

fifth Congress (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1839); resumed the practice of law; died in Savannah, Ga., March 2, 1856; interment in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

**OWENS, James W.**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Springfield Township, Franklin County, Ind., October 24, 1837; pursued academic studies; was graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1862; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army as a private in the Twentieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months' service; reenlisted and was made first lieutenant of Company A, Eighty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and on the reorganization of that regiment was made captain of Company K; attended the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1864 and 1865; was admitted to the bar in 1865 and commenced practice in Newark, Licking County, Ohio; elected prosecuting attorney of Licking County in 1867 and reelected in 1869; elected to the State senate in 1875; reelected in 1877, and served as president of that body; member of the board of trustees of Miami University 1878-1896; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1893); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Interior (Fifty-second Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1892; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Newark, Licking County, Ohio, on March 30, 1900; interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**OWENS, Major Robert Odell**, a Representative from New York; born in Collierville, Shelby County, Tenn., June 28, 1936; graduated from Hamilton High School, Memphis, Tenn.; B.A., Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., 1956; M.S., Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta), Atlanta, Ga., 1957; chair, Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality; vice president, Metropolitan Council of Housing, N.Y., 1964; community coordinator, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1964-1966; executive director, Brownsville Community Council, 1966-1968; commissioner, Community Development Agency, New York, N.Y., 1968-1973; director, community media library program, Columbia University, New York, N.Y., 1973-1975; member of the New York state senate, 1974-1982; served on International Commission on Ways of Implementing Social Policy to Ensure Maximum Public Participation and Social Justice for Minorities at The Hague, Netherlands, 1972; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth Congress and to the ten succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-present).

**OWENS, Thomas Leonard**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Chicago, Ill., December 21, 1897; attended the parochial schools, Northwestern University, and De Paul University, Chicago, Ill.; was graduated from Loyola University Law School, Chicago, Ill., in 1926; was admitted to the bar in 1927 and commenced practice in Chicago, Ill.; during the First World War served in the Students' Army Training Corps at Loyola University in 1918; elected as a Republican to the Eightieth Congress and served from January 3, 1947, until his death in Bethesda, Md., June 7, 1948; interment in All Saints' Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

**OWENS, William Claiborne**, a Representative from Kentucky; born near Georgetown, Scott County, Ky., October 17, 1849; attended the common schools, also Kentucky Wesleyan College, Millersburg Ky., Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., and was graduated from Columbia Law College, New York City, in 1872; was admitted to the bar in the same year and commenced practice in Georgetown, Ky.; prosecuting attorney for Scott County from 1874 to 1877, when he resigned; member of the State house of representa-

tives 1877-1887 and served as speaker in 1882 and 1883; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1892; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); was not a candidate for renomination in 1896; became affiliated with the Republican Party in 1896; major in the Second Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, during the Spanish-American War in 1898; moved to Louisville, Ky., in 1900 and resumed the practice of law; died in Louisville, Ky., November 18, 1925; interment in Georgetown Cemetery, Georgetown, Ky.

**OWSLEY, Bryan Young**, a Representative from Kentucky; born near Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Ky., August 19, 1798; attended the common schools of Lincoln County; studied law and was admitted to the bar; moved to Jamestown, Ky.; clerk of the circuit court in 1827; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1842 to the Twenty-eighth Congress; register of the United States land office, with residence in Frankfort, 1845-1849; died in Frankfort, Franklin County, Ky., on October 27, 1849.

**OXLEY, Michael Garver**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio, February 11, 1944; B.A., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1966; J.D., Ohio State University College of Law, Columbus, Ohio, 1969; Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1969-1972; lawyer, private practice; member of the Ohio state house of representatives, 1972-1981; delegate to Ohio state Republican conventions, 1972-1980; delegate to Republican National Conventions, 1976 and 1984; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-seventh Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Tennyson Guyer, reelected to the eleven succeeding Congresses (June 25, 1981-present); chair, Committee on Financial Services (One Hundred Seventh and One Hundred Eighth Congresses).

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**PACA, William**, a Delegate from Maryland; born at "Wye Hall," near Abingdon, Queen Anne (now Harford) County, Md., October 31, 1740; was graduated from Philadelphia College in 1759; studied law in Annapolis, Md., and in the Middle Temple, London, England; was admitted to the bar in 1764; returned home and commenced the practice of his profession at Annapolis in 1764; member of the provincial assembly 1771-1774; Member of the Continental Congress 1774-1779; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; served in the State senate 1777-1779; chief judge of the superior court of Maryland 1778-1780; chief justice of the court of appeals in prize and admiralty cases 1780-1782; Governor of Maryland from November 1782 to November 1785; was influential in establishing Washington College in Chestertown, Md., in 1786; delegate to the State convention in 1788 which ratified the Federal Constitution; appointed by President Washington as judge of the United States Court for Maryland and served from 1789 until his death at "Wye Hall," Queen Anne County, Md., October 23, 1799; interment in the family burial ground, Queen Anne County, Md.

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**PACE, Stephen**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Terrell County, Ga., near Dawson, March 9, 1891; attended the public schools and Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta; was graduated from the law department of the University of Georgia at Athens in 1914; was admitted to the

bar the same year and commenced practice in Americus, Ga.; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; served in the State house of representatives 1917-1920; was a member of the State senate in 1923 and 1924; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1937-January 3, 1951); did not seek renomination in 1950; resumed the practice of law in Americus, Ga., and practiced until his death there April 5, 1970; interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

**PACHECO, Romualdo**, a Representative from California; born in Santa Barbara, Calif., October 31, 1831; was instructed by private tutors; engaged in nautical pursuits and subsequently in agriculture; member of the State senate in 1851 and again in 1861; member of the State assembly 1853-1855 and 1868-1870; county judge 1855-1859; State treasurer 1863-1866; Lieutenant Governor 1871-1875, and became Governor when Governor Booth was elected to the United States Senate in 1875; presented credentials as a Republican Member-elect to the Forty-fifth Congress and served from March 4, 1877, to February 7, 1878, when he was succeeded by Peter D. Wigginton, who contested his election; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Forty-seventh Congress); appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Central American States December 11, 1890, to Honduras and Guatemala July 1, 1891, and served to June 21, 1893; died in Oakland, Calif., January 23, 1899; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

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**PACKARD, Jasper**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Austintown, Mahoning County, Ohio, February 1, 1832; moved with his parents to Indiana in 1835; attended the public schools and was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1855; taught school; settled in La Porte, Ind.; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1861; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army as a private in the Forty-eighth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, October 24, 1861; promoted to first lieutenant January 1, 1862; captain September 12, 1862; lieutenant colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, March 17, 1864; colonel June 26, 1865; brevetted brigadier general March 13, 1865, "for meritorious services"; mustered out April 10, 1866; auditor of La Porte County from November 15, 1866, to March 1, 1869, when he resigned; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first, Forty-second, and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1875); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Forty-third Congress), Committee on Private Land Claims (Forty-third Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1874; engaged in newspaper pursuits; appointed July 1, 1899, commandant of the State soldiers' home at Lafayette, Ind., and died there December 13, 1899; interment in the Soldiers' Home Cemetery.

**PACKARD, Ronald C.**, a Representative from California; born in Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, January 19, 1931; attended Meridian Elementary School; graduated from Meridian High School, Meridian, Idaho, 1948; attended Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1948-1950; attended Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, 1952-1953; D.M.D., University of Oregon Dental School, Portland, 1953-1957; United States Navy Dental Corps, lieutenant,

1957-1959; dentist; member of the Carlsbad City Council, Carlsbad, Calif., 1976-1978; elected mayor of Carlsbad, Calif., 1978-1982; elected as a Republican write-in candidate to the Ninety-eighth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 2001); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Seventh Congress in 2000.

**PACKER, Asa**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Mystic, New London County, Conn., December 29, 1805; attended the district schools; moved to Springfield, Pa., in 1820; learned the trade of carpenter; moved to Mauch Chunk, Pa., in 1833; engaged in mercantile pursuits, and established a boat yard for the construction of canal boats; became interested in the production of coal and also in railroads; member of the State house of representatives in 1842 and 1843; associate judge of Carbon County in 1843 and 1844; built the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1852 and was president of the company at the time of his death; 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; resumed his former business interests; founded Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, 1869; died in Philadelphia, Pa., on May 17, 1879; interment in the Mauch Chunk Cemetery, Mauch Creek, Pa.

**PACKER, Horace Billings**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pa., on October 11, 1851; attended the common schools, the Wellsboro Academy, and Alfred (N.Y.) University; studied law; was admitted to the bar of Tioga County in 1873 and commenced practice in Wellsboro; also engaged in the real estate business; district attorney of Tioga County 1875-1879; elected to the State house of representatives in 1884 and reelected in 1886; member of the State senate 1888-1892; served many years as a member of the borough council; presided over the Republican State conventions of 1893 and 1894; 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; resumed the practice of law in Wellsboro, Pa.; also engaged in the real estate, banking, and lumber businesses; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1924; died in Wellsboro, Pa., April 13, 1940; interment in Wellsboro Cemetery.

**PACKER, John Black**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa., March 21, 1824; received private instructions and later attended Sunbury (Pa.) Academy; member of the corps of engineers employed by the State in the survey and construction of public improvements 1839-1842; studied law; was admitted to the bar on August 6, 1844, and commenced the practice of his profession in Sunbury; also engaged in banking; deputy attorney general 1845-1847; served in the State house of representatives in 1850 and 1851; one of the organizers of the Susquehanna Railroad Co., in 1851; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1877); chairman, Committee on Railways and Canals (Forty-second Congress), Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Forty-third Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1876; resumed the practice of law in Sunbury, Pa.; also resumed his banking activities; died in Sunbury, Pa., July 7, 1891; interment in Pomfret Manor Cemetery.

**PACKWOOD, Robert William**, a Senator from Oregon; born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oreg., September 11, 1932; graduated, Willamette University, Salem, Oreg., 1954; graduated, New York University School of Law, New York,

N.Y., 1957; admitted to the bar in 1957 and commenced practice in Portland, Oreg.; member, State legislature 1963-1968; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1968; reelected in 1974, 1980, 1986 and 1992 for the term ending January 3, 1999, and served from January 3, 1969, until his resignation, effective October 1, 1995; chairman, Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee (Ninety-fifth Congress, Ninety-seventh Congress), Republican Conference chairman (Ninety-sixth Congress), Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth Congresses), Committee on Finance (Ninety-ninth Congress, One Hundred Fourth Congress [January 3, 1995-September 8, 1995]; resigned from the Senate on October 1, 1995.

**PADDOCK, Algernon Sidney**, a Senator from Nebraska; born at Glens Falls, Warren County, N.Y., November 9, 1830; attended the public schools, Glens Falls Academy, and Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.; taught school and studied law; moved to Omaha, Nebr., in 1857; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in Omaha; unsuccessful candidate for the Territorial house of representatives in 1858; delegate to the first Territorial convention in 1859; engaged in editorial work on the Nebraska Republican 1858-1859; secretary of the Territory of Nebraska 1861-1867, performing the duties of Acting Governor part of this time; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1866 to the Fortieth Congress; unsuccessful Republican candidate for United States Senator in 1867; declined to accept the position of Governor of the Territory of Wyoming in 1868; moved to Beatrice, Gage County, Nebr., in 1872 and engaged in manufacturing and agricultural pursuits; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Forty-fifth Congress); member of the Federal commission having jurisdiction over elections in the Territory of Utah 1882-1886; again elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1887, to March 3, 1893; chairman, Committee on the Improvement of the Mississippi River and Its Tributaries (Fiftieth Congress), Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses); engaged in the brokerage business; died in Beatrice, Nebr., October 17, 1897; interment in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha, Nebr.

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**PADDOCK, George Arthur**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Winnetka, Cook County, Ill., March 24, 1885; attended the public schools; was graduated from Chicago (Ill.) Manual Training School in 1902 and from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1906; studied law at the University of Virginia; was admitted to the bar in 1907 and commenced practice in Chicago, Ill.; during the First World War served as a captain and later as a major of the Three Hundred and Forty-second Infantry, Eighty-sixth Division, 1917-1919; resumed the practice of law at Chicago, Ill.; engaged as an investment banker in 1921; served as alderman of Evanston, Ill., 1931-1937 and as park commissioner 1929-1931, 1937, and 1938; delegate to the Republican State convention in 1936; member of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Service Commission of Illinois; member and treasurer of Cook County Republican Central Committee, 1938-1942; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-seventh Congress (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1943); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1942; resumed investment banking; was a resident of Evanston, Ill., until his death December 29, 1964; interment in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

**PADGETT, Lemuel Phillips**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Columbia, Maury County, Tenn., November 28, 1855; attended private schools in the county, and was graduated from Erskine College, Due West, S.C., in 1876; began the study of law in September 1876; was admitted to the bar in March 1877 and commenced practice in Columbia, Tenn., in January 1879; member of the State senate, 1899-1901; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh and to the ten succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1901, until his death in Washington, D.C., August 2, 1922; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Sixty-second through Sixty-fifth Congresses); interment in Rose Hill Cemetery, Columbia, Tenn.

**PAGÁN, Bolívar**, a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico; born in Guayanilla, P.R., May 16, 1897; attended the public schools of Adjuntas, P.R., and Ponce (P.R.) High School; was graduated from the law department of the University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras in 1921; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in San Juan, P.R.; judge of Fajardo, P.R., in 1922; member of the insular board of elections 1923-1951; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Puerto Rican house of representatives in 1924; city treasurer of San Juan, P.R., 1925-1929; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Puerto Rican Senate in 1928; associate commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Puerto Rico 1930-1933; member of the Puerto Rican senate 1933-1939 and served as president pro tempore and majority floor leader; city manager of San Juan, P.R., in 1936 and 1937; member of the American Group of the Interparliamentary Union; also engaged as writer and editor; appointed by Governor Leahy as a Coalitionist Resident Commissioner to the United States on December 26, 1939, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Santiago Iglesias for the term ending January 3, 1941; elected in 1940 for the term ending January 3, 1945; was not a candidate for renomination in 1944; again elected a member of the senate of Puerto Rico for terms 1945-1949 and 1949-1953; practiced law in San Juan, P.R., until his death there February 9, 1961; interment in Puerto Rico Memorial Cemetery, Carolina, P.R.

**PAGE, Carroll Smalley**, a Senator from Vermont; born in Westfield, Orleans County, Vt., January 10, 1843; attended the common schools, People's Academy, Morrisville, Vt., and Lamoille Central Academy, Hyde Park, Lamoille County, Vt.; dealer in raw calfskins at Hyde Park, Vt.; president and director of several banks and corporations; member, State house of representatives 1869-1872; member, State senate 1874-1876; register of probate court 1880-1891; savings-bank examiner 1884-1888; Governor of Vermont 1890-1892; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1908 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Redfield Proctor; reelected in 1910 and 1916 and served from October 21, 1908, to March 3, 1923; was not a candidate for reelection in 1922; chairman, Committee on Standards, Weights and Measures (Sixty-first Congress), Committee on Cuban Relations (Sixty-second Congress), Committee on the Disposition of Useless Executive Papers (Sixty-third Congress), Committee on Transportation and Sale of Meat Products (Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Naval Affairs (Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses); resided in Hyde Park, Vt., until his death on December 3, 1925; interment in Hyde Park Cemetery.

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**PAGE, Charles Harrison**, a Representative from Rhode Island; born in Gloucester, Providence County, R.I., July

19, 1843; attended the public schools; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army as a private at the age of nineteen in Company A, Twelfth Regiment, Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out July 29, 1863; resumed studies in the Illinois State Normal School at Bloomington and at Southern Illinois College at Carbondale; returned to Rhode Island in 1869 and taught school in Scituate until the spring of 1870, when he entered the law department of the University of Albany, New York; was graduated in 1871; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Scituate, and in Providence, R.I., in 1872; member of the State house of representatives in 1872 and 1873; served in the State senate in 1874, 1875, 1884, 1885, and 1890; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; candidate for attorney general in 1879; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1880, 1884, and 1888; contested as a Democrat the election of William A. Pierce to the Forty-ninth Congress, but the seat was declared vacant; subsequently elected at a special election to fill the vacancy thus caused and served from February 21 to March 3, 1887; elected to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); reelected to the Fifty-third Congress at a special election (no candidate receiving a majority at the regular election), and served from April 5, 1893, to March 3, 1895; chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1894; resumed the practice of law until his death in Providence, R.I., July 21, 1912; interment in Swan Point Cemetery.

**PAGE, Henry**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Princess Anne, Somerset County, Md., June 28, 1841; received preparatory instruction at the school of Anthony Bolivar, West Chester, Pa.; attended the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1864 and commenced practice in Princess Anne, Somerset County, Md.; member of the constitutional convention in 1867; State's attorney for Somerset County 1870-1884; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress and served from March 4, 1891, until September 3, 1892, when he resigned to become a judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals; appointed chief judge of the first judicial district of Maryland in August 1892; elected to the position in November 1893 for a term of fifteen years; died in Princess Anne, Md., January 7, 1913; interment in Manokin Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

**PAGE, Horace Francis**, a Representative from California; born near Medina, Orleans County, N.Y., October 20, 1833; attended the public schools and Millville Academy; taught school in La Porte County, Ind., until 1854, when he moved to California and engaged in the sawmill business near Colfax; moved to Placerville and engaged in the livery-stable business; became engaged in mining and as a mail contractor and stage proprietor; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in California; unsuccessful Republican candidate for the State senate in 1869; major in the California Militia; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Commerce (Forty-seventh Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1884; resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C.; died in San Francisco, Calif., August 23, 1890; interment in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, Calif.

**PAGE, John** (brother of Mann Page), a Representative from Virginia; born at "Rosewell," Gloucester County, Va.,

April 17, 1743; was graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., in 1763; served under Washington in an expedition against the French and Indians; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1776; Lieutenant Governor of Virginia 1776-1779; raised a regiment of militia from Gloucester County; colonel in the Revolutionary Army; member of the State house of delegates 1781-1783 and 1785-1788; elected to the First Congress; reelected to the Second and Third Congresses and as a Republican to the Fourth Congress (March 4, 1789-March 3, 1797); again a member of the State house of delegates in 1797, 1798, 1800; and 1801; Governor of Virginia 1802-1805; appointed United States commissioner of loans for Virginia and held office until his death in Richmond, Va., October 11, 1808; interment in St. John's Churchyard.

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**PAGE, John**, a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Haverhill, Grafton County, N.H., May 21, 1787; attended the public schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits; served as lieutenant in the War of 1812; assistant United States tax assessor in 1813, and assessor in 1815; member, State house of representatives 1818-1820, 1835; register of deeds for Grafton County 1827, 1829-1835; selectman of Haverhill for fourteen terms; served as town clerk; member of Governor's council 1836, 1838; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Isaac Hill and served from June 8, 1836, to March 3, 1837; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Twenty-fourth Congress); resumed agricultural pursuits; Governor of New Hampshire 1840-1842; died in Haverhill, N.H., September 8, 1865; interment in Ladd Street Cemetery.

**PAGE, Mann** (brother of John Page, of Virginia), a Delegate from Virginia; born at "Rosewell," Gloucester County, Va., in 1749; studied under a private teacher and was graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State house of burgesses; moved to Spotsylvania County; Member of the Continental Congress in 1777; died on his estate, "Mansfield," near Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Va., in 1781; interment near Fredericksburg.

**PAGE, Robert**, a Representative from Virginia; born at "North End," Gloucester (now Mathews) County, Va., February 4, 1765; received a liberal education from tutors at home; attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., which he left to join the Revolutionary Army, serving as a captain; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Frederick (now Clarke) and adjacent counties; planter; member of the council of state; member of the State house of delegates in 1795; elected as a Federalist to the Sixth Congress (March 4, 1799-March 3, 1801); resumed former activities; died at "Janeville," Clarke County, Va., December 8, 1840; interment in Old Chapel Cemetery near Millwood, Clarke (then Frederick) County, Va.

**PAGE, Robert Newton**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Cary, Wake County, N.C., October 26, 1859; attended the Cary High School and Bingham Military School, Mebane, N.C.; moved to Aberdeen, Moore County, N.C., in 1880 and engaged in the lumber business near Aberdeen until 1900; mayor of Aberdeen 1890-1898; treasurer of the Aberdeen & Asheboro Railroad Co. 1894-1902; moved to Biscoe, Montgomery County, N.C., in 1897; member of the State house of representatives in 1901 and 1902;

elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1917); was not a candidate for renomination in 1916; returned to Aberdeen in 1920; engaged in banking, and was president of the Page Trust Co.; died in Aberdeen, N.C., October 3, 1933; interment in Old Bethesda Cemetery.

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**PAGE, Sherman**, a Representative from New York; born in Cheshire, Conn., May 9, 1779; attended the common schools; taught school in Coventry, N.Y., in 1799; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1805 and commenced practice in Unadilla, Otsego County, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1827; judge of the court of common pleas in Otsego County; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); chairman, Committee on Public Expenditures (Twenty-fourth Congress); died in Unadilla, N.Y., September 27, 1853; interment in St. Matthew's Cemetery.

**PAIGE, Calvin DeWitt**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Southbridge, Worcester County, Mass., May 20, 1848; attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school; president of the Central Cotton Mills Co., the Southbridge Savings Bank, and the Edwards Co.; served as selectman of Southbridge; member of the State house of representatives in 1878 and 1879; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1884; member of the Governor's council in 1906 and 1907; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative William H. Wilder, and reelected to the five succeeding Congresses (November 4, 1913-March 3, 1925); voluntarily withdrew from public life, and engaged in banking in Southbridge, Mass., until his death there on April 24, 1930; interment in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

**PAIGE, David Raymond**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Madison, Lake County, Ohio, April 8, 1844; attended the public schools and Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio; was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1865; engaged in the hardware business in Akron, Ohio; treasurer of Summit County 1875-1879; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); engaged in the contracting business; died in New York City June 30, 1901; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Painesville, Lake County, Ohio.

**PAINE, Elijah**, a Senator from Vermont; born in Brooklyn, Conn., January 21, 1757; attended the public schools; served in the Revolutionary War; graduated from Harvard College in 1781; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Windsor, Vt.; practiced law and cultivated a farm; began a settlement at Williamstown; established a cloth factory and a saw and grist mill; secretary of the State constitutional convention 1786; member, State house of representatives 1787-1790; judge of the State supreme court 1791-1795; elected to the United States Senate in 1794; reelected as a Federalist in 1800 and served from March 4, 1795, to September 1, 1801, when he resigned; United States judge of the district of Vermont from 1801 until his death in Williamstown, Orange County, Vt., April 28, 1842; interment in Old Williamstown Cemetery.

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**PAINE, Ephraim**, a Delegate from New York; was born in Canterbury, Conn., August 19, 1730; moved with his parents to Nine Partners, N.Y.; pursued preparatory studies;

studied medicine and practiced in Amenia, Dutchess County, N.Y.; delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1775; county judge 1778-1781; member of the council of appointment in 1780; supervisor of Amenia in 1782 and 1783; served in the State senate 1780-1784; Member of the Continental Congress in 1784; died in Amenia, N.Y., August 10, 1785; interment in Red Meeting House Cemetery, near Amenia.

**PAINE, Halbert Eleazer**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Chardon, Geauga County, Ohio, February 4, 1826; attended the common schools; was graduated from the Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio, in 1845; taught school for a season in Mississippi; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1857 and continued the practice of law; entered the Union Army in May 1861 as colonel of the Fourth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers; promoted to the rank of brigadier general on March 13, 1863, and in the following June lost a leg at Port Hudson; brevetted major general on March 13, 1865, and resigned on May 15, 1865; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Forty-first Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1871); chairman, Committee on Militia (Fortieth Congress), Committee on Elections (Forty-first Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1870; continued the practice of law in Washington, D.C.; through his efforts the taking of meteorological observations in the interior was inaugurated; appointed Commissioner of Patents by President Grant and served from November 1, 1878, to May 7, 1880; died in Washington, D.C., April 14, 1905; interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

**PAINE, Robert Treat**, a Delegate from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., March 11, 1731; attended the Boston Latin School and was graduated from Harvard College in 1749; studied theology; was chaplain of troops on the northern frontier in 1755; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1757 and commenced practice in Boston; moved to Taunton in 1761; delegate to the State convention at Boston in 1768; member of the colonial house of representatives in 1773; delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1774 and 1775; Member of the Continental Congress 1774-1776; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; member of the State house of representatives in 1777; attorney general of Massachusetts 1777-1790; member of the Governor's council in 1779 and 1780; delegate to the constitutional convention in 1779; moved to Boston in 1781; judge of the Massachusetts supreme court 1790-1804; died in Boston, Mass., May 11, 1814.

