upon the homestead.

**YANCEY, Joel**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Albemarle County, Va., October 21, 1773; member of the State house of representatives 1809-1811; served in the State senate 1816-1820 and 1824-1827; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twentieth and Twenty-first Congresses (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1831); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Twenty-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1830 to the Twenty-second Congress; died in Barren County, Ky., in April 1838; interment in that county.

**YANCEY, William Lowndes** (uncle of Joseph Haynsworth Earle), a Representative from Alabama; born at the Falls of the Ogeechee, Warren County, Ga., August 10, 1814; attended preparatory school and Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.; studied law in Sparta, Ga., was admitted to the bar in 1834 and commenced practice in Greenville, S.C.; moved to Cahawba, Ala., in 1836; temporarily abandoned the practice of law and became a cotton planter; editor of the Cahawba Democrat and the Cahawba Gazette; moved to Wetumpka, Ala., in 1839 and resumed the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives in 1841; served in the State senate in 1843; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dixon H. Lewis; reelected to the Twenty-ninth Congress and served from December 2, 1844, to September 1, 1846, when he resigned; moved to Montgomery, Ala., in 1846; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1848, 1856, and 1860; member of the State constitutional convention which convened in Montgomery

January 7, 1861; appointed chairman of the commission sent to Europe in 1861 to present the Confederate cause to the Governments of England and France; elected to the first Confederate States Senate February 21, 1862; died at his plantation home, near Montgomery, Ala., July 26, 1863; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

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**YANGCO, Teodoro Rafael**, a Resident Commissioner from the Philippine Islands; born in San Antonio, Province of Zambales, Philippine Islands, on November 9, 1861; attended the Ateneo de Manila (Jesuit College), and was graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 1881; pursued a commercial course in London, England, 1882-1886; engaged in the construction and repair of vessels, in the operation of a line of ferries, and also in mercantile pursuits; director of a life insurance company and interested in various commercial and charitable organizations in Manila; elected as a Nationalist a Resident Commissioner to the United States, and served from March 4, 1917, to March 3, 1920; was not a candidate for renomination in 1920; resumed his former business activities in Manila, Philippine Islands, until his death on April 20, 1939; interment in the Cementerio del Norte.

**YAPLE, George Lewis**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Leonidas, St. Joseph County, Mich., on February 20, 1851; moved with his parents to Mendon, Mich., in 1857; attended the common schools and Albion (Mich.) College; was graduated from the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1871 and completed a postgraduate course in 1874; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1872, but was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1877, when he commenced the practice of law at Mendon, Mich.; unsuccessful Greenback candidate for election in 1880 to the Forty-seventh Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1884 to the Forty-ninth Congress; unsuccessful candidate for election as Governor in 1886; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888; resumed the practice of law in Mendon, Mich.; circuit judge of the fifteenth circuit of Michigan 1894-1911; became a member of the Republican Party in 1916; retired from active pursuits and resided in Mendon, Mich., until his death December 16, 1939; interment in Mendon Cemetery.

**YARBOROUGH, Ralph Webster**, a Senator from Texas; born in Chandler, Henderson County, Tex., June 8, 1903; attended the public schools of Chandler and Tyler, Tex.; attended the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., in 1919 and 1920 and the Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Tex., in 1921; taught school for three years in Delta and Martin Springs, Henderson County, Tex.; spent one year working and studying foreign trade and international relations in Europe, mostly in Germany as assistant secretary for the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin; served in the Thirty-sixth Division, Texas National Guard, from private to staff sergeant 1923-1926; graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1927; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in El Paso, Tex.; assistant attorney general of Texas 1931-1934; member, board of directors of the Lower Colorado River Authority 1935; unsuccessful candidate for State attorney general in 1938; lectured on land law at University of Texas Law School in 1935; elected and served as district judge of the Fifty-third Judicial district, Austin, Tex., 1936-1941, and for