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**PAINE, Robert Treat**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Edenton, Chowan County, N.C., February 18, 1812; attended private schools and was graduated from Washington (now Trinity) College, Hartford, Conn.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; held several local offices; owned and operated shipyards and engaged in the shipping business; member of the State house of commons in 1838, 1840, 1844, 1846, and 1848; served as colonel of a North Carolina regiment during the Mexican War; War Governor of Monterrey, Mexico, in 1846; member of the Mexican Claims Commission after the war; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); moved to Austin County, Tex., in 1860 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Galveston, Tex., February 8, 1872; interment in Brenham Cemetery, Brenham, Tex.

**PAINE, William Wiseham**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Richmond, Va., on October 10, 1817; moved with his parents to Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Ga., in 1827; attended school in Mount Zion, Ga.; served in the Seminole Indian War in 1836; studied law in Washington, Wilkes County, Ga., and was admitted to the bar in 1838; moved to Telfair, Ga., in 1840 and commenced the practice of law; member of the State constitutional convention in 1850; served as private secretary to Gov. Howell Cobb in 1851 and 1852; served in the State senate 1857-1860; entered the Confederate Army and served as captain in the First Georgia Regiment throughout the Civil War; moved to Savannah, Ga., at the close of the Civil War and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring Joseph W. Clift not entitled to the seat, and served from December 22, 1870, to March 3, 1871; member of the State house of representatives 1877-1879; curator of the Georgia Historical Society; died in Savannah, Ga., August 5, 1882; interment in Bonaventure Cemetery.

**PALEN, Rufus**, a Representative from New York; born in Palenville, Greene County, N.Y., February 25, 1807; moved with his parents to Fallsburg, where he received a limited schooling; engaged in the manufacture of leather; held several local offices; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1841); died in New York City April 26, 1844; interment in the Old Cemetery, Palenville, N.Y.

**PALFREY, John Gorham**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., May 2, 1796; completed preparatory studies in Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H., and was graduated from Harvard University in 1815; studied theology and was ordained minister of Brattle Square Unitarian Church, Boston, June 17, 1818; editor of the *North American Review* 1835-1843; member of the State house of representatives in 1842 and 1843; secretary of state of Massachusetts 1844-1848; elected as a Whig to the Thirtieth Congress (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1849); unsuccessful candidate on the Free-Soil ticket for reelection in 1848 to the Thirty-first Congress; postmaster of Boston 1861-1867; devoted himself to literary pursuits; died in Cambridge, Mass., April 26, 1881; interment in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

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**PALLONE, Frank, Jr.**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Long Branch, Monmouth County, N.J., October 30, 1951; B.A., Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., 1973; M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Mass., 1974; J.D., Rutgers University School of Law, N.J., 1978; lawyer, private practice; member, Long Branch, N.J., city council, 1982-1988; member of the New Jersey state senate, 1983-1988; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundredth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative James J. Howard, but was not sworn in because Congress had adjourned; elected at the same time to the One Hundred First Congress, and reelected to the seven succeeding Congresses (November 8, 1988-present).

**PALMER, Alexander Mitchell**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near White Haven, Luzerne County, Pa., May 4, 1872; attended the public schools and prepared for college at the Moravian Parochial School, Bethlehem, Pa.;

was graduated from Swarthmore (Pa.) College in 1891; appointed official stenographer of the forty-third judicial district of Pennsylvania in 1892; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1893 and practiced in Stroudsburg, Pa.; director of various banks and public-service corporations; member of the Democratic State executive committee of Pennsylvania; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-first, Sixty-second, and Sixty-third Congresses (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1915); was not a candidate for renomination in 1914, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1912 and 1916; member of the Democratic National Committee 1912-1920; appointed Alien Property Custodian October 22, 1917, by President Wilson, and served until March 4, 1919, when he resigned to become Attorney General of the United States, in which capacity he served from March 5, 1919, until March 4, 1921; engaged in the practice of law in Washington, D.C., and Stroudsburg, Pa.; died in Washington, D.C., May 11, 1936; interment in Laurelwood Cemetery, Stroudsburg, Pa.

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**PALMER, Beriah**, a Representative from New York; born in Bristol County, Mass., in 1740; attended the common schools; moved to Cornwall, Orange County, N.Y., in 1769; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in New York; engaged in surveying and farming near Burnt Hills; moved to Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, N.Y., in 1774; served in the Twelfth Regiment of the New York Militia during the Revolutionary War; served as assessor in 1779; commissioner of roads, district of Ballston, in 1780, 1783, and 1784; served as postmaster in 1784; member of the committee of safety of Albany County; supervisor of Saratoga County in 1790, 1791, and 1799; moderator of the first board of supervisors of Saratoga County in 1791; appointed judge of the court of common pleas in 1791; member of the State assembly in 1792-1795; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1801; elected as a Republican to the Eighth Congress (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1805); surrogate of Saratoga County 1808-1812; died in Ballston Spa, N.Y., May 20, 1812; interment in the Village Cemetery.

**PALMER, Cyrus Maffet**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., February 12, 1887; educated in the public schools of Pottsville and attended the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1907; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1911 and commenced practice in Pottsville, Pa.; served in the State house of representatives 1916-1920; district attorney of Schuylkill County, Pa., 1920-1927; elected as a Republican to the Seventieth Congress (March 4, 1927-March 3, 1929); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1928; resumed the practice of law; alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia in 1940; elected judge of the common pleas court of Schuylkill County, twenty-first judicial district of Pennsylvania, in 1931; reelected in 1941 and again in 1951; became president judge of the court January 1, 1940, and served until his death in Pottsville, Pa., August 16, 1959; interment in Charles Baber Cemetery.

**PALMER, Francis Wayland**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Manchester, Dearborn County, Ind., October 11, 1827; moved with his parents to Jamestown, N.Y., in boyhood; learned the printing trade on the *Jamestown Journal* in 1841; owner of the *Jamestown Journal* 1848-1858; member of the State assembly in 1853 and again in 1854; moved to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1858, and became editor and

one of the proprietors of the Dubuque Times; State printer of Iowa 1861-1869; settled in Des Moines in 1861 and was publisher and owner of the Iowa State Register; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1873); was not a candidate for renomination in 1872; moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1873, purchased an interest in the Inter-Ocean and became its editor in chief; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1876; postmaster of Chicago by appointment of President Hayes from February 26, 1877, to May 5, 1885; Public Printer of the United States from May 7, 1889, to May 2, 1894, and again from March 31, 1897, until September 8, 1905, when he was removed; died in Chicago, Ill., December 3, 1907; interment in Graceland Cemetery.

**PALMER, George William** (nephew of John Palmer and cousin of William Elisha Haynes), a Representative from New York; born in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, N.Y., January 13, 1818; attended the common schools, the Schodack Academy, Schodack, N.Y., and Yale College; studied law; was admitted to the bar about 1840 and commenced practice in Plattsburgh, N.Y., surrogate of Clinton County, N.Y.; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1861); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Thirty-sixth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1860; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Baltimore in 1864; appointed United States consul to Crete by President Lincoln; United States judge on the International Court for Suppression of Slave Trade on the West Coast of Africa from 1866 to 1870, when he resigned; member of the State assembly in 1884 and 1885; engaged in iron manufacturing at Clinton, N.Y.; died in Plattsburgh, N.Y.; March 12, 1916; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**PALMER, Henry Wilbur**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Clifford, Susquehanna County, Pa., July 10, 1839; attended Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., and Fort Edward Institute, Fort Edward, N.Y.; was graduated from the National Law School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in 1860; was admitted to the bar in Peekskill, N.Y., the same year and in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in 1861; prothonotary's clerk in 1861; served in the pay department of the Union Army at New Orleans in 1862 and 1863; member of the constitutional convention of Pennsylvania in 1872 and 1873; attorney general of the State 1879-1883; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, and Fifty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1901-March 3, 1907); one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1905 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against Charles Swayne, judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Florida; elected to the Sixty-first Congress (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1911); practiced law until his death in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., February 15, 1913; interment in Hollenback Cemetery.

**PALMER, John** (uncle of George William Palmer), a Representative from New York; born in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, N.Y., January 29, 1785; completed preparatory studies; graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Plattsburgh, N.Y., in 1810; served as paymaster in the Eighth Regiment, New York Militia, in 1812; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); district attorney 1818-1832; member of the State assembly in 1832; judge of Clinton County from 1832 until 1837, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); was not a candidate for renomination; died in St. Bar-

tholomew, French West Indies, December 8, 1840; interment in St. Bartholomew Cemetery.

**PALMER, John McAuley**, a Senator from Illinois; born at Eagle Creek, Scott County, Ky., September 13, 1817; moved with his family to Madison County, Ill., in 1831; attended the common schools of Kentucky and Illinois; in 1834 entered Alton (later Shurtleff) College, where he remained two years; taught school, peddled clocks, and studied law 1835-1838; admitted to the bar in 1839 and practiced in Carlinville, Ill., 1839-1861; probate judge of Macoupin County in 1843 and 1847; member of the State constitutional convention in 1847; county judge 1849-1852; member, State senate 1852-1854, 1856; unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress in 1859; presidential elector on the Republican ticket in 1860; member of the peace convention of 1861 held in Washington, D.C., in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; during the Civil War was appointed colonel of the Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry in 1861, and was mustered out as a major general in 1866; settled in Springfield, Ill., in 1867; Republican Governor of Illinois 1869-1873; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor in 1888; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1891, to March 3, 1897; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Fifty-third Congress); was not a candidate for reelection in 1896; resumed the practice of law; unsuccessful candidate for president of the United States as a Gold Democrat in 1896; died in Springfield, Ill., September 25, 1900; interment in Carlinville City Cemetery, Carlinville, Ill.

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**PALMER, John William**, a Representative from Missouri; born on a farm near Macks Creek, Camden County, Mo., August 20, 1866; attended the local schools; taught school in Hickory County, Mo.; engaged in the drug business at Cross Timbers, Hickory County, Mo., in 1888 and in the general merchandise business at Climax Springs, Camden County, Mo., 1891-1909; attended the University Medical College at Kansas City, Mo., in 1894 and 1895; practiced medicine in Climax Springs 1895-1908; attended the law school of Lincoln-Jefferson University, Hammond, Ind., in 1896; was admitted to the bar in 1897 and commenced the practice of law in Climax Springs, Mo.; served as representative in the Fortieth and Forty-first General Assemblies of Missouri 1898-1902; moved to Linn Creek, Mo., in 1909; prosecuting attorney of Camden County 1909-1915; moved to Sedalia, Mo., in 1915 and continued the practice of law; unsuccessful candidate for State senator in 1904; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first Congress (March 4, 1929-March 3, 1931); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress, for election in 1931 to fill a vacancy in the Seventy-second Congress, and for election in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Sedalia, Mo., November 3, 1958; interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**PALMER, Thomas Witherell**, Senator from Michigan; born in Detroit, Mich., January 25, 1830; attended the public schools, Thompson's Academy in Palmer (now St. Clair), Mich., and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; traveled to Spain and South America; engaged in lumbering and agricultural pursuits; served on the Board of Estimates of Detroit in 1873; member, State senate 1879-1880; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1883, to March 3, 1889; was not a candidate

for reelection; chairman, Committee on Fisheries (Forty-ninth Congress), Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (Fiftieth Congress); appointed United States Minister to Spain in 1889 by President Benjamin Harrison and served for two years; president of the National Commission of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago 1890-1893; retired to his Wayne County farm near Detroit, Mich.; one of the founders of the Detroit Museum of Art; died in Detroit, Mich., June 1, 1913; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

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**PALMER, William Adams**, a Senator from Vermont; born in Hebron, Conn., September 12, 1781; completed preparatory studies; moved to Chelsea, Vt., in 1802; studied law in Hebron and Chelsea; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in various towns in Vermont; elected probate judge for Caledonia County 1807-1808, 1811-1817; also clerk of the court 1807-1815; member, State house of representatives 1811-1812, 1818; judge of the State supreme court 1816-1818; elected in 1818 as a Democratic Republican (later as Adams-Clay Republican) to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Fisk, as well as for the full term commencing in 1819, and served from October 20, 1818, to March 3, 1825; was not a candidate for renomination in 1824; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member, State house of representatives 1825-1826, 1829; delegate to the State constitutional conventions in 1828, 1836, and 1850; Anti-Masonic Governor of Vermont 1831-1835; member, State senate 1836-1837; died in Danville, Caledonia County, Vt., December 3, 1860; interment in Green Cemetery.

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**PALMISANO, Vincent Luke**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Termini Imerse, Italy, August 5, 1882; immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled in Baltimore, Md., in 1887; attended parochial schools and studied law at the University of Maryland at Baltimore; was admitted to the bar in 1909 and commenced practice in Baltimore, Md.; member of the State house of delegates in 1914 and 1915; member of the city council 1915-1923; member of the Democratic State central committee of Baltimore 1923-1927; police examiner of Baltimore, Md., 1925-1927; elected as a Democrat to the Seventieth and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1927-January 3, 1939); chairman, Committee on Education (Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth Congresses), Committee on District of Columbia (Seventy-fifth Congress); unsuccessful for renomination in 1938; resumed the practice of law; served on the Baltimore Zoning Board until his resignation in 1952; disappeared from his home on January 12, 1953, and his body was recovered from the Baltimore Harbor on March 5, 1953; interment in New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

**PANETTA, Leon Edward**, a Representative from California; born in Monterey, Monterey County, Calif., June 28, 1938; graduated from Monterey Union High School, Monterey, Calif., 1956; B.A., University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, Calif., 1960; LL.B., Santa Clara Law School, Santa Clara, Calif., 1963; admitted to the California bar in 1965; lawyer, private practice; United States Army, 1963-1965; legislative assistant, United States Senator Thomas Henry Kuchel, 1966-1969; director, Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1969-1970; executive assistant to mayor of New York City, 1970-1971; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the

eight succeeding Congresses until his resignation on January 22, 1993 (January 3, 1977-January 22, 1993); chair, Committee on the Budget (One Hundred First and One Hundred Second Congresses); director, Office of Management and Budget, 1993-1994; chief of staff, The White House, 1994-1996; chairman, Pew Oceans Commission, 2000-2003; private advocate.

**PANTIN, Santiago Iglesias**, a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico. (See Iglesias, Santiago.)

**PAPPAS, Michael James**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in New Brunswick, Middlesex County, N.J., December 29, 1960; graduated, Alma Preparatory School, Zarephath, N.J.; attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.; insurance executive and partner, Pappas Insurance Agency; chairman, human services and education steering committee, National Association of Counties; member, national policy forum, Republican National Committee; president, New Jersey Association of Counties, 1994; chairman, New Jersey Judicial Unification Transition Committee; Somerset County freeholder, 1984-1986, serving as director, deputy director, and board of social services chairman; member, Franklin Township council, 1982-1987; mayor, Franklin Township, 1983-1984; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth Congress (January 3, 1997-January 3, 1999); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

**PAREDES, Quintin**, a Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of the Philippines; born in Bangued, Abra Province, Philippine Islands, September 9, 1884; attended the primary and seminary schools; was graduated from the law school of Manila in 1907; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Manila; appointed fourth prosecuting attorney on July 9, 1908, first prosecuting attorney on November 1, 1913, and served until March 1, 1917; served on the faculty and became dean of the law school (Escuela de Derecho) of Manila 1913-1917; served as solicitor general in 1917 and 1918, as attorney general 1918-1920, and as secretary of justice in 1920 and 1921; member of the first parliamentary mission to the United States in 1919; resumed the practice of law at Manila, Philippine Islands, in 1921; elected a member of the Philippine House of Representatives in 1925, 1928, 1931, and 1934, serving as speaker 1929-1931 and again in 1934; member of the Philippine Assembly in 1935; appointed as a Nationalist on December 21, 1935, the first Resident Commissioner under the Tydings-McDuffie law creating the Philippine Commonwealth Government, and served from February 14, 1936, until his resignation on September 29, 1938; resumed the practice of law; again elected a member of the Philippine Assembly in 1938; member of the Philippine Senate 1941-1945; served as a member of the Philippine House of Representatives 1946-1949; member of the Philippine Senate in 1950; reelected in 1955 for the term ending in November 1961; resumed the practice of law; president, General Bank and Trust Co., 1963-1969; was a resident of Bangued, Abra Province, Philippines, until his death in Manila on January 30, 1973.

**PARK, Frank**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Tuskegee, Macon County, Ala., March 3, 1864; attended the common schools and the University of Georgia at Athens; engaged in teaching 1882-1885; railway civil engineer 1885-1889; graduated from Atlanta Medical College, 1891; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1891; lawyer, private practice; chair of the Democratic executive committee of Worth County, Ga., 1891-1902; judge of the county court, 1898-1903;



chair of the Democratic congressional committee for the second district of Georgia, 1902-1904; judge of the city court of Sylvester, Ga., 1903-1908; judge of the Albany judicial circuit, 1908-1913; chair of the board of trustees of the State Agricultural and Mechanical School, Tifton, Ga., 1911-1915; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Seaborn A. Roddenbery; reelected to the Sixty-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (November 4, 1913-March 3, 1925); chair, Committee on Accounts (Sixty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination to the Sixty-ninth Congress in 1924; died on November 20, 1925, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; interment in White Springs Cemetery, White Springs, Fla.

**PARKE, Benjamin**, a Delegate from the Territory of Indiana; born in New Jersey on September 22, 1777; received a limited schooling; moved to Lexington, Ky., in 1797; studied law and was admitted to the bar; moved to Vincennes, Territory of Indiana, in 1799 and practiced; attorney general of the Territory 1804-1808; member of the Territorial house of representatives in 1805; when the Territory was formed, was elected the first Delegate to the Ninth and Tenth Congresses and served from December 12, 1805, until March 1, 1808, when he resigned; served on the staff of Gov. William Harrison; Territorial judge 1808-1817; judge of the United States District Court for Indiana 1817-1835; was the first president of the Indiana Historical Society; died in Salem, Washington County, Ind., July 12, 1835; interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**PARKER, Abraham X.**, a Representative from New York; born in Granville, Addison County, Vt., November 14, 1831; attended the St. Lawrence Academy and the Albany (N.Y.) Law School; was admitted to the bar in Albany, N.Y., in 1854 and in 1856 commenced practice in Potsdam, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1863 and 1864; postmaster of Potsdam in 1865 and 1866; president of the village of Potsdam; served in the State senate 1868-1871; secretary of the State normal school at Potsdam; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1889); was not a candidate for renomination in 1888; appointed by President Cleveland a member of the first labor investigation commission; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1892; First Assistant Attorney General from September 8, 1890, to March 4, 1893; returned to Potsdam, N.Y., and resumed the practice of law; president of the Thomas S. Clarkson Memorial School of Technology; died in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., on August 9, 1909; interment in Bayside Cemetery.

**PARKER, Amasa Junius**, a Representative from New York; born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn., June 2, 1807; moved with his parents to Hudson, N.Y., in 1816; taught by private tutors and graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1825; principal of Hudson (N.Y.) Academy 1823-1827; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1828 and commenced practice in Delhi, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1833 and 1834; regent of the State university 1835-1844; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1838; resumed the practice of law; vice chancellor and circuit judge 1844-1847; moved to Albany, N.Y., in 1844; judge of the supreme court for the third district 1847-1855; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New York in 1856 and 1858; one of the founders of the Albany (N.Y.) Law School in 1851; delegate to the State constitutional

convention of 1867 and 1868; died in Albany, N.Y., May 13, 1890; interment in the Albany Rural Cemetery.

**PARKER, Andrew**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Cumberland County, Pa., May 21, 1805; attended the common schools; was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1824; studied law in Carlisle; was admitted to the bar in 1826 and commenced practice in Lewistown, Pa.; appointed deputy attorney general of Mifflin County; moved to Mifflintown in 1831, where he practiced law; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); continued the practice of law in Mifflintown, Juniata County, Pa., until his death there on January 15, 1864; interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

**PARKER, Homer Cling**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Baxley, Appling County, Ga., September 25, 1885; attended the public schools; graduated from Statesboro High School, Statesboro, Ga., 1904; graduated from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., 1908; United States Army, 1917-1922; lawyer, private practice; solicitor of the city court, 1914-1917; served as mayor of Statesboro, Ga., 1924-1927; appointed adjutant general of Georgia, 1927-1931; Georgia National Guard, 1927-1931; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-second Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Charles G. Edwards; reelected to the Seventy-third Congress (September 9, 1931-January 3, 1935); chair, Committee on Elections No. 1 (Seventy-third Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1934; appointed comptroller general of Georgia, 1936-1937; elected comptroller general of Georgia, 1940-1946; died on June 22, 1946, in Atlanta, Ga.; interment in East Side Cemetery, Statesboro, Ga.

**PARKER, Hosea Washington**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Lempster, Sullivan County, N.H., May 30, 1833; pursued classical studies; attended Tufts College, Medford, Mass., and was graduated from the Green Mountain Liberal Institute, South Woodstock, Vt.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Lempster, N.H.; member of the State house of representatives in 1859 and 1860; moved to Claremont, N.H., in 1860; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1868, 1880, 1884, and 1888; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; member of the State constitutional convention in 1918; died in Claremont, Sullivan County, N.H., August 21, 1922; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

**PARKER, Isaac**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., June 17, 1768; attended the common schools and was graduated from Harvard University in 1786; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Castine, Maine (until 1820 a part of Massachusetts); held several local offices; moved to Portland, Maine, and continued the practice of law; elected as a Federalist to the Fifth Congress (March 4, 1797-March 3, 1799); appointed United States marshal for Maine district on March 5, 1799, and served until December 21, 1803; moved to Boston, Mass., having been appointed by Governor Strong an associate justice of the supreme court of Massachusetts on January 28, 1806, and presided as chief justice from August 24, 1814, until his death; professor of law in Harvard University 1815-1827; served as president of the State constitutional convention in 1820; served as a trustee of Bowdoin College for eleven years and as an overseer of Harvard University for twenty years; died in Boston, Mass., July 25, 1830; interment in Copp's Hill Cemetery.

**PARKER, Isaac Charles**, a Representative from Missouri; born near Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio, October 15, 1838; completed preparatory studies; attended Barnesville Academy; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1859; moved to Missouri in 1859 and began practice in St. Joseph; during the Civil War was a corporal in Company A, Sixty-first Missouri Emergency Regiment; city attorney for St. Joseph, Mo., 1862-1864; elected circuit attorney in 1864 and resigned in 1867; elected circuit judge in 1868, but resigned in 1870 to become a candidate for Congress; elected as a Republican to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1875); was the caucus nominee of his party for United States Senator in 1874; appointed judge of the United States District Court for Western Arkansas March 19, 1875, and served until his death in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Ark., November 17, 1896; interment in the National Cemetery, Fort Smith, Ark.

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**PARKER, James**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., in 1768; completed preparatory studies; studied medicine and began practice in Gardiner, Maine (then a part of Massachusetts); member of the Massachusetts senate in 1811 and 1812; elected as a Republican to the Thirteenth Congress (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1815); elected to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); resumed the practice of medicine; died in Gardiner, Kennebec County, Maine, November 9, 1837; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**PARKER, James** (grandfather of Richard Wayne Parker), a Representative from New Jersey; born in Bethlehem, N.J., March 3, 1776; moved to Perth Amboy, N.J., after the Revolution; was graduated from Columbia College, New York City, in 1793; engaged in the management and settlement of large landed properties left by his father, also as a land surveyor and as a lawyer, although never admitted to the bar; member of the State general assembly 1806-1810, 1812, 1813, 1815, 1816, 1818, and 1827; mayor of Perth Amboy in 1815 and again in 1850; collector of customs at Perth Amboy, N.J., 1829-1833; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); resumed his former activities; registrar of the board of proprietors of East Jersey; member of the different boundary commissions to obtain a settlement of the boundary question between the States of New York and New Jersey; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1844; died in Perth Amboy, N.J., April 1, 1868; interment in St. Peter's Churchyard.

**PARKER, James Southworth**, a Representative from New York; born in Great Barrington, Berkshire County, Mass., on June 3, 1867; attended the public schools and was graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., in 1887; taught at St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., in 1887; moved to Salem, Washington County, N.Y., in 1888 and taught at St. Paul's School at Salem; engaged in agricultural pursuits in 1888; also interested in breeding harness racing horses; member of the State assembly in 1904, 1905, and 1908-1912; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third and to the ten succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1913, until his death in Washington, D.C., December 19, 1933; chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Sixty-ninth through Seventy-first Congresses); interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Salem, N.Y.

**PARKER, John**, a Delegate from South Carolina; born in Charleston, S.C., June 24, 1759; attended school in

Charleston, S.C., and later in England; was graduated from the Middle Temple, London, England; returned to South Carolina; was admitted to the bar in 1785 and commenced practice in Charleston, S.C.; also engaged in the cultivation of rice on his plantation near there; Member of the Continental Congress 1786-1788; resided at Charleston and also on his estates, "Hayes" and "Cedar Grove," and engaged in their cultivation; died near Charleston, S.C., April 20, 1832; interment in the family burying ground on the "Hayes" estate in St. James' Parish, Goose Creek, near Charleston, S.C.

**PARKER, John Mason**, a Representative from New York; born in Granville, N.Y., June 14, 1805; attended Granville Academy and was graduated from Middlebury College, Vermont, in 1828; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Owego, N.Y., in 1833; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-fourth and reelected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1859); was not a candidate for renomination in 1858; justice of the supreme court of New York 1859-1873, and sat as a justice of the general term of the third department 1867-1873; member of the court of appeals; died in Owego, N.Y., December 16, 1873; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

**PARKER, Josiah**, a Representative from Virginia; born in "Macclesfield," Isle of Wight County, Va., May 11, 1751; pursued preparatory studies; member of the committee of safety in 1775 and of the Virginia convention that held sessions in March, July, and December of that year; enlisted in the Revolutionary War and was commissioned major in the Fifth Virginia Regiment February 13, 1776; lieutenant colonel July 28, 1777, and colonel April 1, 1778; served under Gen. Charles Lee in Virginia until the fall of 1776, when he was transferred to Washington's army; resigned from the Army July 12, 1778; member of the Virginia House of Delegates, 1778, 1779, 1782 and 1783; naval officer at Portsmouth, Va., in 1786; unsuccessful candidate for delegate to the Virginia convention in 1788; elected to the First Congress; reelected to the Second and Third Congresses and reelected as a Federalist to the Fourth through Sixth Congresses (March 4, 1789-March 3, 1801); engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Macclesfield, Va., March 11, 1810; interment in the private burial ground on his estate, "Macclesfield," in Isle of Wight County, Va.

**PARKER, Michael (Mike)**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Laurel, Jones County, Miss., October 31, 1949; graduated from Franklin County High School, Meadville, Miss., 1967; B.A., William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., 1970; small businessman; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred First and to the three succeeding Congresses, changed party affiliation to Republican on November 10, 1995, elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth Congress (January 3, 1989-January 3, 1999); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Sixth Congress in 1998; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Mississippi in 2000; Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, 2001-2002.

**PARKER, Nahum**, a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Shrewsbury, Mass., March 4, 1760; during the Revolutionary War served in the Continental Army at the battle of Saratoga in 1777; settled in Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, N.H., in 1786; member of the board of selectmen 1790-1794; clerk and town treasurer 1792-1815; member, State house of representatives 1794-1804, 1806-1807; member of the Governor's council in 1804 and 1805; elected as Democratic Republican to the United States Senate and served from

March 4, 1807, to June 1, 1810, when he resigned; justice of the court of common pleas for Cheshire and Sullivan Counties 1807-1813; associate justice of the western circuit 1813-1816; judge of the court of sessions, Cheshire County, in 1821 and of the court of common pleas, Hillsborough County, in 1822; member of the State senate and its president in 1828; died in Fitzwilliam, N.H., November 12, 1839; interment in the Town Cemetery.

**PARKER, Richard**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Richmond, Va., on December 22, 1810; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Berryville, Clarke County, Va.; held several local offices; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); elected judge of the thirteenth judicial circuit of Virginia on January 15, 1851, and served until 1869; pronounced the sentence of death on John Brown, who was captured at Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, Va. (now West Virginia), after his unsuccessful attempt to raise an insurrection in 1859; resumed the practice of his profession in Winchester, Frederick County, Va., and died there November 10, 1893; interment in Mount Hebron Cemetery.

**PARKER, Richard Elliott**, a Senator from Virginia; born at "Rock Spring," Westmoreland County, Va., December 27, 1783; attended the public schools and graduated from Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), Lexington, Va., in 1803; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1804 and practiced in Westmoreland County; member, State house of delegates 1807-1809; served as a lieutenant-colonel with the 111th Regiment during the War of 1812; returned to practice in Westmoreland County; judge of the general court of Virginia 1817-1836; judge of the Virginia court of law and chancery 1831-1836; elected as a Jacksonian (later Democrat) to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Benjamin W. Leigh and served from December 12, 1836, to March 13, 1837, when he resigned; judge of the State supreme court of appeals 1837-1840; died on his estate, "Soldier's Retreat," near Snickersville (now Bluemont, Loudoun County), Va., September 10, 1840; interment in the family cemetery near Warsaw, Richmond County, Va.

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**PARKER, Richard Wayne** (grandson of James Parker), a Representative from New Jersey; born in Morristown, Morris County, N.J., August 6, 1848; was graduated from Princeton College in 1867 and from the law school of Columbia College in 1869; was admitted to the bar of New Jersey in 1870 and commenced practice in Newark; member of the State house of assembly in 1885 and 1886; unsuccessful Republican candidate for election to the Fifty-third Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1911); chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Sixty-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law in Newark, N.J.; elected to the Sixty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Walter I. McCoy; re-elected to the Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth Congresses and served from December 1, 1914, to March 3, 1919; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1918 to the Sixty-sixth Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1916; elected to the Sixty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1923); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; died in Paris, France, on November 28, 1923; interment in St. Peter's Churchyard, Perth Amboy, N.J.

**PARKER, Samuel Wilson**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Watertown, Jefferson County, N.Y., September 9, 1805; pursued academic studies; was graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1828; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1831 and commenced practice in Connersville, Fayette County, Ind.; served as prosecuting attorney of Fayette County from December 10, 1836, to December 10, 1838; member of the State house of representatives in 1839 and 1843; served in the State senate 1841-1843; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1849 to the Thirty-first Congress; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Congresses (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1855); did not seek renomination in 1855; died near Sackets Harbor, N.Y., February 1, 1859; interment in the private cemetery on the Old Elm farm, near Sackets Harbor.

**PARKER, Severn Eyre**, a Representative from Virginia; born near Eastville, Northampton County, Va., July 19, 1787; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State house of delegates 1809-1821; appointed deputy clerk of Northampton County March 8, 1813; captain of a rifle company in 1814; served in the State senate 1817-1820; elected to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); again a member of the State house of delegates in 1828, 1829, and 1834-1836; died in Northampton County, Va., October 21, 1836; interment in the private cemetery on Kendall Grove farm, near Eastville, Va.

**PARKER, William Henry**, a Representative from South Dakota; born in Keene, Cheshire County, N.H., May 5, 1847; served in the Union Army from June 24, 1861, to October 16, 1866; was graduated from the law department of Columbian College (now George Washington University), Washington, D.C., in 1868 and was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the District of Columbia the same year; appointed collector of internal revenue of Colorado Territory by President Grant June 24, 1874; resigned in July 1876; appointed United States attorney of Colorado; moved to Deadwood, Territory of Dakota (now South Dakota), in July 1877 and practiced law; member of the constitutional convention of the proposed State of South Dakota June 30, 1885; elected a member of the State house of representatives in 1889; prosecuting attorney of Lawrence County 1903-1907; elected to the Sixtieth Congress and served from March 4, 1907, until his death in Deadwood, Lawrence County, S.Dak., on June 26, 1908; interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

**PARKS, Gorham**, a Representative from Maine; born in Westfield, Mass., May 27, 1794; attended the common schools and was graduated from Harvard University in 1813; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1819 and practiced; moved to Bangor, Maine, in 1823 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); United States marshal for the district of Maine 1838-1841; United States attorney for the district of Maine 1843-1845; United States consul at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 1845-1849; died in Bay Ridge, Kings County, N.Y., November 23, 1877; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**PARKS, Tilman Bacon**, a Representative from Arkansas; born near Lewisville, Lafayette County, Ark., May 14, 1872; attended the common schools, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1900 and commenced practice in Lewisville, Ark.; member of the State house of representatives in 1901, 1903, and 1909; temporary

chairman of the Democratic State convention in 1910; prosecuting attorney of the eighth judicial circuit of Arkansas 1914-1918; in 1915 moved to Hope, Hempstead County, Ark., where he engaged in the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-seventh and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1921-January 3, 1937); was not a candidate for renomination in 1936; continued the practice of law until his retirement; died in Washington, D.C., February 12, 1950; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

**PARMENTER, William**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Boston, Mass., March 30, 1789; attended the public schools and the Boston Latin School; member of the State house of representatives in 1829; served in the State senate in 1836; selectman of Cambridge in 1836; manager and agent of the New England Crown Glass Co., 1824-1836; president of the Middlesex Bank; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1845); chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Twenty-eighth Congress); naval officer at the port of Boston 1845-1849; died in East Cambridge, Mass., February 25, 1866; interment in Cambridge Cemetery.

**PARRAN, Thomas**, a Representative from Maryland; born near St. Leonard, Calvert County, Md., February 12, 1860; attended the public schools and Charlotte Hall (Md.) Academy; member of the State house of delegates 1884-1888; served as chief deputy collector for the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Baltimore district, 1889-1893; engaged in farming at St. Leonard, Md., in 1890; served in the State senate 1892-1894; assistant enrolling clerk 1895-1897; index clerk of the House of Representatives 1897-1901; clerk of the court of appeals of Maryland 1901-1907; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1888, 1904, and 1908; 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; member of the Maryland Road Commission 1913-1916; Immigration Commissioner in 1917 and 1918; resumed farming interests; member of the board of directors of the County Trust Co., in Prince Frederick, Md.; died in St. Leonard, Md., March 29, 1955; interment in Christ Church Cemetery, Port Republic, Md.

**PARRETT, William Fletcher**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Blairsville, Posey County, Ind., August 10, 1825; attended the public schools and the Indiana Asbury (now De Pauw) University at Greencastle; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Evansville, Ind., until 1852; moved to Oregon, where he practiced law for two and a half years; returned to Evansville in 1854, and moved to Boonville, Warrick County, Ind., in 1855; member of the State house of representatives in 1858 and served during the general and special sessions; appointed and subsequently elected judge of the fifteenth circuit and served from 1859 to 1865; returned to Evansville; reelected circuit judge and served from 1865 to 1871; appointed judge of the first circuit and elected in 1873, 1879, and 1884; resigned in December 1888; 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 until his death in Evansville, Ind., June 30, 1895; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**PARRIS, Albion Keith** (cousin of Virgil Delphini Parris), a Representative from Massachusetts and a Senator from Maine; born in Hebron, Maine (at that time a part of Massachusetts), January 19, 1788; graduated from Dartmouth Col-

lege, Hanover, N.H., in 1806; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Paris, Maine, in 1809; prosecuting attorney of Oxford County in 1811; member, Massachusetts house of representatives 1813-1814; member, State senate 1814-1815; elected as a Republican from the State of Massachusetts to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1815, to February 3, 1818, when he resigned; judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine 1818-1820; delegate to the Maine constitutional convention in 1819; judge of probate for Cumberland County, Maine, 1820-1821; Governor of Maine 1822-1827; elected to the United States Senate from Maine and served from March 4, 1827, to August 26, 1828, when he resigned; judge of the supreme court of Maine 1828-1836; Second Comptroller of the United States Treasury 1836-1850; mayor of Portland, Maine, 1852; was not a candidate for reelection; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor in 1854; died in Portland, Maine, February 11, 1857; interment in Western Cemetery.

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**PARRIS, Stanford E.**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Champaign, Champaign County, Ill., September 9, 1929; attended the public schools of Illinois; B.S., University of Illinois, Champaign, 1950; J.D., George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 1958; served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict, 1950-1954; awarded Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, Air Medal with clusters, Purple Heart, and United States and Korean Presidential Citations; admitted to the Virginia bar in 1958 and commenced practice in Alexandria; president, Woodbridge Chrysler-Plymouth Corp., 1965, and Flying Circus Aerodrome, 1971; commercial pilot; Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, 1964-1967; member, Virginia house of delegates, 1969-1972; chairman, Joint senate-house Republican caucus; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-third Congress (January 3, 1973-January 3, 1975); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1974 to the Ninety-fourth Congress; member, District of Columbia Law Revision Commission, 1975-1977; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-seventh and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1981-January 3, 1991); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1990 to the One Hundred Second Congress; appointed president of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation by President George Bush and served from 1991 to the present; is a resident of Alexandria, Va.

**PARRIS, Virgil Delphini** (cousin of Albion Keith Parris), a Representative from Maine; born in Buckfield, Maine, February 18, 1807; attended the common schools, Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine, and Colby College, Waterville, Maine; was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1827; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1830 and commenced practice in Buckfield, Maine; assistant secretary of the Maine senate in 1831; member of the State house of representatives 1832-1837; elected as a State Rights Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Timothy J. Carter; reelected to the Twenty-sixth Congress and served from May 29, 1838, to March 3, 1841; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1840; member of the State senate in 1842 and 1843, part of the time serving as president pro tempore and as Acting Governor of the State; United States marshal for the district of Maine 1844-1848; special mail agent for New England in 1853; appointed naval storekeeper at Kittery Navy Yard in 1856; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1852 and 1872; died in Paris, Oxford County, Maine, June 13, 1874; interment in the Rawson family knoll in the Old Cemetery.

**PARRISH, Isaac**, a Representative from Ohio; born near St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio, in March 1804; resided in Cambridge, Guernsey County; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; prosecuting attorney of Guernsey County in 1833; member of the State house of representatives 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; elected to the Twenty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1847); was not a candidate for renomination in 1846; resumed the practice of law and his former business pursuits in Sharon; also interested in the real estate business and engaged in freighting by steamboat on the Mississippi River; established the Harrison County Flag, published at Calhoun; died in Parrish City, Iowa, August 9, 1860; interment in Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, Harrison County, Iowa.

**PARRISH, Lucian Walton**, a Representative from Texas; born in Sister Grove, near Van Alstyne, Grayson County, Tex., January 10, 1878; moved with his parents to Clay County in 1887 and settled near Joy, Tex.; attended the public schools of Joy and Bowie, Tex., and the North Texas State Normal College at Denton, Tex.; taught school for two years; was graduated from the law department of the University of Texas at Austin in 1909; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Henrietta, Tex.; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses and served from March 4, 1919, until his death in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Tex., March 27, 1922; interment in Hope Cemetery, Henrietta, Tex.

**PARROTT, John Fabyan**, a Representative and a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Portsmouth, N.H., August 8, 1767; attended the common schools; member, State house of representatives 1809-1814; held various local offices; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1812 to the Thirteenth Congress; elected to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); elected as a Democratic Republican (later Adams-Clay Republican) to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1819, to March 3, 1825; postmaster of Portsmouth, N.H., 1826; member, State senate 1830-1831; died in Greenland, Rockingham County, N.H., July 9, 1836; interment in the family burying ground on the Parrott estate.

**PARROTT, Marcus Junius**, a Delegate from Kansas; born in Hamburg, Aiken County, S.C., October 27, 1828; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1849; studied law at Cambridge University; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Dayton, Ohio; member of the State house of representatives in 1853 and 1854; moved to Leavenworth, Kans., in 1855; court reporter of the first session of the Territorial supreme court in 1855; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses and served from March 4, 1857, to January 29, 1861, when the Territory of Kansas was admitted as a State into the Union; unsuccessful candidate for election on the Independent ticket to the Thirty-eighth Congress and on the Democratic ticket to the Forty-third Congress; engaged in agricultural pursuits near Leavenworth, Kans.; died in Dayton, Ohio, October 4, 1879; interment in Woodland Cemetery.

**PARSONS, Claude VanCleve**, a Representative from Illinois; born on a farm near McCormick, Pope County, Ill., October 7, 1895; attended the public schools; taught in the rural schools of Pope County, Ill., 1914-1922; was graduated

from Southern Illinois State Normal School at Carbondale in 1923; moved to Golconda, Pope County, Ill., in 1922 to become county superintendent of schools, in which capacity he served until 1930; was also engaged as an editor and newspaper publisher from 1924 to 1930; elected on November 4, 1930, as a Democrat to the Seventy-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas S. Williams and on the same day was elected to the Seventy-second Congress; reelected to the Seventy-third and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from November 4, 1930, to January 3, 1941; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1940 to the Seventy-seventh Congress; appointed first assistant administrator of the United States Housing Authority February 14, 1941, and served until his death in Washington, D.C., May 23, 1941; interment in Zion Church Cemetery, near Ozark, Ill.

**PARSONS, Edward Young**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Middletown, Jefferson County, Ky., December 12, 1842; attended the public schools at Louisville until twelve years of age; studied one year in the St. Louis High School; returned to Louisville and was graduated from the municipal university in 1861, where he taught school for three years; was graduated from the Louisville Law School in 1865 and practiced law in Louisville, Ky; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1875, until his death in Washington, D.C., July 8, 1876; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Ky.

**PARSONS, Herbert**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City, October 28, 1869; attended private schools in New York City, St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., Yale University, the University of Berlin, Harvard Law School, and was graduated from Yale University in 1890; was admitted to the bar in 1894 and commenced practice in New York City; member of the board of aldermen of New York City 1900-1904; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, and Sixty-first Congresses (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1911); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law in New York City; delegate to all Republican New York State conventions 1904-1920; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1908, 1912, 1916, and 1920; served on the general staff of the American Expeditionary Forces during the First World War; died in Pittsfield, Mass., September 16, 1925; interment in Lenox Cemetery, Lenox, Mass.

**PARSONS, Richard Chappel**, a Representative from Ohio; born in New London, Conn., October 10, 1826; pursued classical studies; moved to Norwalk, Ohio, in 1845; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1851 and commenced practice at Cleveland; member of the city council in 1852 and 1853 and served as president in 1853; member of the State house of representatives 1858-1861 and served one term as speaker; appointed consul to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on March 27, 1862, but resigned, effective October 1, 1862; collector of internal revenue at Cleveland 1862-1866; marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States 1867-1872; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful Republican candidate for reelection to the Forty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Cleveland, Ohio; editor and part owner of the Cleveland Daily Herald in 1877; died in Cleveland, Ohio, January 9, 1899; interment in Lake View Cemetery.

**PARTRIDGE, Donald Barrows**, a Representative from Maine; born in Norway, Oxford County, Maine, June 7, 1891; attended the common and high schools and was grad-

uated from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, in 1914; principal of the high school, at Canton, Maine, 1914-1917; was elected clerk of the supreme judicial court for Oxford County in 1918 and served from 1919 to 1931; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1924 and commenced practice in Norway, Maine, the same year; served as town clerk 1924-1931; member of the board of education of Norway 1926-1931; served as chairman of the Oxford County Republican committee for six years; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-second Congress (March 4, 1931-March 3, 1933); was not a candidate for renomination in 1932; resumed the practice of law in Norway, Maine; member of the Maine Industrial Accident Commission; died in Portland, Maine, June 5, 1946, while on a business trip; interment in Norway Pine Grove Cemetery, South Paris, Maine.

**PARTRIDGE, Frank Charles**, a Senator from Vermont; born in East Middlebury, Vt., May 7, 1861; attended the public schools and graduated from Amherst (Mass.) College in 1882 and from the Columbia University Law School at New York City in 1884; admitted to the bar in 1885 and commenced practice in Rutland, Vt.; moved to Proctor, Vt., in 1886 and engaged in the marble industry; also served as president of other business corporations; town clerk 1887-1889; member of the school committee 1888-1889; private secretary to the Secretary of War 1889-1890; solicitor of the Department of State 1890-1893; United States Minister to Venezuela 1893-1894; consul general at Tangier, Morocco, 1897-1898; member, Vermont State senate 1898-1900; member of the executive council of the American Society of International Law 1906-1923; chairman of the commission to propose amendments to the Vermont constitution 1909; member of the Vermont committee of public safety 1917-1919; delegate of the United States to the Fifth Pan-American Conference at Santiago, Chile, 1923; member of the New England Council 1925-1927; president of the Vermont Flood Credit Corporation; appointed on December 23, 1930, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank L. Greene and served from December 23, 1930, to March 31, 1931, when a successor was elected; unsuccessful candidate for the nomination to fill this vacancy; chairman, Committee on Enrolled Bills (Seventy-first Congress); resumed his former activities in the marble industry; died in Proctor, Vt., March 2, 1943; interment in Proctor Cemetery.

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**PARTRIDGE, George**, a Delegate and a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Duxbury, Mass., February 8, 1740; was graduated from Harvard College in 1762; taught school in Kingston, Mass.; studied theology; delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1774 and 1775; member of the State house of representatives 1775-1779; sheriff of Plymouth County 1777-1812; Member of the Continental Congress 1779-1785; member of the State house of representatives in 1788; elected to the First Congress and served from March 4, 1789, to August 14, 1790, when he resigned; endowed Partridge Seminary in Duxbury; died in Duxbury, Plymouth County, Mass., on July 7, 1828; interment in Mayflower Cemetery.

**PARTRIDGE, Samuel**, a Representative from New York; born in Norwich, Windsor County, Vt., November 29, 1790; received a limited schooling; during the War of 1812 enlisted as a private in the Vermont Militia; later appointed a captain of Engineers in the Regular Army; served two terms as high sheriff of Windsor County; moved to New York and engaged in mercantile pursuits at Cold Spring in 1820;

moved to Chemung County, N.Y., in 1830 and to Elmira in 1837 and again engaged in mercantile pursuits; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); engaged in agricultural pursuits and the real estate business; died in Elmira, Chemung County, N.Y., March 30, 1883; interment in Second Street Cemetery.

**PASCHAL, Thomas Moore**, a Representative from Texas; born in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, La., December 15, 1845; moved with his parents to San Antonio, Tex., in 1846; educated in private schools; attended St. Mary's College, San Antonio, Tex.; was graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1866; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced practice in San Antonio; city attorney in 1867; United States commissioner for the western district of Texas 1867-1869; judge of the district criminal court for San Antonio in 1870 and 1871; moved to Castroville, Tex., in 1870; district attorney of the twenty-fourth district 1871-1875; moved to Brackett, King County, in 1873; elected judge of the thirty-eighth judicial district in 1876; reelected in 1880 and 1884, and served until 1892; appointed by Governor Coke as extradition agent between the United States and Mexico in 1876 and reappointed by Governor Roberts in 1880; returned to Castroville in 1885; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-third Congress (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1895); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1894; resumed the practice of law in San Antonio, Tex.; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1896; died in New York City, January 28, 1919; interment in Mission Burial Park, San Antonio, Tex.

**PASCO, Samuel**, a Senator from Florida; born in London, England, June 28, 1834; immigrated to the United States with his family and settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1846; attended the public schools and graduated from Harvard University in 1858; moved to Florida in 1859 and was principal of Waukeenah Academy, near Monticello, 1860-1861; during the Civil War entered the Confederate Army as a private in the Third Florida Volunteers; wounded and captured at Mississippi Ridge, and remained in prison until March 1865, when paroled with the rank of sergeant; returned to Florida in 1865 and was again principal of Waukeenah Academy 1865-1866; clerk of the circuit court of Jefferson County 1866-1868; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1868 and commenced practice in Monticello, Fla.; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1880; president of the State constitutional convention in 1885; member, State house of representatives 1886-1887, and served as speaker in the latter year; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1887; was appointed in 1893 and subsequently elected; again appointed in 1899 and served from May 19, 1887, to April 18, 1899, when a successor was elected; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1899; chairman, Committee on Claims (Fifty-third Congress); member of the Isthmian Canal Commission 1899-1905; retired and resided in Monticello; died in Tampa, Fla., March 13, 1917; interment in Roseland Cemetery, Monticello, Fla.

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**PASCHELL, William J., Jr.**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Paterson, Passaic County, N.J., January 25, 1937; graduated from St. John the Baptist High School; B.A., Fordham University, New York, N.Y., 1959; M.A., Fordham University, New York, N.Y., 1961; United States Army, 1961-1962; United States Army Reserve, 1962-1967;

teacher; president, Paterson, N.J., board of education, 1979-1982; member of the New Jersey state general assembly, 1988-1996; elected minority leader pro tempore; mayor of Paterson, N.J., 1990-1996; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

**PASHAYAN, Charles, Jr.**, a Representative from California; born in Fresno, Fresno County, Calif., March 27, 1941; graduated from Bullard High School, 1959; B.A., Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., 1963; J.D., Hastings Law School, University of California, San Francisco, 1968; captain, United States Army, 1968-1970; admitted to the California bar in 1969 and to the U.S. Supreme Court bar in 1977; special assistant to General Counsel, United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1973-1975; B.Litt., Oxford University, England, 1977; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-sixth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1991); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1990 to the One Hundred Second Congress; is a resident of Fresno, Calif.

**PASSMAN, Otto Ernest**, a Representative from Louisiana; born on a farm near Franklinton, Washington Parish, La., June 27, 1900; was graduated from Baton Rouge (La.) High School and from Soule Business College at Bogaloussa, La.; in 1929 engaged in the manufacture of commercial refrigerators, and as a distributor of hotel and restaurant supplies and electrical appliances at Monroe, La.; owner Passman Investment Company; during the Second World War was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Navy and served from October 11, 1942, until his discharge as lieutenant commander on September 5, 1944; resumed the mercantile business; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1948, 1952, and 1956; elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth and to the fourteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1977); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1976 to the Ninety-fifth Congress; was a resident of Monroe, La., until his death there on August 13, 1988.

**PASTOR, Edward López**, a Representative from Arizona; born in Claypool, Gila County, Ariz., June 28, 1943; B.A., Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz., 1966; J.D., Arizona State College of Law, Tempe, Ariz., 1974; aide to Arizona Governor Raul Castro, 1971-1972; Maricopa County, Ariz., Supervisor, 1977-1991; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1972-1984; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Second Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Morris K. Udall, and was reelected to the six succeeding Congresses (September 24, 1991-present).

**PASTORE, John Orlando**, a Senator from Rhode Island; born in Providence, R.I., March 17, 1907; attended the public schools; graduated from the law school of Northeastern University, Boston, Mass., in 1931; admitted to the bar in 1932 and commenced the practice of law at Providence, R.I.; member, State house of representatives 1935-1937; assistant attorney general of Rhode Island 1937-1938; member Providence Charter Revision Commission 1939-1940; again assistant attorney general 1940-1944; elected lieutenant governor of Rhode Island in 1944 and assumed the office of Governor, October 6, 1945; elected Governor in 1946; reelected in 1948 but resigned December 18, 1950, having been elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate, November 7, 1950, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. Howard McGrath for the term ending January 3, 1953; reelected in 1952, 1958, 1964 and 1970 and served from December

19, 1950, until his resignation December 28, 1976; was not a candidate for reelection in 1976; co-chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Eighty-eighth, Ninetieth, Ninety-second, and Ninety-fourth Congresses); was a resident of Cranston, R.I. and North Kingstown, R.I. until his death due to kidney failure on July 15, 2000; interment in St. Ann's Cemetery in Cranston.

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**PATERSON, John**, a Representative from New York; born in New Britain, Hartford County, Conn., in 1744; attended the common schools; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from Yale College in 1762; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in New Britain and Lenox, Mass.; member of the Berkshire convention of 1774 and of the general court that became the first Provincial Congress in 1774; raised a regiment and participated in the Revolutionary War; colonel of the regiment from April to December 1775; colonel of the Fifteenth Continental Infantry January 1, 1776; brigadier general February 21, 1777, and served until the close of the war; brevetted major general September 30, 1783; after the war returned to Lenox, Mass., and was commander of the Massachusetts troops in putting down Shays' Rebellion; moved to Lisle, Broome County, N.Y., in 1790; member of the State assembly in 1792 and 1793; county judge of Broome County in 1798 and 1806; member of the committee to revise the constitution of the State of New York in 1801; elected as a Republican to the Eighth Congress (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1805); from 1805 until his death he devoted himself to farming; died in Lisle, N.Y. (now Whitneys Point), July 19, 1808; interment in Lenox Cemetery.

**PATERSON, William**, a Delegate and a Senator from New Jersey; born in County Antrim, Ireland, December 24, 1745; immigrated to the United States in 1747 with his parents, who settled in New Castle, Pa.; moved about through the colonies before settling in Princeton, N.J., in 1750; attended private schools; graduated from the College of New Jersey (later Princeton University) in 1763; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1768 and commenced practice in New Bromley, N.J., in 1769; delegate and secretary to the Provincial Congress 1775-1776; member, State legislative council 1776-1777; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1776; attorney general of New Jersey 1776-1783, when he resigned; moved to Raritan, N.J., in 1779; elected as a Delegate to the Continental Congress in 1780, but declined, owing to his duties as attorney general; moved to New Brunswick, N.J., in 1783; delegate to the Federal Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787 and one of the signers of the Constitution; again elected as a Delegate to the Continental Congress in 1787, but declined; elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1789, to November 13, 1790, when he resigned, having been elected Governor of New Jersey; reelected Governor and served until 1793, when he resigned to become an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and served until his death in Albany, N.Y., September 9, 1806; interment in the Van Rensselaer Manor House vault, near Albany, N.Y.; manor house destroyed around 1900; reinterred in Van Rensselaer lot, Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany, N.Y.

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**PATMAN, John William Wright** (father of William Neff Patman), a Representative from Texas; born at Patman's Switch near Hughes Springs, Cass County, Tex., August 6, 1893; attended the public schools; was graduated from Hughes Springs (Tex.) High School in 1912 and from the law department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1916; engaged in agricultural pursuits in Texas in 1913 and 1914; was admitted to the bar in 1916 and commenced practice in Hughes Springs, Tex.; assistant county attorney of Cass County, Tex., in 1916 and 1917; during the First World War served as a private and later as a machinegun officer in the United States Army 1917-1919; member of the State house of representatives 1921-1924; district attorney of the fifth judicial district of Texas 1924-1929; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-first Congress; reelected to the twenty-three succeeding Congresses, and served from March 4, 1929, until his death March 7, 1976, in Bethesda, Md.; chairman, Select Committee on Small Business (Eighty-first, Eighty-second, and Eighty-fourth through Eighty-seventh Congresses), Joint Economic Committee (Eighty-fifth, Eighty-seventh, Eighty-ninth, Ninety-first and Ninety-third Congresses), Joint Committee on Defense Production (Eighty-eighth, Ninetieth, Ninety-second, and Ninety-fourth Congresses), Committee on Banking and Currency (Eighty-eighth through Ninety-third Congresses); interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Texarkana, Tex.

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**PATMAN, William Neff** (son of John William Wright Patman), a Representative from Texas; born in Texarkana, Bowie County, Tex., March 26, 1927; attended the public schools of Texarkana and Washington, D.C.; graduated from Kemper Military School, Boonville, Mo., 1944; B.B.A., University of Texas, Austin, 1953, and LL.B., 1953; served in the United States Marine Corps, private first class, 1945-1946, and United States Air Force Reserve, captain, 1953-1966; diplomatic courier, United States Foreign Service, 1949-1950; admitted to the Texas bar in 1953 and was legal examiner, Texas Railroad Commission, 1953-1955; commenced the private practice of law in 1955; city attorney, Ganado, 1955-1960; served in the Texas senate, 1961-1980; delegate, Texas State Democratic conventions, 1960-1978; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth Congresses (January 3, 1981-January 3, 1985); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-ninth Congress; is a resident of Ganado, Tex.

**PATRICK, Luther**, a Representative from Alabama; born near Decatur, Morgan County, Ala., January 23, 1894; attended the public schools, Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, and Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.; in 1918 was graduated from the law department of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa; during the First World War served as a private, assigned to the Army training detachment and to the Central Officers' Training School, from June 14, 1918, to December 4, 1918; was admitted to the bar in 1919 and commenced practice in Fairfield, Ala.; city attorney of Fairfield 1920-1922; author of many poems and books; began career of radio commentator in 1925; assistant attorney general of Alabama 1927-1929; assistant United States district attorney of the northern Alabama district in 1933 and 1934; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, and Seventy-seventh Congresses (January 3, 1937-January 3, 1943); unsuccessful candidate for renomi-

ation in 1942; served as a consultant to the War Production Board in 1943 and 1944; elected to the Seventy-ninth Congress (January 3, 1945-January 3, 1947); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1946; resumed law practice in Birmingham, Ala.; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1956; died in Birmingham, Ala., May 26, 1957; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

**PATTEN, Edward James**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, N.J., August 22, 1905; attended the public schools of Perth Amboy; graduated from the Newark Normal School in 1927, the Rutgers Law School, Newark, N.J., in 1927, and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., in 1928; was admitted to the bar in 1927 and began the practice of law in Perth Amboy; teacher in the public schools of Elizabeth, N.J., 1927-1934; mayor of Perth Amboy, 1934-1940; county clerk, Middlesex County, 1940-1954; secretary of state, State of New Jersey, 1954-1962; director and counsel of the Woodbridge National Bank, 1935-1962; elected as a Democrat 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; was a resident of Perth Amboy, N.J., until his death on September 17, 1994.

**PATTEN, Harold Ambrose**, a Representative from Arizona; born in Husted, El Paso County, Colo., October 6, 1907; moved to Tucson, Pima County, Ariz., in 1916; graduated from the University of Arizona in 1930; coach and teacher of physical education in Tucson High School in 1931 and 1932; director of recreation for city of Tucson and city schools 1933-1939; State director of recreation in 1939 and 1940; entered military service with the Seventh Cavalry Regiment as a first lieutenant in August 1940; transferred to the Air Corps in 1941 and spent thirty-one months on foreign service in Africa and Italy; discharged as a major on November 21, 1945; retired July 1, 1960, as lieutenant colonel, Air Force Reserve; life insurance agent in Phoenix, 1946-1948; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first, Eighty-second, and Eighty-third Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1955); was not a candidate for renomination in 1954; defeated for the Democratic nomination in 1961 to fill a vacancy in the Eighty-seventh Congress; resumed his career in the insurance field; in 1965, appointed to head a Federal Job Corps Center in Oregon; organized and directed a Center at Malheur Wildlife Refuge and was director of Center offices in Portland, Oreg.; died in Tucson, Ariz., September 6, 1969; willed body to University of Arizona College of Medicine for research purposes.

**PATTEN, John**, a Delegate and a Representative from Delaware; born in Kent County, Del., April 26, 1746; attended the common schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits; entered the Revolutionary Army as a lieutenant; was promoted to the rank of major; Member of the Continental Congress in 1786; presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Third Congress and served from March 4, 1793, to February 14, 1794, when he was succeeded by Henry Latimer, who contested his election; elected as a Republican to the Fourth Congress (March 4, 1795-March 3, 1797); was not a candidate for renomination; engaged in farming until his death at "Tynhead Court," near Dover, Del., December 26, 1800; interment in the Presbyterian Churchyard.

**PATTEN, Thomas Gedney**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City September 12, 1861; attended Mount Pleasant Academy, Ossining, N.Y., Columbia College, New York City, 1877-1879, and Columbia Law School 1880-



1882; engaged in the shipping business and subsequently operated a fleet of tugboats in New York Harbor; served as president of the New York & Long Branch Steamboat Co.; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-second, Sixty-third, and Sixty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1917); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1916 to the Sixty-fifth Congress; postmaster of New York City 1917-1921; moved to Hollywood, Calif., in 1922 and served on the staff of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., until 1924 when he retired; died in Hollywood, Calif., February 23, 1939; interment in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Los Angeles, Calif.

**PATTERSON, David Trotter** (son-in-law of Andrew Johnson), a Senator from Tennessee; born at Cedar Creek, near Greeneville, Greene County, Tenn., February 28, 1818; attended the common schools and Greeneville College for two years; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1841 and commenced practice in Greeneville, Tenn.; engaged in manufacturing; judge of the first circuit court of Tennessee 1854-1863; upon the readmission of the State of Tennessee to representation on July 24, 1866, was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate; presented his credentials on July 26, 1866, and took the oath of office on July 28, 1866, after the Senate resolved a challenge to his credentials, and served until March 3, 1869; was not a candidate for reelection; engaged in the management of his extensive agricultural interests; died in Afton, near Greeneville, Tenn., November 3, 1891; interment in the Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville, Tenn.

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**PATTERSON, Edward White**, a Representative from Kansas; born in Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kans., October 4, 1895; attended the public schools; during the First World War served as a sergeant in the Thirty-fifth Division, American Expeditionary Forces, from May 1917 to March 1919; after the war attended the University of Chicago at Chicago, Ill.; was graduated from the law department of the University of Kansas at Lawrence in 1922; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Pittsburg, Kans.; prosecuting attorney of Crawford County, Kans., 1926-1928; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1939); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1938 to the Seventy-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Pittsburg, Kans., until his death in Weir, Kans., March 6, 1940; interment in Highland Park Cemetery, Pittsburg, Kans.

**PATTERSON, Elizabeth J.** (daughter of Olin D. Johnston), a Representative from South Carolina; born Elizabeth Johnston in Columbia, S.C., November 18, 1939; attended public schools in Kensington, Md., and Spartanburg, S.C.; B.A., Columbia College, Columbia, S.C., 1961; graduate study, University of South Carolina, 1961-1962; recruiting officer for the Peace Corps, 1962-1964; recruiting officer for VISTA, 1965-1967; director of a Head Start program, 1967-1968; staff assistant for U.S. Representative James R. Mann, 1969-1970; served on the Spartanburg County Council, 1975-1976; South Carolina senate, 1979-1986; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundredth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1987-January 3, 1993); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1992 to the One Hundred Third Congress; is a resident of Spartanburg, S.C.

**PATTERSON, Ellis Ellwood**, a Representative from California; born in Yuba City, Sutter County, Calif., November 28, 1897; attended the public schools; was graduated

from the University of California at Berkeley in 1921; during the First World War served as a seaman in the United States Navy in 1917 and 1918; taught school in Colusa County, Calif., 1922-1924; district superintendent of schools of South Monterey County, Calif., 1923-1932; studied law at Stanford University and at the University of California 1931-1936; was admitted to the bar in 1937 and commenced practice in Sacramento and Los Angeles, Calif.; member of the State assembly 1932-1938; Lieutenant Governor 1938-1942; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth Congress (January 3, 1945-January 3, 1947); did not seek renomination in 1946, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for United States Senator; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1948 to the Eighty-first Congress; resumed the practice of law; was a resident of Los Angeles, Calif., until his death there on August 25, 1985.

**PATTERSON, Francis Ford, Jr.**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newark, N.J., July 30, 1867; moved with his parents to Woodbury, N.J., in 1874; attended the public schools; employed in a newspaper office at the age of thirteen; moved to Camden, N.J., in 1882; connected with the Camden Courier 1883-1890; New Jersey editor of the Philadelphia Record 1890-1894; owner and publisher of the Camden Post-Telegram 1894-1923; president of the West Jersey Trust Co. 1916-1925; director of the West Jersey Title Co. 1920-1925; member of the State house of assembly in 1900; county clerk of Camden County 1900-1920; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1920; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William J. Browning; reelected to the Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, and Sixty-ninth Congresses and served from November 2, 1920, to March 3, 1927; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1926; engaged in banking, serving as president of the West Jersey Parkside Trust Co., of Camden, N.J., until his death in Merchantville, N.J., on November 30, 1935; interment in Colestown Cemetery, located between Merchantville and Moorestown, N.J.

**PATTERSON, George Robert**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa., November 9, 1863; attended the public schools and Lewistown (Pa.) Academy; engaged in mercantile pursuits in 1880; moved to Ashland, Schuylkill County, in 1886 and engaged in the wholesale grain and feed business; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1900 and 1904; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, and Fifty-ninth Congresses and served from March 4, 1901, until his death in Washington, D.C., March 21, 1906; interment in Citizens' Cemetery, Ashland, Pa.

**PATTERSON, George Washington** (brother of William Patterson and uncle of Augustus Frank), a Representative from New York; born in Londonderry, Rockingham County, N.H., November 11, 1799; completed preparatory studies, and was graduated from Pinkerton Academy; moved to New York and settled in Genesee County in 1818; engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills; settled in Leicester, N.Y., in 1825 and engaged in agricultural pursuits and the manufacture of farming implements; commissioner of highways of Leicester; justice of the peace; member of the State assembly 1832, 1833, and 1835-1840, and served as speaker in 1839 and 1840; basin commissioner at Albany in 1839 and 1840; moved to Westfield, N.Y., in 1841 to take charge of the Chautauqua land office; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1846; elected Lieutenant Governor of New York in 1848; chairman of the harbor commission at New York 1855-1857; quarantine commissioner of the port of New York in 1859; supervisor and president of the board

of education for many years; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1856 and 1860; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; died in Westfield, Chautauqua County, N.Y., October 15, 1879; interment in Westfield Cemetery.

**PATTERSON, Gilbert Brown**, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Maxton, Robeson County, N.C., May 29, 1863; attended Shoe Heel Academy, Shoe Heel (now Maxton), N.C., and the Lurinburg (N.C.) High School; was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1886; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1890 and commenced practice in Maxton, N.C.; member of the State house of representatives 1899-1901; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1907); resumed the practice of law; died in Maxton, N.C., January 26, 1922; interment in Maxton Cemetery.

**PATTERSON, James O'Hanlon**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Barnwell, Barnwell County, S.C., June 25, 1857; attended private schools in Barnwell, S.C., and Augusta, Ga.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1886 and commenced practice in Barnwell, S.C.; probate judge of Barnwell County 1888-1892; member of the State house of representatives 1899-1904; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, and Sixty-first Congresses (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1911); resumed the practice of his profession in Barnwell, S.C., where he died on October 25, 1911; interment in the Episcopal Cemetery.

**PATTERSON, James Thomas**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Naugatuck, New Haven County, Conn., on October 20, 1908; attended the public schools; was graduated from Peekskill (N.Y.) Military Academy in 1929 and from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1933; University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., B.A., in 1934, and from National University Law School (now George Washington University), LL.B., Washington, D.C., 1939; while attending school worked for the Connecticut highway department from 1924 to 1933, U.S. Rubber Company in 1934, for the United States Department of Labor 1934-1937, for the Social Security Board in 1937 and 1938, and for the United States Treasury 1938-1940; served with the United States Marine Corps and the Office of Strategic Services from September 1941 until discharged as a major in July 1946, with overseas service in the African and European Theaters and in India, Burma, and China; elected as a Republican to the Eightieth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1959); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958 to the Eighty-sixth Congress, and in 1960 to the Eighty-seventh Congress, and in 1970 to the Ninety-second Congress; was a resident of Bethlehem, Conn., until his death in Camden, N.J., on February 7, 1989.

**PATTERSON, James Willis**, a Representative and a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Henniker, N.H., July 2, 1823; pursued classical studies; graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1848; principal of the Woodstock Academy, Conn., for two years; attended the Theological Seminary at New Haven, Conn.; studied law; professor of mathematics, astronomy, and meteorology at Dartmouth College 1854-1865; member, State house of representatives in 1862; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1867); elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1867, to March 3, 1873; chairman, Committee

on Enrolled Bills (Forty-first Congress), Committee on the District of Columbia (Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses); regent of the Smithsonian Institution; member, State house of representatives 1877-1878; State superintendent of public instruction 1881-1893; president of American Institute of Instruction; died in Hanover, N.H., on May 4, 1893; interment in Dartmouth Cemetery.

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**PATTERSON, Jerry Mumford**, a Representative from California; born in El Paso, El Paso County, Tex., October 25, 1934; graduated from Tucson High School, Tucson, Ariz., 1952; B.A., California State, Long Beach, Calif., 1960; J.D., UCLA Law School, Los Angeles, Calif., 1966; graduate work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1960-1963; admitted to the California bar in 1967 and commenced practice in Santa Ana; United States Coast Guard, 1953-1957; city attorney, Placentia, Calif., 1973-1975; city councilman for Santa Ana, Calif., 1969-1973; mayor, Santa Ana, Calif., 1973-1975; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1976, 1980, and 1984; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1975-January 3, 1985); chairman, Select Committee on Committees (Ninety-sixth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for election to the Ninety-ninth Congress; visiting professor, California State University, Long Beach, Calif., 1986-1999; resumed the practice of law in Costa Mesa, Calif., in 1986; city attorney, Cypress, Calif., 1987; president, Coast Community College District Board, Calif.

**PATTERSON, John** (half brother of Thomas Patterson), a Representative from Ohio; born in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pa., February 10, 1771; moved with his parents to Pattersons Mills, Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1778; attended the common schools; moved to St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio; engaged in mercantile pursuits; first mayor of St. Clairsville in 1807 and 1808; member of the State house of representatives in 1807 and 1808; served in the State senate 1815-1818; associate judge of the court of common pleas of Belmont County from February 1810 to February 1815; elected to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); engaged in the hardware business and in agricultural pursuits; died in St. Clairsville, Ohio, February 7, 1848; interment in Union Cemetery.

**PATTERSON, John James**, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Waterloo, Juniata County, Pa., August 8, 1830; attended the common schools and graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in 1848; engaged in newspaper work; publisher of the Juniata Sentinel in 1852 and became editor and part owner of the Harrisburg Telegraph in 1853; engaged in banking; member, State house of representatives 1854-1856; during the Civil War served in the Union Army as a captain in the Fifteenth United States Volunteer Infantry; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; engaged in banking 1863-1869; moved to Columbia, S.C., in 1869 and engaged in railroad construction; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate from South Carolina and served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1879; was not a candidate for reelection to the Senate; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor (Forty-fourth Congress), Committee on Territories (Forty-fifth Congress); resided in Washington, D.C., and engaged in various financial enterprises; moved to Mifflintown, Juniata County, Pa., in 1886; engaged in the construction of electric railways and electric lighting plants; died in Mifflintown, Pa., September 28, 1912; interment in Westminster Presbyterian Cemetery.

**PATTERSON, Josiah** (father of Malcolm Rice Patterson), a Representative from Tennessee; born in Morgan County, Ala., April 14, 1837; attended the common schools and Somerville (Ala.) Academy; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in Morgan County in 1859; entered the Confederate Army in September 1861; commissioned a first lieutenant in the First Regiment of Alabama Cavalry in 1862; promoted to the rank of captain, then to colonel, and subsequently assigned to the command of the Fifth Regiment of Alabama Cavalry; resumed the practice of law; settled in Florence, Ala., in January 1867; moved to Memphis, Tenn., in March 1872 and continued the practice of his profession; member of the State house of representatives, 1883-1885; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second, Fifty-third, and Fifty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896 to the Fifty-fifth Congress as a Gold Democrat; again resumed the practice of his profession; died in Memphis, Shelby County, Tenn., February 10, 1904; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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**PATTERSON, LaFayette Lee**, a Representative from Alabama; born near Delta, Clay County, Ala., August 23, 1888; attended the rural schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits and taught in the rural schools; was graduated from Jacksonville (Ala.) State Teachers' College in 1922, from Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala., in 1924, and from Stanford University in 1927; superintendent of education of Tallapoosa County, Ala., 1924-1926; elected as a Democrat to the Seventieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William B. Bowling; reelected to the two succeeding Congresses and served from November 6, 1928, to March 3, 1933; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1932; moved to Gadsden, Etowah County, Ala., in 1931; field representative for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration 1933-1943; special assistant to the War Food Administration in 1943-1945; special adviser to the Secretary of Agriculture 1945-1947; liaison officer for the Democratic National Committee in 1948; assistant professor of history at Jacksonville (Ala.) State College 1948-1951; delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention in 1952; moved to Raleigh, N.C., in 1952 and engaged in the travel business; moved to Alabama and resumed profession as teacher in 1965; was a resident of Montgomery, Ala.; died in Birmingham, Ala., on March 3, 1987; interment in Bethlehem Cemetery, New Site, Ala.

**PATTERSON, Malcolm Rice** (son of Josiah Patterson), a Representative from Tennessee; born in Somerville, Morgan County, Ala., June 7, 1861; attended the common schools; moved to Memphis, Tenn., with his parents in 1872; was graduated from the Christian Brothers' College, Memphis, Tenn., and subsequently took courses at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1883 and commenced practice in Memphis, Tenn.; elected district attorney of Shelby County in 1894 for a term of eight years but resigned on September 10, 1900, having been nominated as a candidate for Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, and Fifty-ninth Congresses and served from March 4, 1901, to November 5, 1906, when he resigned, having been elected Governor of Tennessee; reelected Governor in 1908, and served from January 17, 1907, to January 26, 1911; resumed the practice of his profession in Memphis, Tenn.; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1915; appointed in 1923 and subsequently elected judge of the first circuit court of Shelby County, Tenn., serving until his retirement

September 1, 1934; unsuccessful candidate for nomination for Governor in 1932; died while on a visit to Sarasota, Fla., on March 8, 1935; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn.

**PATTERSON, Roscoe Conkling**, a Representative and a Senator from Missouri; born in Springfield, Greene County, Mo., September 15, 1876; attended public and private schools, Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and the University of Missouri at Columbia; graduated from the law department of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., in 1897; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Springfield, Mo.; prosecuting attorney of Greene County, Mo., 1903-1907; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1923); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Springfield, Mo.; presidential elector on the Republican ticket in 1924; moved to Kansas City, Mo., in 1925; United States district attorney for the western district of Missouri 1925-1929, when he resigned; 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; chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining (Seventy-second Congress); resumed the practice of law in Springfield, Mo.; member of the Missouri Appellate Judicial Commission; died in Springfield, Mo., October 22, 1954; interment in Maple Park Cemetery, southeast of the city.

**PATTERSON, Thomas** (half brother of John Patterson), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pa., October 1, 1764; moved with his parents to Pattersons Mills, Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1778; completed preparatory studies; engaged in agricultural pursuits and operated a flour mill; served as a major general of militia in the War of 1812; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth Congress and reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1825); did not seek renomination in 1824; resumed former business pursuits; died in Cross Creek Township, near Pattersons Mills, Washington County, Pa., on November 16, 1841; interment in West Middletown Cemetery, West Middletown, Pa.

**PATTERSON, Thomas J.**, a Representative from New York; born in that State about 1808; attended the public schools; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); engaged as a land agent in Rochester, Monroe County, N.Y.; death date unknown.

**PATTERSON, Thomas MacDonald**, a Delegate, a Representative and a Senator from Colorado; born in County Carlow, Ireland, November 4, 1839; immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled in New York City in 1849; attended the public schools; moved with his parents to Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1853; worked in a printing office for three years and as a watchmaker and jeweler for five years; during the Civil War enlisted in the Eleventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in 1861; attended the Indiana Asbury (now De Pauw) University, Greencastle, Ind., 1862 and Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., 1863; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced practice in Crawfordsville, Ind.; moved to Denver, Colo., in 1872 and continued the practice of law; city attorney of Denver 1873-1874; elected as a Democrat to be a Delegate to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1875, to August 1, 1876, when the Territory became a State; successfully contested the election of James B. Belford to the Forty-fifth Congress and served from December 13, 1877,

to March 3, 1879; was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; resumed the practice of law in Denver; member of the Democratic National Committee 1874-1880; purchased the Rocky Mountain News in 1890 and later the Denver Times; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1901, to March 3, 1907; was not a candidate for reelection; twice an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor; resumed newspaper activities in Denver, Colo., and died there July 23, 1916; interment in Fairmount Cemetery.

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**PATTERSON, Walter**, a Representative from New York; born in Columbia County, N.Y., birth date unknown; completed preparatory studies; member of the New York state assembly, 1818; served as supervisor of the town of Ancram, 1821-1823; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); moved to Livingston, Columbia County, N.Y.; supervisor for the town of Livingston 1826-1828; associate justice of the Columbia County Court, 1828-1830; death date unknown.

**PATTERSON, William**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Maryland in 1790; moved to Mansfield, Ohio; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; held several local offices; associate judge of the court of common pleas in 1820 and 1827; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); died in Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio, on August 17, 1868; interment in Mansfield Cemetery, Mansfield, Ohio.

**PATTERSON, William** (brother of George Washington Patterson and uncle of Augustus Frank), a Representative from New York; born in Londonderry, Rockingham County, N.H., June 4, 1789; attended the common schools; moved to Rensselaerville, Albany County, N.Y., in 1815, and in the following year to Lyons, Wayne County; engaged in the manufacture and sale of fanning mills; moved to a farm near Warsaw, N.Y., in 1822 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; settled in Warsaw, N.Y., in 1837; held several local offices; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth Congress and served from March 4, 1837, until his death in Warsaw, Wyoming County, N.Y., August 14, 1838; interment in Warsaw Town Cemetery.

**PATTISON, Edward Worthington**, a Representative from New York; born in Troy, Rensselaer County, N.Y., April 29, 1932; graduated from Albany (N.Y.) Academy, 1949; A.B., Cornell University, Ithaca, 1953; LL.B., same university, 1957; admitted to the New York bar in 1957 and commenced practice in Troy; served in the United States Army, 1954-1956; served as Rensselaer County (N.Y.) treasurer, 1970-1975; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1970 to the Ninety-second Congress; unsuccessful candidate for Rensselaer County Executive, 1973; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fourth and to the Ninety-fifth Congresses (January 3, 1975-January 3, 1979); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1978 to the Ninety-sixth Congress; was a resident of West Sand Lake, N.Y., until his death there on August 22, 1990.

**PATTISON, John M.**, a Representative from Ohio; born near Owensville, Clermont County, Ohio, June 13, 1847; during the Civil War entered the Union Army in 1864; was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware,

Ohio, in 1869; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1872 and commenced practice in Cincinnati, Ohio; member of the State house of representatives in 1873; attorney for the committee of safety of Cincinnati 1874-1876; vice president and manager of the Union Central Life Insurance Co. of Cincinnati in 1881 and became president in 1891; member of the State senate in 1890; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection; elected Governor of Ohio and served from January 8, 1906, until his death in Milford, Clermont County, Ohio, June 18, 1906; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery.

**PATTON, Charles Emory** (son of John Patton and brother of John Patton, Jr.), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pa., July 5, 1859; attended the common schools and was graduated from Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., in 1878; engaged in the lumber business; owned and operated the Curwensville Electric Co., and then engaged in the construction contracting business; director of the Curwensville National Bank; member of the school board, serving as president; member of the city council, and served as burgess; elected to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1915); was not a candidate for renomination in 1914; appointed secretary of agriculture for the State of Pennsylvania October 15, 1915, and served in this capacity until January 22, 1920; retired to a farm near West Grove, Chester County, Pa., and resumed his interest in agricultural pursuits; died on his estate December 15, 1937; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Curwensville, Pa.

**PATTON, David Henry**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Ky., November 26, 1837; attended the Collegiate Institute, Waveland, Ind.; enlisted in the Thirty-eighth Indiana Regiment in 1861 and was mustered out in July 1865, after having attained the rank of colonel; was graduated from the Chicago Medical College in 1867 and practiced medicine in Remington, Jasper County, Ind.; pension examiner at Remington 1886-1890; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1892 and 1900; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); was not a candidate for renomination in 1892; moved to Woodward, Woodward County, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), in 1893; appointed receiver of public lands for Oklahoma in 1893, and later resumed the practice of medicine; member of the district board of health of Woodward, Okla.; appointed pension examiner at Woodward; died in Otterbein, Benton County, Ind., on January 17, 1914; interment in Remington Cemetery, Remington, Ind.

**PATTON, John** (father of Charles Emory Patton and John Patton Jr., and uncle of William Irvin Swoope), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Covington, Tioga County, Pa., January 6, 1823; moved to Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pa., in 1828; attended the public schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits and in lumbering 1844-1860; organized the First National Bank of Curwensville in 1864 and was elected its president; organized the Curwensville Bank, and was elected its president; delegate to the Whig National Convention in 1852 and to the Republican National Convention in 1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1862; elected to the Fiftieth Congress (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1889); was not a candidate for renomination in 1888; resumed banking; died in Philadelphia, Pa., where he had gone for medical treatment, on December 23, 1897; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Curwensville, Pa.

**PATTON, John Denniston**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Indiana, Indiana County, Pa., November 28, 1829; attended the public schools; worked in a tannery for several years; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Indiana, Pa.; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1884; retired from public life; died in Indiana, Pa., February 22, 1904; interment in Oakland Cemetery.

**PATTON, John Mercer**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Fredericksburg, Va., August 10, 1797; attended Princeton College, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1818, but never practiced; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Fredericksburg, Va.; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Philip P. Barbour; reelected to the Twenty-second through Twenty-fourth Congresses and as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress and served from November 25, 1830, to April 7, 1838, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Territories (Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses); senior councilor of Virginia and became Acting Governor of Virginia upon the resignation of Governor Gilmore in 1841; moved to Richmond, Va., and resumed the practice of law; died in Richmond, Va., October 29, 1858; interment in Shockee Cemetery.

**PATTON, John, Jr.** (son of John Patton and brother of Charles Emory Patton), a Senator from Michigan; born in Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pa., October 30, 1850; prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; graduated from Yale College in 1875 and from the law department of Columbia College, New York City, in 1877; moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1878; admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law; appointed as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Francis B. Stockbridge and served from May 5, 1894, to January 14, 1895, when a successor was elected and qualified; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1895 to fill the vacancy; banker; member and later president of the Board of Library Commissioners of Grand Rapids; died in Grand Rapids, Mich., on May 24, 1907; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**PATTON, Nat**, a Representative from Texas; born on a farm near Tadmor, Houston County, Tex., February 26, 1884; attended the rural schools and Sam Houston Normal School, Huntsville, Tex.; taught in the rural and high schools 1899-1918; also engaged in agricultural pursuits at Belott, Houston County, Tex., in 1915 and 1916; member of the State house of representatives in 1912 and 1913; attended the law department of the University of Texas at Austin; was admitted to the bar in 1918 and commenced practice in Crockett, Houston County, Tex.; served as county judge of Houston County, Tex., 1918-1922; member of the State senate 1929-1934; delegate to the Democratic State conventions in 1924 and 1935; during the First World War enlisted in the United States Army on November 1, 1918, but was never sworn in due to the armistice being signed; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fourth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1945); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1944; resumed the practice of law; died in Crockett, Tex., July 27, 1957; interment in Evergreen Memorial Park.

**PAUL, John** (son of John Paul [1839-1901]), a Representative from Virginia; born in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Va., December 9, 1883; attended private and public

schools; was graduated from Virginia Military Institute at Lexington in 1903 and was an instructor in that institution in 1903 and 1904; was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1906; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Harrisonburg, Va., in 1907; member of the State senate 1911-1915; was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Representatives in 1916 and 1918; entered the United States Army in May 1917 and served throughout the First World War with the Three Hundred and Thirteenth Field Artillery of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Field Artillery Brigade, being in the American Expeditionary Forces from May 1918 to May 1919; again served in the State senate, 1919-1922; city attorney of Harrisonburg 1919-1923; successfully contested as a Republican the election of Thomas W. Harrison to the Sixty-seventh Congress and served from December 15, 1922, to March 3, 1923; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States in 1923 and 1924; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1912, 1916, 1920, and 1924; resumed the private practice of law in 1924; United States district attorney for the western district of Virginia 1929-1932; appointed United States district judge for the western district of Virginia in 1932 and served until his retirement in 1959; continued in service as a judge on an assigned basis as well as operating his farm in Rockingham County, Va.; died at Ottobine, Rockingham County, Va., February 13, 1964; interment in Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, Va.

**PAUL, John** (father of John Paul [1883-1964]), a Representative from Virginia; born in Rockingham County, Va., June 30, 1839; attended the common schools and Roanoke College, Salem, Va.; during the Civil War entered the Confederate Army and became a captain in the First Virginia Cavalry; studied law in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and was graduated in 1867; was admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced practice in Harrisonburg, Va.; Commonwealth attorney of Rockingham County 1870-1877; served in the State senate 1877-1880; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; elected as a Readjuster Democrat to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Forty-eighth Congress and served from March 4, 1883, until September 5, 1883, when he resigned, having been appointed to a judicial position; the election subsequently was successfully contested by Charles T. O'Farrall; appointed judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia by President Arthur and served from September 5, 1883, until his death in Harrisonburg, Va., November 1, 1901; interment in Woodbine Cemetery.

**PAUL, Ronald Ernest**, a Representative from Texas; born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pa., August 20, 1935; graduated from Dormont High School, Dormont, Pa., 1953; B.A., Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa., 1957; M.D., Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C., 1961; internship and residency training, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Mich., 1961 and 1962; obstetrics and gynecology training, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1965-1968; medical doctor; United States Air Force, 1963-1965; United States Air National Guard, 1965-1968; delegate, Texas state Republican convention, 1974; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-fourth Congress, by special election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of United States Representative Robert R. Casey (April 3, 1976-January 3, 1977); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-

fifth Congress in 1976; elected to the Ninety-sixth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1985); was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives in 1984, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the United States Senate; publisher; unsuccessful Libertarian Party candidate for election for President of the United States in 1988; elected to the One Hundred Fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

**PAULDING, William, Jr.**, a Representative from New York; born in Philipsburgh (now Tarrytown), N.Y., March 7, 1770; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New York City; elected as a Republican to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); brigadier general of militia; served in the War of 1812; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1821; adjutant general of the State of New York; mayor of New York City 1824-1826; died in Tarrytown, Westchester County, N.Y., February 11, 1854; interment in Old Dutch Burying Ground at Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown.

**PAWLING, Levi**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Fatland, near Norristown, Pa., July 25, 1773; attended the common schools and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; moved to Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa., in November 1795; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1795 and practiced in Norristown and Philadelphia; trustee of lands belonging to the University of Pennsylvania; appointed chairman of the commission to raise funds relative to lock navigation on the Schuylkill River in 1816; elected as a Federalist to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); elected burgess of Norristown in 1818; president of the board of directors of the Bank of Montgomery County; died in Norristown, Pa., September 7, 1845; interment in St. John's Protestant Episcopal Cemetery.

**PAXON, L. William** (husband of Susan Molinari), a Representative from New York; born in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y., April 29, 1954; graduated, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, N.Y., 1968; attended Fordham University, New York, N.Y.; B.A., Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y., 1977; member, Erie County, N.Y., legislature, 1978-1982; member of the New York state assembly, 1982-1988; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred First and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1989-January 3, 1999); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

**PAYNE, Donald Milford**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newark, Essex County, N.J., July 16, 1934; graduated from Barringer High School, Newark, N.J., 1952; B.A., Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., 1957; president, Young Men's Christian Association of the United States, 1970-1973; member, Essex County, N.J., board of chosen freeholders, 1972-1978; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the Ninety-seventh Congress in 1980; member of the Newark, N.J., Municipal Council, 1982-1988; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the One Hundredth Congress in 1986; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred First and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1989-present).

**PAYNE, Frederick George**, a Senator from Maine; born in Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine, July 24, 1904; attended the public schools of Lewiston, Maine, and the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, Boston, Mass.; during early school days worked as a newsboy, usher and

doorman in a theater, and as a reporter for a weekly newspaper; engaged in automobile and farm machinery sales and theater auditing and managing 1925-1935; industrial consultant 1936-1940; mayor of Augusta, Maine, 1935-1941; unsuccessful Republican candidate for nomination for governor of Maine 1940; Maine commissioner of finance and director of budget 1940-1942; during the Second World War entered the United States Air Force in 1942 as a captain and served until inactivated to the Reserves in 1945 as a lieutenant colonel; business manager, Waldoboro Garage Co. 1945-1949; Governor of Maine 1949-1953; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1952, and served from January 3, 1953, to January 3, 1959; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958; trustee of Bentley School of Accounting and Finance; industrial consultant and district manager of Walsh Engineers, Inc.; resided in Waldoboro, Maine, where he died June 15, 1978; interment in German Lutheran Cemetery.

**PAYNE, Henry B.** (grandfather of Frances P. Bolton and great-grandfather of Oliver Payne Bolton), a Representative and a Senator from Ohio; born in Hamilton, Madison County, N.Y., November 30, 1810; graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., in 1832; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced in Cleveland, Ohio, 1834-1846; city clerk 1836; founder of the Cleveland and Columbus Railroad; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1848; member, State senate 1849-1851; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1851 and for governor of Ohio in 1857; 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; appointed a member of the Electoral Commission to decide the contests in various States in the presidential election of 1876; unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1880 and 1884; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1885, to March 3, 1891; was not a candidate for reelection; died in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, September 9, 1896; interment in Lake View Cemetery.

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**PAYNE, Lewis Franklin, Jr.**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Amherst, Amherst County, Va., July 9, 1945; graduated from Amherst County High School, Amherst, Va., 1963; B.S., Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., 1967; M.B.A., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., 1973; United States Army, 1968-1970; United States Army Reserves; engineer; businessman; business executive; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundredth Congress, by special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Wilbur Clarence Daniel and reelected to the four succeeding Congresses (June 14, 1988-January 3, 1997); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress in 1996.

**PAYNE, Sereno Elisha**, a Representative from New York; born in Hamilton, Madison County, N.Y., June 26, 1843; attended the Auburn (N.Y.) Academy and was graduated from the University of Rochester, N.Y., in 1864; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1866 and practiced in Auburn, N.Y.; city clerk of Auburn in 1867 and 1868; supervisor in 1871 and 1872; district attorney of Cayuga County 1873-1879; president of the board of education of Auburn 1879-1882; appointed a member of the American-British Joint High Commission in January 1899; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Con-

gresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); elected to the Fifty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Newton W. Nutting; reelected to the Fifty-second and to the eleven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1889, until his death; chairman, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Ways and Means (Fifty-fifth through Sixty-first Congresses); majority leader (Fifty-seventh through Sixty-first Congresses); had been reelected to the Sixty-fourth Congress; died in Washington, D.C., December 10, 1914; interment in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, N.Y.

**PAYNE, William Winter**, a Representative from Alabama; born at "Granville," near Warrenton, Fauquier County, Va., January 2, 1807; completed preparatory studies; studied law but never practiced; moved to Franklin County, Ala., in 1825 and engaged in planting; member of the State house of representatives in 1831; moved to Sumter County, Ala.; again a member of the State house of representatives 1834-1838 and in 1840; unsuccessful candidate for the State senate in 1839; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, and Twenty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1847); chairman, Committee on Elections (Twenty-eighth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1846 to the Thirtieth Congress; returned to Virginia in 1847 and engaged in planting near Warrenton; chairman of the Democratic State convention in 1859; died in Warrenton, Va., September 2, 1874; interment in the City Cemetery.

**PAYNTER, Lemuel**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Lewes, Sussex County, Del., in 1788; attended the common schools; moved to Philadelphia, Pa.; served in the War of 1812 and became major and lieutenant colonel of the Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia; member of the board of commissioners of the Southwark district for many years and also served as president of the board; member of the guardians of the poor and also school director; elected a member of the State senate in 1833; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1841); was not a candidate for renomination in 1840; again served as a member of the board of commissioners of the Southwark district; died in Philadelphia, Pa., August 1, 1863; interment in Union Sixth Street Cemetery.

**PAYNTER, Thomas Hanson**, a Representative and a Senator from Kentucky; born on a farm near Vanceburg, Lewis County, Ky., December 9, 1851; attended the common schools, Rand's Academy in Lewis County, Ky., and Centre College, Danville, Ky.; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1872 and commenced practice in Greenup, Ky.; prosecuting attorney of Greenup County 1876-1882; resumed the practice of law in Greenup; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, and Fifty-third Congresses and served from March 4, 1889, until his resignation, effective January 5, 1895, having been elected to the judiciary; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Fifty-third Congress); judge of the court of appeals of Kentucky from 1895-1906, when he resigned, having been elected Senator; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1907, to March 3, 1913; was not a candidate for reelection in 1912; chairman, Committee to Examine Branches of the Civil Service (Sixty-second Congress); moved to Frankfort, Ky., in 1913 and continued the practice of law; also interested in agricultural pursuits; died in Frankfort, Ky., March 8, 1921; interment in the State Cemetery.

**PAYSON, Lewis Edwin**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Providence, R.I., September 17, 1840; moved with

his parents to Illinois in 1852; attended the common schools and Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Ottawa, Ill., in 1862; moved to Pontiac, Livingston County, Ill., in January 1865 and continued the practice of law; judge of the county court 1869-1873; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1891); chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Fifty-first Congress); resumed the practice of law; died in Washington, D.C., October 4, 1909; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

**PEABODY, Nathaniel**, a Delegate from New Hampshire; born in Topsfield, Essex County, Mass., March 1, 1741; tutored by his father; studied medicine; commenced practice in Plaistow, N.H., in 1761; moved to Atkinson, N.H., in 1770; resigned a royal commission to enter the Revolutionary Army; elected a member of the committee of safety January 10, 1776, and was its chairman; member of the State house of representatives 1776-1779, 1781-1785, 1787-1790, and 1793-1796, serving as speaker in 1793; adjutant general of the New Hampshire Militia July 19, 1777, and commanded a brigade in Rhode Island in 1779; Member of the Continental Congress in 1779 and 1780; delegate to the State constitutional conventions of 1782 and 1783; again elected a Member of the Continental Congress in 1785 but did not take his seat; member of the State senate in 1785, 1786, and 1790-1793; chosen from the house in 1784 and from the senate in 1785 to serve as counselor; major general of militia 1793-1798; because of pecuniary embarrassment was confined within the limits of a debtor's prison for about twenty years; died in Exeter, Rockingham County, N.H., on June 27, 1823; interment probably in the Old Cemetery.

**PEACE, Roger Craft**, a Senator from South Carolina; born in Greenville, Greenville County, S.C., May 19, 1899; attended the public schools and graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S.C., in 1919; newspaper reporter, sports editor, editor, business manager, and publisher in Greenville, S.C.; during the First World War served as an instructor in the United States Army at Camp Perry in 1918; colonel on the Governor's staff 1930-1934; trustee of Furman University 1938-1948; appointed on August 5, 1941, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alva M. Lumpkin, who had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James F. Byrnes, and served from August 5, 1941, until November 4, 1941; was not a candidate for election to the vacancy; resumed his career of writing, publishing, and civic activities; at the time of his death was chairman of Multimedia, Inc.; died in Greenville, S.C., August 20, 1968; interment in Springwood Cemetery.

**PEARCE, Charles Edward**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Whitesboro, Oneida County, N.Y., May 29, 1842; attended Fairfield Seminary and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1863; enlisted in the Union Army and was commissioned captain of Battery D, Sixteenth Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery, in 1863; promoted to the rank of major in June 1864; on the occupation of Wilmington was detailed as provost marshal general of the eastern district of North Carolina; resigned from the Army in the fall of 1865; settled in St. Louis, Mo., in 1866; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced practice in St. Louis, Mo.; also interested in the manufacture of bagging, rope, and twine; organized and commanded the First Regiment of the Missouri National Guard in 1877; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888; appointed chairman of the commission to treat with

the Sioux Indians of the Northwest in 1891; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1901); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1900; died in St. Louis, Mo., on January 30, 1902; interment in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, N.Y.

**PEARCE, Dutee Jerauld**, a Representative from Rhode Island; born on the island of Prudence, R.I., April 3, 1789; was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1808; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Newport, R.I.; held various local offices; attorney general of Rhode Island 1819-1825; United States district attorney in 1824 and 1825; member of the State house of representatives; elected to the Nineteenth Congress; re-elected to the Twentieth through Twenty-second Congresses and reelected as an Anti-Masonic candidate to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1837); chairman, Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Twentieth and Twenty-first Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1836 to the Twenty-fifth Congress; died in Newport, R.I., May 9, 1849; interment in the Common Burial Ground.

**PEARCE, James Alfred**, a Representative and a Senator from Maryland; born in Alexandria, Va., December 14, 1805; attended a private academy in Alexandria; graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1822; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Md., in 1824; moved to Louisiana in 1825 and engaged in sugar planting; returned to Maryland and settled in Kent County in 1828; resumed the practice of law in Chestertown; member, State house of delegates 1831-1835; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1839); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1838 to the Twenty-sixth Congress; elected to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); elected as a Whig to the United States Senate in 1843; reelected in 1849, 1855, and 1861, the last time as a Democrat, and served from March 4, 1843, until his death; chairman, Committee on the Library (Twenty-ninth through Thirty-seventh Congresses); died in Chestertown, Md., on December 20, 1862; interment in New Chester Cemetery.

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**PEARCE, John Jamison**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., February 28, 1826; completed preparatory studies; was ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church when eighteen years of age; joined the Baltimore Conference and served as pastor at Warriors Mark, Jersey Shore, and Lock Haven, Pa.; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; served as a pastor in various localities until he retired to Lock Haven in 1888; moved to Conneaut, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he died May 26, 1912; interment in Highland Cemetery, Lock Haven, Pa.

**PEARCE, Stevan**, a Representative from New Mexico; born in Lamesa, Dawson County, Tex., on August 24, 1947; B.A., New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M., 1970; M.B.A., Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N.M., 1991; United States Air Force, 1970-1976; businessman;

member of the New Mexico state house of representatives, 1997-2000; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Eighth Congress (January 3, 2003-present).

**PEARRE, George Alexander**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Cumberland, Md., July 16, 1860; attended private schools; Allegany County Academy at Cumberland, St. James College near Hagerstown, Md., and Princeton College; was graduated from the West Virginia University at Morgantown in 1880 and from the law department of Maryland University at Baltimore in 1882; was admitted to the bar in 1882 and commenced practice in Cumberland, Md., in 1887; member of the Maryland National Guard and served as adjutant and lieutenant colonel 1887-1892; member of the State senate 1890-1892; prosecuting attorney of Allegany County 1895-1899; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1911); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; engaged in the practice of his profession until his death in Cumberland, Md., on September 19, 1923; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**PEARSON, Albert Jackson**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Centerville, Belmont County, Ohio, May 20, 1846; at an early age moved with his parents to Beallsville, Monroe County, Ohio; attended the common schools and the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio; served as a private in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1868 and commenced practice in Woodsfield, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Monroe County 1871-1877; member of the State senate in 1881 and 1882; probate judge of Monroe County 1884-1890; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); was not a candidate for reelection in 1894 to the Fifty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Woodsfield, Monroe County, Ohio, on May 15, 1905; interment in Woodsfield Cemetery.

**PEARSON, Herron Carney**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Taylor, Williamson County, Tex., July 31, 1890; moved to Jackson, Tenn., in 1891; attended the public and high schools; was graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., in 1910 and from the law department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1912; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Jackson, Tenn.; served as municipal judge of the city of Jackson, Tenn., in 1915; city attorney of Jackson, Tenn., 1920-1923; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1943); was not a candidate for renomination in 1942; resumed the practice of law; died in Jackson, Tenn., April 24, 1953; interment in Hollywood Cemetery.

**PEARSON, James Blackwood**, a Senator from Kansas; born in Nashville, Davidson County, Tenn., May 7, 1920; with his parents moved to Virginia in 1934 and attended the public schools of that State and Duke University, Durham, N.C.; during the Second World War interrupted schooling to serve as a pilot in the Naval Air Transport of the United States Navy 1943-1946, and was discharged as a lieutenant; graduated from the law school of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1950; admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in Mission, Kans., in 1950; assistant county attorney of Johnson County, Kans., 1952-1954; county probate judge 1954-1956; member, State senate 1956-1960; did not seek reelection but returned to



the practice of law; appointed on January 31, 1962, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Andrew F. Schoepel; elected on November 6, 1962, in a special election for the term ending January 3, 1967; reelected in 1966 for a full six-year term, and again in 1972; served from January 31, 1962, until his resignation December 23, 1978; was not a candidate for reelection in 1978; is a resident of Washington, D.C.

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**PEARSON, John James**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Darby, Delaware County, Pa., October 25, 1800; moved with his parents to Mercer, Pa., in 1805; attended private schools and a grammar boarding school; studied law; was admitted to the bar in August 1822 and commenced practice in Mercer County; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Banks and served from December 5, 1836, to March 3, 1837; was not a candidate for renomination in 1836; resumed the practice of law; member of State senate 1838-1842; appointed president judge of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties, Pa., April 7, 1849, and served until January 1, 1882; died in Harrisburg, Pa., May 30, 1888; interment in Mount Kalmia Cemetery.

**PEARSON, Joseph**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Rowan County, N.C., in 1776; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Salisbury, N.C.; member of the State house of commons; elected as a Federalist to the Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Congresses (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1815); while in Congress fought a duel with John George Jackson, of Virginia, and on the second fire wounded his opponent in the hip; died in Salisbury, N.C., October 27, 1834.

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**PEARSON, Richmond**, a Representative from North Carolina; born at "Richmond Hill," Yadkin County, N.C., January 26, 1852; attended Horner's School, Oxford, N.C., and was graduated from Princeton College in 1872; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1874; in the same year was appointed United States consul to Verviers and Liege, Belgium; resigned in 1877; member of the State house of representatives 1884-1886; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1899); successfully contested the election of William T. Crawford to the Fifty-sixth Congress and served from May 10, 1900, to March 3, 1901; appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt as United States consul to Genoa, Italy, December 11, 1901, as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Persia in 1902, and as Minister to Greece and Montenegro in 1907; resigned from the diplomatic service in 1909; died at "Richmond Hill," Asheville, N.C., September 12, 1923; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

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**PEASE, Donald James**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, September 26, 1931; B.S., Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1953; M.A., Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1955; Fulbright scholar, Kings College, University of Durham, England, 1954-1955; United States Army, 1955-1957; journalist; member, Oberlin City Council, Ohio, 1962-1965; member of the Ohio state senate,

1965-1967 and 1975-1977; member of the Ohio state house of representatives, 1969-1975; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 1993); was not a candidate for renomination to the One Hundred Third Congress in 1992; board of directors, Amtrak, 1993-1998; died on July 28, 2002, in Oberlin, Ohio.

**PEASE, Edward Allan**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Ind., May 22, 1951; graduated, Gerstmeyer High School, Terre Haute, 1969; B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., 1973; J.D., Indiana University, Indianapolis, Ind., 1977; post-graduate study, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind., 1978-1984; camp staff, then director, Wabash Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, Terre Haute, Ind., 1965-1975; law clerk, Indiana attorney general, 1974-1975; national director of alumni affairs, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Memphis, Tenn., 1975-1976; attorney, Brazil, Ind., 1977-1984; department attorney, Clay County department of public welfare, Brazil, Ind., 1978-1979; city attorney, City of Brazil, 1980; Indiana State senator, 1980-1992; executive assistant to the president/general university counsel, 1984-1993, vice president for university advancement, 1993-1997, Indiana State University; elected as a Republican 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 One Hundred Seventh Congress.

**PEASE, Henry Roberts**, a Senator from Mississippi; born in Winsted, Litchfield County, Conn., February 19, 1835; received a normal-school training; engaged in teaching 1848-1859; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Washington, D.C.; during the Civil War entered the Union Army as a private in 1862 and attained the rank of captain; superintendent of education of Louisiana while that State was under military rule; appointed superintendent of education of freedmen in Mississippi in 1867; elected State superintendent of education of Mississippi in 1869; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Adelbert Ames and served from February 3, 1874, to March 3, 1875; was not a candidate for reelection; postmaster of Vicksburg, Miss., 1875; established and edited the Mississippi Educational Journal; moved to Dakota in 1881 and settled in Watertown; receiver of the United States land office at Watertown 1881-1885; member, State senate 1904; died in Watertown, S.Dak., January 2, 1907; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**PEASLEE, Charles Hazen**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Gilmanton, N.H., on February 6, 1804; attended Gilmanton Academy, and was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1824; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1828 and commenced practice in Concord, N.H.; member of the State house of representatives 1833-1837; adjutant general of the State militia 1839-1847; elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1853); chairman, Committee on Militia (Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1852; collector of the port of Boston by appointment of President Pierce 1853-1857; moved to Portsmouth, N.H., in 1860; died while on a visit to St. Paul, Minn., on September 18, 1866; interment in Harmony Grove Cemetery, Portsmouth, N.H.

**PEAVEY, Hubert Haskell**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Adams, Mower County, Minn., on January

12, 1881; moved with his parents to Redwood Falls, Minn., in 1886; attended the public schools, the high school at Redwood Falls, and Pillsbury Academy, Owatonna, Minn.; pursued various activities in Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma from 1900 until 1904, when he moved to South Dakota and engaged in the real estate business; moved to Washburn, Bayfield County, Wis., in 1909 and continued the real estate business; served as alderman in 1911 and as mayor of Washburn in 1912 and 1920-1922; member of the State assembly 1913-1915; became editor and publisher of the Washburn News in 1915; during the First World War recruited Company D, Sixth Infantry, Wisconsin National Guard, and served as captain; resumed his former newspaper activities in Washburn, Wis.; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination in 1920 to the Sixty-seventh Congress; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1923-January 3, 1935); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1934 to the Seventy-fourth Congress; again engaged in the real estate business and also operated a fur ranch; died in Washburn, Wis., November 21, 1937; interment in Woodland Cemetery.

**PECK, Erasmus Darwin**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Stafford, Conn., September 16, 1808; attended the common schools of Munson, Mass., and was graduated from the medical department of Yale College in 1829; moved to Portage County, Ohio, in 1830 and practiced medicine; moved to Perrysburg, Wood County, Ohio, in 1834 and continued the practice of his profession; member of the State house of representatives 1856-1859; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Truman H. Hoag; reelected to the Forty-second Congress and served from April 23, 1870, to March 3, 1873; did not seek renomination in 1872; practiced medicine in Perrysburg, Ohio, until his death there December 25, 1876; interment in Fort Meigs Cemetery.

**PECK, George Washington**, a Representative from Michigan; born in New York City June 4, 1818; pursued classical studies; attended Yale College; studied law in New York City; moved to Michigan in 1839 and settled in Brighton, Livingston County; was admitted to the bar in 1842 and commenced practice in Brighton the same year; member of the State house of representatives in 1846 and 1847 and served as speaker the last term; moved to Lansing, Mich., when the State capital was located there in 1847; was the first postmaster of Lansing; secretary of state of Michigan in 1848 and 1849; editor and proprietor of the Lansing Journal; State printer 1852-1855; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); unsuccessful for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; mayor of Lansing in 1864; moved to East Saginaw, Mich., and engaged in the practice of law 1864-1873; moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1873, to Hot Springs, Ark., in 1880, and to Bismarck, Mo., in 1882; died in Saginaw, Mich., June 30, 1905; interment in Brady Hill Cemetery.

**PECK, Jared Valentine**, a Representative from New York; born in Port Chester, Westchester County, N.Y., September 21, 1816; attended the common schools; engaged in the lumber, brick, hardware, and building-material business; auditor for the town of Rye in 1844 and 1845; member of the State assembly in 1848; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); was not a candidate for renomination in 1854; resumed his former business pursuits; appointed warden of the port of New York by Governor Morgan in 1859, with residence in New York City, and served until 1865; one of the founders

of the Union League Club; returned to Westchester County and settled in Rye; member of the town board of auditors; died in Rye, Westchester County, N.Y., December 25, 1891; interment in Greenwood Union Cemetery.

**PECK, Lucius Benedict**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Waterbury, Vt., November 17, 1802; pursued classical studies and attended the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., for one year; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Barre, Washington County, Vt., in 1825; member of the State house of representatives in 1831; moved to Montpelier, Vt., in 1832, where he practiced his profession; elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Congresses (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1851); chairman, Committee on Manufactures (Thirty-first Congress); did not seek renomination in 1850, having become a gubernatorial candidate; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Vermont in 1850; resumed the practice of law; United States district attorney for Vermont by appointment of President Pierce 1853-1857; president of the Vermont & Canada Railroad from 1859 until his death in Lowell, Mass., December 28, 1866; interment in Green Mount Cemetery, Montpelier, Vt.

**PECK, Luther Christopher**, a Representative from New York; born in Connecticut in January 1800; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; moved to Allegheny County, Pa., and later to Pike, Wyoming County, N.Y., and continued the practice of law; held various local offices; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1841); chairman, Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Twenty-sixth Congress); affiliated with the Republican Party after it was formed; resumed the practice of his profession at Pike, N.Y.; moved to Nunda, N.Y., and continued the practice of law; died in Nunda, Livingston County, N.Y., February 5, 1876; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**PECKHAM, Rufus Wheeler**, a Representative from New York; was born in Rensselaerville, Albany County, N.Y., on December 20, 1809; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Union College at Schenectady, N.Y., in 1827; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1830 and commenced practice in Albany, N.Y.; district attorney of Albany County 1838-1841; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Thirty-third Congress); resumed the practice of law; justice of the supreme court for the third judicial district and served from 1861 to 1869; associate judge of the court of appeals from May 17, 1870, until his death; lost at sea November 22, 1873, in a collision between two steamers in mid-ocean.

**PEDDIE, Thomas Baldwin**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Edinburgh, Scotland, February 11, 1808; attended elementary schools; immigrated to the United States in 1833 and settled in Newark, N.J.; engaged in the manufacture of traveling bags and trunks; member of the State house of assembly in 1864 and 1865; mayor of Newark 1866-1869; served as president of the Newark Board of Trade in 1873; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); declined to be a candidate in 1878 for renomination; resumed his former manufacturing pursuits; vice president of the Essex County National Bank and president of the Security Savings Bank of Newark; died in Newark, N.J., February 16, 1889; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**PEDEN, Preston Elmer**, a Representative from Oklahoma; born in Duke, Jackson County, Okla., June 28, 1914;

moved to Altus, Okla., in 1920; attended the public schools; University of Oklahoma at Norman, A.B., 1936, and from the law school of the same university, LL.B., 1939; was admitted to the bar in 1939 and commenced practice in Altus, Okla.; attorney for the State insurance fund of the State of Oklahoma 1939-1942; enlisted in June 1942 as a private in the United States Army; promoted through the ranks to captain, being discharged May 5, 1946; awarded Bronze Star; while serving overseas sent a notification and declaration for the office of Congressman to the election board and subsequently received the nomination; elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth Congress (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1949); was an unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1948; staff member of the Public Lands Committee of the United States House of Representatives in May 1949; appointed Alaskan regional counsel, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, in 1950; counsel to House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs 1950-1952; director of governmental affairs of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, 1954-1980; was a resident of La Grange, Ill.; moved to Walnut Creek, Calif., and lived there until his death on June 27, 1985.

**PEEK, Harmanus**, a Representative from New York; born in Albany, N.Y., June 24, 1782; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1804; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Schenectady; member of the State assembly in 1816 and 1817; elected to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Sixteenth Congress); was not a candidate for reelection; died in Schenectady, N.Y., September 27, 1838; interment in Dutch Church Cemetery; reinterred in Vale Cemetery.

**PEEL, Samuel West**, a Representative from Arkansas; born near Batesville, Independence County, Ark., September 13, 1831; attended the common schools; clerk of the circuit court of Carroll County, Ark., 1858-1860; entered the Confederate service in 1861 as a private; elected major of the Third Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, and later colonel of the Fourth Regiment, Arkansas Infantry; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of his profession in Carrollton, Ark., in 1865; moved to Bentonville, Benton County, in 1867 and continued the practice of law; prosecuting attorney of the fourth judicial circuit of Arkansas 1873-1876; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1893); chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Fiftieth and Fifty-second Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1892; resumed the practice of law in Bentonville, Ark., and before the Court of Claims at Washington, D.C., until 1915; died in Bentonville, Ark., December 18, 1924; interment in Bentonville Cemetery.

**PEELLE, Stanton Judkins**, a Representative from Indiana; born near Richmond, Wayne County, Ind., February 11, 1843; attended the common schools and Winchester Seminary; enlisted in Company G, Eighth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, August 5, 1861 and served until near the close of the war; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1866 and commenced practice in Winchester, Ind.; moved to Indianapolis in 1869; deputy district attorney of Marion County in 1872 and 1873; member of the State house of representatives 1877-1879; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Forty-eighth Congress and served from March 4, 1883, to May 22, 1884, when he was succeeded by William E. English, who contested

his election; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1892; appointed judge of the United States Court of Claims in 1892 and served until January 1, 1906, when he was advanced to chief justice and served until February 11, 1913, when he resigned; professor of law at George Washington University (D.C.) 1901-1911; member of the board of trustees of Howard University, Washington, D.C., 1906-1925; president of the board of the Washington College of Law 1910-1925; resided in Washington, D.C., until his death there September 4, 1928; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

**PEERY, George Campbell**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Cedar Bluff, Tazewell County, Va., October 28, 1873; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., in 1894; principal of Tazewell High School 1894-1896; was graduated from the law department of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., in 1897; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Tazewell, Va.; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1920 and 1924; local food administrator for Tazewell County during the First World War; 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; resumed the practice of law and also engaged in the raising of livestock; temporary chairman of the Democratic State convention in 1928; member of the Virginia State Corporation Commission 1929-1933; served as Governor 1934-1938; member of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University and of Hollins College; died in Richlands, Va., October 14, 1952; interment in Maplewood Cemetery, Tazewell, Va.

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**PEERY, William**, a Delegate from Delaware; born 1743; settled with his father's family near Lewes, Del.; farmer; Lewes, Del., militia, Revolutionary War, 1777; member of the Delaware state house of representatives, 1782, 1784, 1787, and 1793-1794; lawyer, private practice; admitted to the bar, 1785; treasurer of Sussex County, Del., 1785-1796; Member of the Continental Congress, 1786; died on December 17, 1800, in Cool Spring, Sussex County, Del.; interment in the churchyard of the Cool Spring Presbyterian Church, Sussex County, Del.

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**PEFFER, William Alfred**, a Senator from Kansas; born in Cumberland County, Pa., September 10, 1831; attended the public schools and commenced teaching at the age of fifteen; followed the gold rush to San Francisco, Calif., in 1850; moved to Indiana in 1853, Missouri in 1859, and Illinois in 1862; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army as a private, was promoted to second lieutenant, and served as regimental quartermaster and adjutant, post adjutant, judge advocate of the military commission, and department quartermaster in the engineering department at Nashville; mustered out of the service 1865; studied law while in the Army; admitted to the bar in 1865 and commenced practice in Clarksville, Tenn.; moved to Fredonia, Kans., in 1870 and continued the practice of law; purchased and edited the Fredonia Journal; member, State senate 1874-1876; moved to Coffeyville, Kans. and edited the Coffeyville Journal in 1875 and also practiced law; presidential elector on the Republican ticket in 1880; editor of the Kansas Farmer at Topeka in 1881; elected as a Populist to the United

States Senate and served from March 4, 1891, to March 3, 1897; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896; chairman, Committee to Examine Branches of the Civil Service (Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Kansas in 1898; engaged in literary pursuits; died in Grenola, Kans., October 6, 1912; interment in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kans.

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**PEGRAM, John**, a Representative from Virginia; born at "Bonneville," in Dinwiddie County, Va., November 16, 1773; attended the common schools; held various local offices; member of the Virginia state house of delegates, 1797-1801 and 1813-1815; member of the Virginia state senate, 1804-1808; major general of the Virginia state militia in the War of 1812; appointed United States marshal for the eastern district of Virginia, April 23, 1821; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Peterson Goodwyn (April 21, 1818-March 3, 1819); died on April 8, 1831, in a boat fire on the Ohio River; his body never recovered.

**PEIRCE, Joseph**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Portsmouth, N.H., on June 25, 1748; attended school in Portsmouth; served during the Revolutionary War in Col. Pierce Long's regiment in 1775 and 1776; was a member of the State house of representatives in 1788, 1789, 1792-1795, 1800, and 1801; town clerk 1789-1794; elected as a Federalist to the Seventh Congress and served from March 4, 1801, until his resignation in 1802; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Alton, N.H., September 12, 1812.

**PEIRCE, Robert Bruce Fraser**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Laurel, Franklin County, Ind., February 17, 1843; attended the public schools and also educated by private tutors; served in the Civil War as second lieutenant of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers; was graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1866; studied law at Shelbyville, Ind.; was admitted to the bar in 1866 and commenced practice in Crawfordsville in 1867; elected prosecuting attorney of Montgomery County in 1868 and reelected in 1870 and 1872; 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; resumed the practice of law; appointed receiver for the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railway; died in Indianapolis, Ind., December 5, 1898; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville, Ind.

**PELHAM, Charles**, a Representative from Alabama; born in Person County, N.C., March 12, 1835; moved with his parents to Alabama in 1838; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Talladega, Ala., in 1858; entered the Confederate Army in 1862 and served as first lieutenant of Company C, Fifty-first Regiment, Alabama Infantry; judge of the tenth judicial circuit of Alabama 1868-1873; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); was not a candidate for renomination in 1874; resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C.; late in life was appointed a clerk in the Treasury Department; moved to Poulan, Worth County, Ga., in 1907; died in Poulan, Ga., January 18, 1908; interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

**PELL, Claiborne de Borda** (son of Herbert Claiborne Pell, Jr., great-great-grandson of John Francis Hamtramck Claiborne, great-great-grandnephew of George Mifflin Dallas, great-great-great-grandnephew of William Charles Cole Claiborne and Nathaniel Herbert Claiborne), a Senator from Rhode Island; born in New York City, November 22, 1918; graduated, Princeton University 1940 and Columbia University 1946; served in the United States Coast Guard 1941-1945; served in United States Coast Guard Reserve; State Department and foreign service officer in Czechoslovakia, Italy, and Washington 1945-1952; businessman; served on a wide variety of government commissions and committees; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1960; reelected in 1966, 1972, 1978, 1984 and 1990 and served from January 3, 1961, to January 3, 1997; was not a candidate for reelection in 1996; chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations (One Hundredth through One Hundred Third Congresses); appointed U.S. delegate to the United Nations, 1997.

**PELL, Herbert Claiborne, Jr.** (great-grandson of John Francis Hamtramck Claiborne, great-great-grandnephew of William Charles Cole Claiborne and Nathaniel Herbert Claiborne, and father of Claiborne de Borda Pell), a Representative from New York; born in New York City, February 16, 1884; attended Pomfret (Conn.) School, Harvard University, and Columbia University, New York City; member of the Progressive committee of Orange County, N.Y., 1912-1914; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1919-March 3, 1921); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1920 to the Sixty-seventh Congress; chairman of the Democratic State committee 1921-1926; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924; occasional lecturer at Columbia University, Harvard University, and other institutions of learning; vice chairman of the Democratic National Campaign Committee in 1936; appointed from Rhode Island as Minister to Portugal from May 27, 1937, until February 11, 1941, when he was appointed Minister to Hungary, serving in that capacity until his resignation on November 30, 1942, after he had received the Hungarian declaration of war; United States representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission from August 1943 to January 1945; died in Munich, Germany, July 17, 1961; remains cremated and the ashes committed off Beavertail, Jamestown, R.I.

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**PELL, Philip**, a Delegate from New York; born in Pelham Manor, N.Y., July 7, 1753; was graduated from King's College (now Columbia University), New York City, in 1770; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in New York City and Westchester County; lieutenant, New York Volunteers, in 1776; deputy judge advocate, Continental Army, in 1777; member of the State assembly 1779-1781; Judge Advocate General, United States Army, 1781-1783; member of General Washington's staff at the evacuation of the city of New York in 1783; again a member of the State assembly 1784-1786; regent of the University of the State of New York 1784-1787; surrogate of Westchester County from March 13, 1787, to October 31, 1800; Member of the Continental Congress, 1789; died in Pelham Manor, N.Y., May 1, 1811; interment in St. Paul's Churchyard, Eastchester (now in the Bronx), N.Y.

**PELLY, Thomas Minor**, a Representative from Washington; born in Seattle, King County, Wash., August 22,

1902; attended the public schools, the University School, Victoria, B.C., and the Hoosac School, Hoosick, N.Y.; employed in real estate and the banking business, 1921-1930; officer of a printing and stationery company, 1930-1955; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1973); was not a candidate for reelection in 1972 to the Ninety-third Congress; retired and resided in Seattle, Wash.; died in Ojai, Calif., November 21, 1973; interment in Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, Seattle, Wash.

**PELOSI, Nancy** (daughter of Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.), a Representative from California; born Nancy D'Alesandro in Baltimore, Md., March 26, 1940; A.B., Trinity College, 1962; chair, California State Democratic Party, 1981-1983; finance chairman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, 1985-1986; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundredth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Sala Burton, and reelected to the eight succeeding Congresses (June 2, 1987-present); minority whip (One Hundred Seventh Congress); minority leader (One Hundred Eight Congress).

**PELTON, Guy Ray**, a Representative from New York; born near Great Barrington, Berkshire County, Mass., August 3, 1824; attended the common schools and the Connecticut Literary Institute, Suffield, Conn.; taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New York City in 1851; held various local offices; elected as a Whig 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 in Great Barrington; died while on a tour in an attempt to climb Mary's Mountain in the Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., July 24, 1890; interment in Mahaiwe Cemetery, Great Barrington, Mass.

**PENCE, Lafayette (Lafe)**, a Representative from Colorado; born in Columbus, Bartholomew County, Ind., December 23, 1857; attended the common schools; was graduated from Hanover (Ind.) College in 1877; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1878 and practiced in Columbus, Ind., until September 1879, when he moved to Winfield, Kans.; moved to Rico, Dolores County, Colo., in 1881 and continued the practice of law until 1884; member of the State house of representatives in 1885; settled in Denver in 1885 and continued the practice of law; prosecuting attorney for Arapahoe County in 1887 and 1888; elected as a Populist to the Fifty-third Congress (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1895); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1894 to the Fifty-fourth Congress; moved to New York City and engaged in railroad work; returned to Denver and from there moved to San Francisco, Calif., and subsequently to Washington, D.C., and continued the practice of law; also engaged in hydraulic mining in Breckenridge, Colo., and Portland, Oreg.; died in Washington, D.C., October 22, 1923; interment in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus, Ind.

**PENCE, Mike**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Columbus, Bartholomew County, Ind., June 7, 1959; graduated from Hanover College, Hanover, Ind., 1981; J.D., Indiana University, 1986; unsuccessful candidate for election to the One Hundredth Congress in 1986 and One Hundred First Congress in 1988; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Seventh and to the succeeding Congress (January 3, 2001-present).

**PENDLETON, Edmund** (uncle of Nathaniel Pendleton and John Penn), a Delegate from Virginia; born in Caroline

County, Va., September 9, 1721; completed preparatory studies; clerk, Caroline County Court, in 1740; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1741 and practiced; justice of the peace in 1751; member of the Virginia House of Burgesses 1752-1774; member of the committee of correspondence in 1773 and of the provincial convention in 1774; Member of the Continental Congress in 1774 and 1775; president of the committee of safety in 1775; president of the Virginia conventions in 1775 and 1776; member of the State house of delegates in 1776 and 1777; judge of the general court and the court of chancery in 1777; presiding judge of the court of appeals in 1779; member and president of the Virginia ratification convention in 1788; died in Richmond, Va., October 23, 1803; interment at Edmundsbury, eight miles southeast of Bowling Green, Va.; in 1907 was reinterred in Bruton Parish Church Cemetery, Williamsburg, Va.

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**PENDLETON, Edmund Henry**, a Representative from New York; born in Savannah, Ga., in 1788; received a liberal schooling; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced for several years in Hyde Park, Dutchess County, N.Y.; county judge of Dutchess County 1830-1840; was elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833); died in New York City February 25, 1862; interment in St. James' Churchyard, Hyde Park, N.Y.

**PENDLETON, George Cassety**, a Representative from Texas; born near Viola, Warren County, Tenn., April 23, 1845; attended the country schools and the Hannah High School; moved with his parents to Ellis County, Tex., in 1857; settled in Belton, Tex., and engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits; during the Civil War entered the Confederate service as a private in Captain Forrest's Company, Watson's Regiment, Parson's Brigade, Texas Cavalry; at the close of the war attended Waxahachie Academy in Ellis County, Tex.; employed as a commercial traveler for twelve years; engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits; delegate to every Democratic State convention from 1876 to 1910; member of the State house of representatives 1882-1888 and served as speaker in 1886; Lieutenant Governor of Texas 1890-1892; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1896; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1897); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1896; engaged in banking in Temple, Bell County, Tex.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1900 and practiced in Temple until his death there on January 19, 1913; interment in City Cemetery.

**PENDLETON, George Hunt** (son of Nathanael Greene Pendleton), a Representative and a Senator from Ohio; born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 19, 1825; attended the local schools and Cincinnati College; attended Heidelberg University, Germany; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1847 and commenced practice in Cincinnati; member, State senate 1854-1856; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1865); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1862 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against Judge West H. Humphreys; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for vice president in 1864; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1866 to the Fortieth Congress; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor of Ohio in 1869; president of the Ken-

tucky Central Railroad 1869-1879; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1879, to March 3, 1885; unsuccessful candidate for renomination; Democratic Conference Chairman 1881-1885; appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Germany in 1885, and served until his death in Brussels, Belgium, November 24, 1889; interment in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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**PENDLETON, James Monroe**, a Representative from Rhode Island; born in North Stonington, New London County, Conn., January 10, 1822; attended school in North Stonington and Suffield, Conn.; moved to Westerly, R.I., and engaged in mercantile pursuits and later in the insurance business and banking; served in the State senate 1862-1865; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1868; elected as a Republican to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; member of the State house of representatives 1879-1884; chairman of the State board of charities and corrections 1884-1889; died in Westerly, R.I., February 16, 1889; interment in River Bend Cemetery.

**PENDLETON, John Overton**, a Representative from West Virginia; born in Wellsburg, Brooke County, Va. (now West Virginia), July 4, 1851; moved with his parents to Wheeling, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1851; attended Aspen Hill Academy, Louisa County, Va., 1865-1869, and Bethany College, West Virginia, 1869-1871; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Wheeling, W.Va., in 1874; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for State senator in 1886; presented credentials as a Democratic Member-elect to the Fifty-first Congress and served from March 4, 1889, to February 26, 1890, when he was succeeded by George W. Atkinson, who contested the election; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1895); chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Fifty-third Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1894; resumed the practice of law in Wheeling, W.Va., and died there December 24, 1916; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**PENDLETON, John Strother**, a Representative from Virginia; born near Culpeper, Culpeper County, Va., March 1, 1802; pursued preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1824 and practiced in Culpeper County; member of the State house of delegates 1830-1833 and 1836-1839; Chargé d'Affaires to Chile 1841-1844; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Congresses (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1849); Chargé d'Affaires to the Argentine Confederation 1851-1854; empowered jointly with Robert C. Schenck, American Minister to Brazil, April 27, 1852, to negotiate a treaty of commerce with Paraguay and Uruguay; engaged in farming; died near Culpeper, Va., November 19, 1868; interment in the family burying ground, "Redwood," Culpeper, Va.

**PENDLETON, Nathanael Greene** (father of George Hunt Pendleton), a Representative from Ohio; born in Savannah, Ga., August 25, 1793, moved to New York City with his parents; was graduated from Columbia College at New York City in 1813; studied law; was admitted to the bar; served in the War of 1812; moved to Cincinnati, Ohio,

in 1818 and practiced law; member of the State senate 1825-1829; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); did not seek renomination in 1842; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 16, 1861; interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

**PENDLETON, Nathaniel** (nephew of Edmund Pendleton and cousin of John Penn), a Delegate from Georgia; born in New Kent County, Va., in 1756; entered the Revolutionary Army at the age of 19 years; aide-de-camp to Gen. Nathanael Greene in the campaigns in the Southern States; at the close of the war settled in Georgia and studied law, ultimately becoming a district judge; elected a delegate to the Federal Convention of 1787 but did not attend; appointed to a Federal judgeship in Georgia in 1789 and served until 1796 when he resigned; elected to the Continental Congress in 1789 but did not attend; moved to New York City in 1796 and practiced law; served as a second to Alexander Hamilton in Hamilton's duel with Aaron Burr; died in Hyde Park, N.Y., October 20, 1821; interment in St. James' Churchyard.

**PENINGTON, John Brown**, a Representative from Delaware; born near New Castle, Del., December 20, 1825; pursued an academic course in New Castle and Newark, Del., and was graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.; engaged in teaching in Indiana for several years; returned to Delaware; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in Dover, Del.; member of the State house of representatives in 1857; clerk of the State house of representatives in 1859, 1863, and 1871; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions at Charleston and Baltimore in 1860; appointed United States attorney for the district of Delaware in 1868 by President Johnson and served until 1872; appointed attorney general of the State by Governor Ponder in 1874 and served until 1878; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1891); was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; resumed the practice of law at Dover, Del., where he died June 1, 1902; interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

**PENN, Alexander Gordon**, a Representative from Louisiana; born near Stella, Patrick County, Va., May 10, 1799; moved with his parents to Lexington, Ky.; completed preparatory studies and attended Emory and Henry College, Marion, Va.; moved to the parish of St. Tammany, La., in 1821 and engaged in planting near Covington; served in the State house of representatives; postmaster of New Orleans from December 19, 1843, to April 18, 1849; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1844, 1852, 1856, and 1860; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John H. Harmanson; reelected to the Thirty-second Congress and served from December 30, 1850, to March 3, 1853; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Thirty-second Congress); returned to St. Tammany Parish and engaged in planting and the operation of a lumber mill near Covington; at the conclusion of the Civil War returned to Washington, D.C., where he died May 7, 1866; interment in Glenwood Cemetery.

**PENN, John** (nephew of Edmund Pendleton and cousin of Nathaniel Pendleton), a Delegate from North Carolina; born near Port Royal, Caroline County, Va., May 17, 1741; was educated under private tutors; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1762 and commenced practice in Bowling Green, Caroline County, Va.; moved to Granville County, N.C., in 1774; elected to the Provincial Congress which met

in Hillsboro, N.C., in August 1775; Member of the Continental Congress 1775-1780; a signer of the Declaration of Independence; one of the three representatives from North Carolina to ratify the Articles of Confederation on behalf of the State; member of board of war in North Carolina in 1780; receiver of taxes for North Carolina in 1784; resumed the practice of law; died near Williamsboro, Granville County, N.C., September 14, 1788; interment on his estate in Granville County, N.C.; reinterment at Guilford Battle Grounds, near Greensboro, N.C., in 1894.

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**PENNIMAN, Ebenezer Jenckes**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, N.Y., January 11, 1804; attended the common schools; apprenticed as a printer; moved to New York City in 1822 and to Orwell, Addison County, Vt., where he engaged in business as a dry-goods merchant; moved to Plymouth, Mich., in 1840 and again engaged as a dry-goods merchant; supervisor of Plymouth Township, Wayne County; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); was not a candidate for renomination in 1852; resumed mercantile pursuits until 1871 when he engaged in banking and served as president of the First National Bank of Plymouth; member of the convention that met under the oaks at Jackson, Mich., July 6, 1854, at the organization of the Republican Party in Michigan; died in Plymouth, Mich., April 12, 1890; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**PENNINGTON, Alexander Cumming McWhorter** (cousin of William Pennington), a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newark, N.J., July 2, 1810; completed preparatory studies; attended the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1826-1828; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1833 and commenced practice in Newark; member of the State general assembly in 1837 and 1838; alderman of Newark 1837-1840; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1857); chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs (Thirty-fourth Congress); moved to New York City, where he died January 25, 1867; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Newark, N.J.

**PENNINGTON, William** (cousin of Alexander Cumming McWhorter Pennington), a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newark, N.J., May 4, 1796; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from Princeton College in 1813; clerk of the United States district court 1815-1826; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Newark in 1820; member of the State general assembly in 1828; served as sergeant at law in 1834; Governor of New Jersey from 1837 to 1843; appointed Governor of Minnesota Territory by President Fillmore but declined to accept; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1861); Speaker of the House of Representatives (Thirty-sixth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1860 to the Thirty-seventh Congress; died in Newark, N.J., February 16, 1862; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**PENNY, Timothy Joseph**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minn., November 19, 1951; graduated from Kiester High School, Kiester, Minn., 1969; B.A., Winona State University, Winona, Minn., 1974; attended University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., 1975; elected to the Minnesota state senate, 1976-1982; elected on the Democratic-Farmer-Labor ticket to the Ninety-eighth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 1995); not a candidate for reelection to

the One Hundred Fourth Congress in 1994; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Minnesota in 2002.

**PENNYBACKER, Isaac Samuels** (cousin of Green Berry Samuels), a Representative and a Senator from Virginia; born at Pine Forge, near Newmarket, Shenandoah County, Va., September 3, 1805; attended an "old field" school and the Winchester Law School; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Va.; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia 1839-1845; declined the office of United States Attorney General offered him by President Martin Van Buren and that of justice of the supreme court of Virginia; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1845, caused by the failure of the legislature to elect, and served from December 3, 1845, until his death; chairman, Committee on Claims (Twenty-ninth Congress); regent of the Smithsonian Institution; died in Washington, D.C., January 12, 1847; interment in Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, Va.

**PENROSE, Boies**, a Senator from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 1, 1860; attended the public schools and was prepared for college by private tutors; graduated from Harvard University in 1881; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1883 and commenced practice in Philadelphia; member, State house of representatives 1884-1886; member, State senate 1886-1897, when he resigned, having been elected United States Senator; president pro tempore of the State senate 1889-1891; unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Philadelphia 1895; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1897; reelected in 1903, 1909, 1914 and 1920 and served from March 4, 1897, until his death; chairman, Committee on Immigration (Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses), Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Fifty-eighth through Sixty-first Congresses), Committee on Education and Labor (Fifty-ninth Congress), Committee on Finance (Sixty-second, Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses), Committee on Additional Accommodations for the Library (Sixty-third through Sixty-fifth Congresses); elected a member of the Republican National Committee in 1904 and reelected in 1908; died in Washington, D.C., December 31, 1921; interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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**PEPPER, Claude Denson**, a Senator and a Representative from Florida; born on a farm near Dudleyville, Chambers County, Ala., September 8, 1900; attended the public schools of Camp Hill, Ala.; taught school in Dothan, Ala., and worked in a steel mill in Ensley, Ala., before attending college; served in Students Army Training Corps, University of Alabama, in 1918; graduated from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa in 1921 and from the law department of Harvard University in 1924; taught law in the University of Arkansas in 1924 and 1925; admitted to the bar in 1925 and commenced practice in Perry, Fla.; member of the State house of representatives in 1929 and 1930; moved to Tallahassee, Fla., in 1930 and continued the practice of law; served on the State board of public welfare in 1931 and 1932; member of the State board of law examiners in 1933; elected on November 3, 1936, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Duncan U. Fletcher; reelected in 1938 and 1944 and served

from November 4, 1936, to January 3, 1951; chairman, Committee on Patents (Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1950 and for nomination in 1958; engaged in the practice of law at Miami Beach, Coral Gables, and Tallahassee, Fla., and in Washington, D.C.; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth and to the thirteen succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1963, until his death; chairman, Select Committee on Crime (Ninety-first through Ninety-sixth Congresses), Select Committee on Aging (Ninety-fifth through Ninety-seventh Congress), Committee on Rules (Ninety-eighth through One Hundred First Congresses); awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on May 26, 1989; died in Washington, D.C., on May 30, 1989; lay in state in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, June 1-2, 1989; interment in Oakland Cemetery, Tallahassee, Fla.

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**PEPPER, George Wharton**, a Senator from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 16, 1867; prepared privately for college; graduated from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1887 and from that university's law department in 1889; admitted to the bar in 1889 and commenced practice in Philadelphia, Pa.; professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania 1894-1910, and trustee of the university 1911-1961; chairman of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense during the First World War; lecturer at Yale University 1915; member of the commission on constitutional revision in Pennsylvania 1920-1921; appointed on January 9, 1922, as a Republican and subsequently elected on November 7, 1922, to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Boies Penrose and served from January 9, 1922, to March 3, 1927; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1926; chairman, Committee on the Library (Sixty-eighth Congress), Committee on Printing (Sixty-ninth Congress); Republican national committeeman 1922-1928; resumed the practice of law in Philadelphia, Pa.; died in Devon, Pa., May 24, 1961; interment in Old St. David's Churchyard Cemetery, Wayne, Pa.

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**PEPPER, Irvin St. Clair**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Davis County, Iowa, June 10, 1876; attended the public schools; was graduated from Southern Iowa Normal School at Bloomfield in 1897; principal of the Atalissa High School and of the Washington School at Muscatine; secretary for Congressman Martin J. Wade of Iowa 1903-1905; graduated from the law department of George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in 1905; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Muscatine, Iowa; served as prosecuting attorney of Muscatine County 1906-1910; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses and served from March 4, 1911, until his death in Clinton County, Iowa, December 22, 1913; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Sixty-third Congress); interment in Shaul Cemetery, near Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa.

**PERCE, Legrand Winfield**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Buffalo, N.Y., June 19, 1836; completed preparatory studies; attended Wesleyan College, Lima, N.Y., and was graduated from the Albany (N.Y.) Law School in

1857; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Buffalo, N.Y.; enlisted in the Union Army in April 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War; was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Sixth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, in August 1861; promoted to the rank of captain in June 1862; appointed captain in the United States Volunteers in August 1863 and was brevetted lieutenant colonel and colonel in 1865; settled in Natchez, Miss.; appointed register in bankruptcy in June 1867; upon readmission of the State of Mississippi to representation was elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress; reelected to the Forty-second Congress and served from February 23, 1870, to March 3, 1873; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor (Forty-second Congress); was not a candidate for reelection in 1872; engaged in the practice of law and also in the real estate business at Chicago, Ill., where he died March 16, 1911; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**PERCY, Charles Harting** (father-in-law of John D. [Jay] Rockefeller IV), a Senator from Illinois; born in Pensacola, Escambia County, Fla., September 27, 1919; attended public schools in Chicago and Winnetka, Ill.; graduated from the University of Chicago in 1941; joined the company of Bell & Howell; during the Second World War enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 as an apprentice seaman and was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant; after the war, rejoined the company of Bell & Howell, eventually becoming president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the board; appointed as President Dwight Eisenhower's personal representative to presidential inaugurations in Peru and Bolivia with rank of special ambassador 1956; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Illinois in 1964; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1966; reelected in 1972 and 1978 and served from January 3, 1967, until January 3, 1985; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1984; chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations (Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth Congresses); president, Charles Percy and Associates, Inc.; serves on the boards of several foundations and committees; is a resident of Washington, D.C.

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**PERCY, Le Roy**, a Senator from Mississippi; born near Greenville, Washington County, Miss., on November 9, 1860; attended the public schools; graduated from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., in 1879 and from the law department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1881; admitted to the bar in 1881 and commenced practice in Greenville, Miss.; also interested in agricultural pursuits; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Anselm J. McLaurin and served from February 23, 1910, to March 3, 1913; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1912; member of the United States Joint Immigration Commission 1910; resumed the practice of law in Greenville, Miss.; also supervised his extensive land acreage holdings; director of the Federal Reserve Board branch at St. Louis, Mo., from 1914 until his death on December 24, 1929, in Memphis, Tenn., while en route to his home in Mississippi; interment in Greenville Cemetery, Greenville, Miss.

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**PEREA, Francisco** (cousin of Pedro Perea), a Delegate from the Territory of New Mexico; born in Los Padillas,



N.Mex. (then in the Republic of Mexico), January 9, 1830; attended select schools in Bernalillo County and at Santa Fe 1836-1839; enrolled at the Jesuit College, St. Louis, Mo., 1843-1845 and received collegiate training at the Bank Street Academy in New York City 1847-1849; from 1850 to 1864 was engaged in stock raising and commercial pursuits and in carrying merchandise by mule train from St. Louis and Independence, Mo., to Mexico; member of the Territorial council in 1858, 1866, and 1884; during the Civil War served as lieutenant colonel of Perea's Battalion in 1861 and 1862; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1865); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1864; moved from Bernalillo County to Jemez Springs, Sandoval County, N.Mex., in 1881; proprietor of the springs and a hotel; postmaster of Jemez Springs 1894-1905; moved to Albuquerque, N.Mex., in 1906 and died there May 21, 1913; interment in Fairview Cemetery.

**PEREA, Pedro** (cousin of Francisco Perea), a Delegate from the Territory of New Mexico; born in Bernalillo, Sandoval County, N.Mex., April 22, 1852; attended St. Michael's College, Santa Fe, N.Mex., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and was graduated from the St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., in 1871; principally engaged in agricultural pursuits and sheep raising; president of the First National Bank of Santa Fe 1890-1894; member of the council of the New Mexico Legislature in 1889, 1891, and 1895; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1896; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1901); was not a candidate for renomination in 1901; engaged in banking and also interested in stock raising; appointed Territorial insurance commissioner in 1906 and served until his death in Bernalillo, N.Mex., January 11, 1906; interment in Bernalillo Cemetery.

**PERHAM, Sidney**, a Representative from Maine; born in Woodstock, Maine, on March 27, 1819; attended the common schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives in 1854 and served as speaker; clerk of the courts of Oxford County, Maine, 1859-1863; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1869); chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions (Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1868; Governor of Maine 1871-1874; president of the board of trustees of Westbrook Seminary, Deering, Maine, 1865-1880 and of the Maine Industrial School at Hallowell 1873-1898; secretary of state of Maine in 1875 to fill a vacancy; served as appraiser in the customhouse at Portland, Maine, 1877-1885; member of the board of trustees of the Universalist General Convention for twenty-seven years and served as president of the board; died in Washington, D.C., April 10, 1907; interment in Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond, Oxford County, Maine.

**PERKINS, Bishop**, a Representative from New York; born in Becket, Berkshire County, Mass., September 5, 1787; attended private school at East Granville, Mass., and was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1807; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1812 and commenced practice in Lisbon, N.Y.; subsequently moved to Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., and continued the practice of law; clerk of the board of supervisors of St. Lawrence County 1820-1852; appointed district attorney of St. Lawrence County February 24, 1821, and served until May 21, 1840; member of the State constitutional convention in 1846; member of the State assembly in 1846, 1847, and

again in 1849; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); was not a candidate for renomination in 1854; returned to Ogdensburg, N.Y., and continued the practice of his profession until his death there November 20, 1866; interment in Ogdensburg Cemetery.

**PERKINS, Bishop Walden**, a Representative and a Senator from Kansas; born in Rochester, Lorain County, Ohio, October 18, 1841; attended the common schools and Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.; prospected for gold through California and New Mexico 1860-1862; served four years in the Union Army during the Civil War as sergeant, adjutant, and captain; studied law in Ottawa, Ill.; admitted to the bar in 1867, and commenced the practice of law in Princeton, Ind.; moved to Oswego, Labette County, Kans., and continued practice; local county attorney for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad for two years; prosecuting attorney of Labette County 1869; judge of the probate court of Labette County 1870-1882; became editor of the Oswego Register in 1873; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1891); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; appointed to the United States Senate as a Republican to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Preston B. Plumb and served from January 1, 1892, to March 3, 1893, when a successor was elected and qualified; resumed the practice of his profession in Washington, D.C., and died there June 20, 1894; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery.

**PERKINS, Carl Christopher** (son of Carl Dewey Perkins), a Representative from Kentucky; born in Washington, D.C., August 6, 1954; graduated from Fort Hunt High School, Alexandria, Va., 1972; B.A., Davidson College, Davidson, N.C., 1976; J.D., University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., 1978; lawyer, private practice; member of the Kentucky state house of representatives, 1981-1984; elected simultaneously as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth and to the Ninety-ninth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, United States Representative Carl Dewey Perkins, and reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (November 6, 1984-January 3, 1993); was not a candidate for renomination to the One Hundred Third Congress in 1992; is a resident of Hindman, Ky.

**PERKINS, Carl Dewey** (father of Carl Christopher Perkins), a Representative from Kentucky; born in Hindman, Knott County, Ky., October 15, 1912; attended the Knott County grade schools, Hindman High School, Caney Junior College (now Alice Lloyd College), Lees Junior College, and was graduated from Jefferson School of Law (now the University of Louisville Law School), Louisville, Ky., in 1935; was admitted to the bar in 1935 and commenced the practice of law in Hindman, Ky.; in 1939 served an unexpired term as commonwealth attorney from the thirty-first judicial district; member of Kentucky General Assembly from the ninety-ninth district in 1940; elected Knott County attorney in 1941, reelected in 1945, and resigned January 1, 1948, to become counsel for Department of Highways, Frankfort, Ky.; during the Second World War enlisted in the United States Army and saw service in the European Theater; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first and to the seventeen succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1949, until his death; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor (Ninetyeth through Ninety-eighth Congresses); was a resident of Hindman, Ky. until his death August 3, 1984, in Lexington, Ky.; interment in Perkins Cemetery, Leburn, Ky.

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**PERKINS, Elias**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Newent Society (now Lisbon), Conn., April 5, 1767; was graduated from Yale College in 1786; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New London, New London County, Conn.; member of the State house of representatives 1795-1800, 1814, and 1815 and served as speaker in 1798 and 1815; was assistant judge of the New London County Court in 1799 and chief justice of the same court 1807-1825; elected as a Federalist to the Seventh Congress (March 4, 1801-March 3, 1803); resumed the practice of law; member of the State senate 1817-1822; mayor of New London 1829-1832; died in New London, Conn., September 27, 1845; interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

**PERKINS, George Clement**, a Senator from California; born in Kennebunkport, York County, Maine, August 23, 1839; had limited educational advantages; at the age of twelve went to sea as a cabin boy; followed the sea for several years; subsequently engaged in banking, milling, mining, farming, ranching, whaling, and in operating steamships on the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Alaska, and Mexico; member, California State senate 1869-1876; Governor of California 1879-1883; unsuccessful Republican candidate for the United States Senate in 1886; appointed in 1893 and subsequently elected as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Leland Stanford; reelected in 1897, 1903 and 1909 and served from July 26, 1893, to March 3, 1915; on account of ill health was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Fisheries (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-sixth Congresses), Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment (Fifty-seventh through Sixtieth Congresses), Committee on Naval Affairs (Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congresses), Committee on Railroads (Sixty-third Congress); returned to his home in Oakland, Calif., and lived in retirement until his death there on February 26, 1923; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

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**PERKINS, George Douglas**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Holly, Orleans County, N.Y., February 29, 1840; attended the common schools; moved to Wisconsin and learned the printer's trade in Baraboo, Sauk County; moved to Iowa, established the Gazette in Cedar Falls in 1860, and continued that publication until 1866; enlisted as a private in Company B, Thirty-first Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, August 12, 1862, and served until January 12, 1863; went to Chicago, Ill., and was engaged as agent of the Northwestern Associated Press until 1869; moved to Sioux City, Iowa, in 1869 and became editor of the Journal; member of the State senate 1874-1876; commissioner of immigration for the State of Iowa 1880-1882; appointed United States marshal for the northern district of Iowa by President Arthur on January 29, 1883, and was removed by President Cleveland in 1885; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1899); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1898; resumed his journalistic activities at Sioux City, Iowa; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1876, 1880, 1888, 1908, and 1912; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Iowa in 1904; editor and publisher of the Sioux City Journal; died in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, February 3, 1914; interment in Floyd Cemetery.

**PERKINS, James Breck**, a Representative from New York; born at St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wis., November 4, 1847; moved with his parents to Rochester, N.Y., in 1856; attended the public schools; was graduated from the Univer-

sity of Rochester (New York) in 1867; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1868 and commenced practice in Rochester; city attorney 1874-1880; lived in Paris, France, from 1890 to 1895, and engaged in the study of European literature and in historical research; author of several historical works; returned to Rochester in 1895; served in the State assembly 1898-1900; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1901, until his death; chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs (Sixty-first Congress); one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1905 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against Charles Swayne, judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida; died in Washington, D.C., March 11, 1910; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, N.Y.

**PERKINS, Jared**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Unity, Sullivan County, N.H., January 5, 1793; attended the common schools of Unity and Claremont; studied theology; was ordained as a minister in 1824 and served for thirty years; State councilor 1846-1848; served in the State house of representatives in 1850; 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; nominated for Governor of New Hampshire in 1854 but died before the election; appointed justice of the peace in 1854 and served until his death in Nashua, N.H., October 15, 1854; interment in West Unity Cemetery, Unity, N.H.

**PERKINS, John, Jr.**, a Representative from Louisiana; born in Natchez, Miss., July 1, 1819; received his early education from private tutors; was graduated from Yale College in 1840 and from the law department of Harvard University in 1842; was admitted to the bar in 1843 and commenced practice in New Orleans, La.; engaged in cotton planting; appointed judge of the circuit court for the district comprising Tensas and Madison Parishes in 1851; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); was not a candidate for renomination in 1854; chairman of the State secession convention in 1861; served in the Confederate Senate 1862-1865; traveled extensively in Mexico and Europe; returned to the United States in 1878 and spent the remaining years of his life in Louisiana and Canada; died in Baltimore, Md., November 28, 1885; interment in Natchez Cemetery, Natchez, Miss.

**PERKINS, Randolph**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Dunellen, Middlesex County, N.J., November 30, 1871; moved to Jersey City, N.J., with his parents in 1879; attended the grade and high schools, and Cooper Union School, New York City; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1893 and commenced practice in Jersey City, N.J.; moved to Westfield, N.J., in 1902, to Woodcliff Lake, N.J., in 1909, and continued the practice of law; mayor of Westfield, 1903-1905; member of the State assembly from 1905 to 1911, serving as speaker in 1907; chairman of the Bergen County Republican committee 1911-1916; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1921, until his death; chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures (Sixty-ninth through Seventy-first Congresses); was renominated for election to the Seventy-fifth Congress at the time of his death; one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1933 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against Harold Louderback, judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and again in 1936 to conduct the impeachment

proceedings against Halsted L. Ritter, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; died in Washington, D.C., May 25, 1936; interment in Fairview Cemetery, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N.Y.

**PERKY, Kirtland Irving**, a Senator from Idaho; born in Smithville, Wayne County, Ohio, February 8, 1867; attended the public schools and graduated from Ohio Northern University at Ada in 1888; studied law at the University of Iowa, Iowa City; admitted to the bar in 1890 and commenced practice in Wahoo, Saunders County, Nebr.; moved to Albion, Idaho, 1894; district judge of the fourth judicial district of the State of Idaho in 1901; moved to Boise, Idaho, and continued the practice of law; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Weldon B. Heyburn and served from November 18, 1912, to February 5, 1913, when a successor was elected and qualified; resumed the practice of law in Boise; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1923 and continued the practice of law until his death there on January 9, 1939; interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, Calif.

**PERLMAN, Nathan David**, a Representative from New York; born in Poland August 2, 1887; immigrated to the United States in 1891 with his mother, who settled in New York City; attended the public schools and the College of the City of New York; was graduated from New York University Law School in 1907; was admitted to the bar in 1909 and commenced practice in New York City; special deputy attorney general of the State of New York 1912-1914; member of the State assembly 1915-1917; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fiorello H. LaGuardia; reelected to the Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, and Sixty-ninth Congresses and served from November 2, 1920, to March 3, 1927; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1926 to the Seventieth Congress; resumed the practice of law; delegate to the New York State Convention to repeal prohibition; magistrate of the city of New York May 1, 1935, to September 1, 1936; appointed justice of the court of special sessions of the city of New York November 26, 1936; reappointed July 1, 1945, and served until his death in New York City, June 29, 1952; interment in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens County, N.Y.

**PERRILL, Augustus Leonard**, a Representative from Ohio; born near Moorefield, Hardy County, Va. (now West Virginia), January 20, 1807; in 1816 moved to Ohio with his parents, who settled in Madison Township near Lithopolis, Pickaway County; attended the local schools; taught school near Circleville, Ohio, and then engaged in agricultural pursuits; appointed deputy sheriff in January 1833; elected sheriff in 1834 and served until 1837; member of the State house of representatives 1839-1841; 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; resumed agricultural pursuits near Circleville, Ohio; member of the State senate 1858-1863; again served in the State house of representatives 1865-1867; died on his farm near Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 2, 1882; interment in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

**PERRY, Aaron Fyfe**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Leicester, Vt., January 1, 1815; attended the public schools and Yale Law School; was admitted to the bar of Connecticut in 1838; moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he was admitted to the bar in 1840 and commenced practice; member of the State house of representatives in 1847 and

1848; moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1854 and continued the practice of law; declined appointment as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1861 tendered by President Lincoln; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864; elected as a Republican to the Forty-second Congress and served from March 4, 1871, until his resignation in 1872; resumed the practice of his profession and also engaged in literary pursuits; appointed chief counsel for the Government in the *Crédit Mobilier* case in 1873; appointed a member of the board of sinking-fund trustees of Cincinnati in 1877 and was president of the board from 1884 to 1892, when he resigned; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 11, 1893; interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

**PERRY, Eli**, a Representative from New York; born in Cambridge, Washington County, N.Y., December 25, 1799; attended the common schools; engaged in business in Albany, N.Y., in 1827 and continued until 1852; member of the Board of Aldermen of Albany for two years; served in the State assembly in 1851; mayor of Albany 1851-1853, 1856-1860, 1862-1866; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; died in Albany, Albany County, N.Y., May 17, 1881; interment in Albany Rural Cemetery.

**PERRY, John Jasiel**, a Representative from Maine; born in Portsmouth, N.H., August 2, 1811; moved with his parents to Hebron (now Oxford), Maine, in 1812; attended the common schools and Maine Wesleyan Seminary; deputy sheriff of Oxford County; member of the State house of representatives in 1840, 1842, 1843, and 1872; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1844 and commenced practice in Oxford; member of the State senate in 1846 and 1847; clerk of the State house of representatives in 1854; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); was not a candidate for renomination in 1856; elected to the Thirty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1861); was not a candidate for renomination in 1860; member of the peace convention in 1861 held in Washington, D.C., in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; editor of the *Oxford Democrat* from 1860 to 1875 and extensively connected with newspapers, both in and out of the State, as correspondent; member of the State executive council in 1866 and 1867; moved to Portland, Cumberland County, Maine, in 1875 and engaged in the practice of his profession until his death in that city on May 2, 1897; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

**PERRY, Nehemiah**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Ridgefield, Fairfield County, Conn., March 30, 1816; educated at the Wesleyan Seminary of Ridgefield; clerked in a store in Norwalk, Conn., and New York City; moved to Newark, N.J., in 1836; engaged in the manufacture of cloth and in the clothing business; member of the State house of assembly in 1850 and 1856 and served as speaker in the latter year; member of the common council in 1852; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1865); was not a candidate for renomination in 1864; resumed his former manufacturing pursuits; mayor of Newark in 1873; died in Newark, N.J., November 1, 1881; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**PERRY, Thomas Johns**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Cumberland, Md., February 17, 1807; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1828 and commenced practice in Cumberland, Md.; member of the State house of delegates 1834-1836;

elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1847); was not a candidate for renomination in 1846; associate judge of the sixth judicial district of Maryland 1851-1861 and 1864-1871; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1867; died in Cumberland, Allegany County, Md., June 27, 1871; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**PERRY, William Hayne**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Greenville, Greenville County, S.C., June 9, 1839; attended Greenville Academy, and was graduated from Furman University at Greenville in 1857; attended South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) at Columbia, and was graduated from Harvard University in 1859; studied law in Greenville; was admitted to the bar in 1861 and commenced practice in Greenville; served as a private and subsequently as lieutenant in the Confederate Cavalry during the Civil War; resumed the practice of law in Greenville in 1865; member of the State constitutional convention in 1865; member of the State house of representatives in 1865 and 1866; solicitor of the eighth judicial circuit of South Carolina 1868-1872; served in the State senate 1880-1884; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1891); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1890; resumed the practice of law; died at his home, "San Souci," near Greenville, S.C., July 7, 1902; interment in Christ Church Cemetery, Greenville, S.C.

**PERSON, Seymour Howe**, a Representative from Michigan; born on a farm near Howell, Livingston County, Mich., February 2, 1879; attended the district schools and the Howell public schools; was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1901; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Lansing, Mich.; member of the State house of representatives 1915-1921; served in the State senate 1927-1931; delegate to all State conventions for thirty years; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-second Congress (March 4, 1931-March 3, 1933); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Lansing, Mich., on April 7, 1957; interment in Deepdale Cemetery.

**PERSONS, Henry**, a Representative from Georgia; born near Smarrs, Monroe County, Ga., January 30, 1834; moved to Talbot County, Ga., in 1836; attended the Talbotton schools; was graduated from the University of Georgia at Athens in 1855; served as captain of Cavalry in the Third Georgia regiment of the Confederate Army during the Civil War; engaged in agricultural pursuits in Talbot County, Ga.; elected as an Independent Democrat to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1880; returned to Geneva, Ga.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1885 and commenced practice in Talbotton, Ga.; ordinary of Talbot County 1898-1910; trustee of the University of Georgia 1894-1910; died in Talbotton, Ga., June 17, 1910; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**PESQUERA, José Lorenzo**, a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico; born in Bayamon, P.R., August 10, 1882; was graduated from Provincial Institute of Puerto Rico in 1897; attended the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., in 1901 and 1902; was graduated from the law department of West Virginia University at Morgantown in 1904; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Puerto Rico; also engaged in agricultural pursuits and dairying; member of the Puerto Rico House

of Representatives 1917-1920; director and president of the Agricultural Association of Puerto Rico; appointed as a Non-partisan a Resident Commissioner to the United States to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Felix Cordova Davila and served from April 15, 1932, until March 3, 1933; was not a candidate for election in 1932; returned to his law practice and agricultural interests; died in Bayamon, P.R., July 25, 1950; interment in Municipal Cemetery.

**PETER, George**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Georgetown, Md. (now the District of Columbia), September 28, 1779; pursued classical studies and was graduated from Georgetown College; at the age of fifteen joined the Maryland troops in the campaign against the Whisky Insurrectionists in 1794, but at the request of his parents, was sent home; entered the Army as second lieutenant in the Ninth Infantry in July 1799; transferred to the Artillery and in May 1808 organized and commanded the first light battery of artillery in the country; resigned June 11, 1809; engaged in agricultural pursuits; served as a major of Volunteers in the War of 1812; elected as a Federalist to the Fourteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alexander C. Hanson; reelected to the Fifteenth Congress and served from October 7, 1816, to March 3, 1819; served in the State house of delegates 1819-1823; elected to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1826 to the Twentieth Congress; resumed agricultural activities; commissioner of public works of Maryland in 1855; retired to his plantation; died near Darnestown, Montgomery County, Md., June 22, 1861; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, D.C.

**PETERS, Andrew James**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in West Roxbury, Mass., April 3, 1872; attended Hopkinson's and St. Paul's Schools; was graduated from Harvard University in 1895 and from the Harvard Law School in 1898; was admitted to the bar in 1897 and commenced practice in Boston, Mass.; member of the State house of representatives in 1902; served in the State senate in 1904 and 1905; served five years in the Massachusetts Militia; elected as a Democrat to the Sixtieth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1907, until his resignation, effective August 15, 1914; appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and served from August 17, 1914, to March 15, 1917; mayor of Boston 1918-1922; resumed the practice of law; president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce 1926-1928; died in Jamaica Plain, Mass., June 26, 1938; interment in Forest Hills Cemetery.

**PETERS, John Andrew** (uncle of John Andrew Peters [1864-1953]), a Representative from Maine; born in Ellsworth, Hancock County, Maine, October 9, 1822; attended Gorham Academy, and was graduated from Yale College in 1842; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1844 and commenced practice in Bangor, Maine, in 1844; member of the State senate in 1862 and 1863; served in the State house of representatives in 1864; attorney general of the State 1864-1866; elected as a Republican to the Fortieth, Forty-first, and Forty-second Congresses (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1873); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1872; judge of the supreme judicial court of Maine 1873-1883 and served as chief justice from 1883 until January 1, 1900, when he resigned; died in Bangor, Penobscot County, Maine, April 2, 1904; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**PETERS, John Andrew** (nephew of John Andrew Peters [1822-1904]), a Representative from Maine; born in Ells-

worth, Hancock County, Maine, August 13, 1864; attended the common schools; was graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1885; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Ellsworth in 1887; judge of the municipal court of Ellsworth 1896-1908; member of the state house of representatives in 1909, 1911, and 1913, serving as speaker in 1913; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Forrest Goodwin, and reelected to the four succeeding Congresses (September 9, 1913-January 2, 1922); judge, United States District Court for Maine, 1922-1947; delegate at large to the Republican National Convention in 1916; vice president of the board of trustees of Bowdoin College; died in Ellsworth, Maine, August 22, 1953; interment in Woodbine Cemetery.

**PETERS, Mason Summers**, a Representative from Kansas; born near Kearney, Clay County, Mo., September 3, 1844; attended the William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; taught in the grammar schools of Clay County, Mo., 1867-1870; clerk of the court of Clinton County, Mo., 1870-1874; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1875 and commenced practice in Plattsburg, Mo.; moved to Wyandotte County, Kans., in 1886; organized the Union Live Stock Commission Co. in 1895; elected as a Populist to the Fifty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1899); was unsuccessful for reelection in 1898 to the Fifty-sixth Congress; resumed his business and professional pursuits in Kansas City, Kans.; died in Kansas City, Mo., February 14, 1914; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

**PETERS, Richard, Jr.**, a Delegate from Pennsylvania; born near Philadelphia, Pa., June 22, 1744; was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1761; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Philadelphia; register of the admiralty from 1771 until the Revolution; entered the Revolutionary Army and served as captain in 1771; served as secretary of the Continental Board of War from June 13, 1776, to June 8, 1781; Member of the Continental Congress in 1782 and 1783; member of the State assembly 1787-1790 and served as speaker; served in the State senate in 1791 and was speaker; judge of the district court of Pennsylvania 1792-1828; died in Philadelphia, Pa., August 22, 1828; interment in St. Peter's Churchyard.

**PETERS, Samuel Ritter**, a Representative from Kansas; born in Walnut Township, near Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, August 16, 1842; attended the common schools and the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware; enlisted in the Union Army as a private in Company E, Seventy-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in October 1861 and was mustered out in June 1865, having held successively the ranks of sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain; was graduated in law from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1867; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Memphis, Mo.; editor of the Memphis Reveille 1868-1873; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1872; mayor of Memphis in 1873; moved to Marion, Kans., in 1873 and resumed the practice of law; elected a member of the State senate in 1874 and served until his resignation in March 1875; appointed and subsequently elected judge of the ninth judicial district and served from 1875 until 1883, when he resigned; moved to Newton, Harvey County, Kans., in 1876; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1891); was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; resumed the practice of law in Newton; member of the board of managers

of the State reformatory 1895-1899; postmaster of Newton 1898-1910; editor of the Newton Daily Kansas-Republican in 1899; died in Newton, Kans., April 21, 1910; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**PETERSEN, Andrew Nicholas**, a Representative from New York; born near Thisted, Denmark, March 10, 1870; immigrated to the United States in 1873 with his parents, who settled in Boston, Mass.; moved to New York City in 1879; attended the public schools; learned the patternmaker's trade; president of the Brooklyn Foundry Co. 1900-1952; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1923); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; resumed manufacturing pursuits in Brooklyn, N.Y.; died in East Rockaway, N.Y., September 28, 1952; interment in Cypress Hills Abbey, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**PETERSON, Collin Clark**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Fargo, Cass County, N.D., June 29, 1944; B.A., Moorhead State University, Moorhead, Ky., 1966; United States Army National Guard, 1963-1969; certified public accountant; member of the Minnesota state senate, 1977-1986; unsuccessful nominee for the United States House of Representatives in 1981, 1986, and 1988; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Second and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1991-present).

**PETERSON, Douglas Brian (Pete)**, a Representative from Florida; born in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebr., June 26, 1935; B.A., University of Tampa, Tampa, Fla., 1976; Ph.D., University of Central Michigan, Mount Pleasant, Mich., 1977; United States Air Force, 1954-1980; administrator, Dozier School for Boys, Marianna, Fla.; business owner; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Second and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1991-January 3, 1997); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred and Fifth Congress; United States Ambassador to Vietnam, 1997 until his resignation July 15, 2001.

**PETERSON, Hugh**, a Representative from Georgia; born on a farm near Ailey, Montgomery County, Ga., August 21, 1898; attended the public schools, Brewton Parker Institute, Mount Vernon-Ailey, Ga., and the University of Georgia at Athens; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1921 and commenced practice in Mount Vernon, Ga.; also engaged in agricultural pursuits and editorial work; served as mayor of Ailey, Ga., in 1922; member of the State house of representatives 1923-1931; served in the State senate in 1931 and 1932; elected as a Democrat to the Seventh-fourth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1947); chairman, Committee on Elections No. 3 (Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth Congresses), Committee on Territories (Seventy-ninth Congress); unsuccessful for renomination in 1946; practiced law in Ailey, Ga.; died in Sylva, N.C., October 3, 1961; interment in the Peterson family cemetery, Ailey, Ga.

**PETERSON, James Hardin**, a Representative from Florida; born in Batesburg, Lexington County, S.C., February 11, 1894; moved to Lakeland, Fla., in 1903; attended the public schools; was graduated from the law department of the University of Florida at Gainesville in 1914; admitted to the Florida bar in 1914 and commenced practice in Lakeland in 1915; law clerk in United States General Land Office in 1914; city attorney of Lakeland, Fla., in 1916, 1917, and 1919-1932, of Frostproof, Fla., 1918-1929, of Lake Wales, Fla., 1920-1930, and of Eagle Lake, Fla., 1923-1933; during the First World War served as a chief yeoman in the United States Navy 1917-1919; prosecuting attorney and county so-

licitor of Polk County, Fla., 1921-1932; special counsel for the State department of agriculture 1930-1932; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1951); chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Seventy-eighth, Seventy-ninth, and Eighty-first Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination in 1950 to the Eighty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law in Lakeland, Fla.; special counsel for the Territorial Government of Guam; chairman of Commission on Federal Application of Laws to Guam; served as chairman and vice chairman of the board of directors, First State Bank of Lakeland; resided in Lakeland, Fla., where he died March 28, 1978; interment in Roselawn Cemetery.

**PETERSON, John**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Titusville, Crawford County, Pa., December 25, 1938; graduated from Titusville High School, Titusville, Pa.; attended Pennsylvania State University; United States Army, 1958-1964; member of the Pleasantville Borough, Pa., city council, 1969-1977; member of the Pennsylvania state house of representatives, 1977-1984; member of the Pennsylvania state senate, 1985-1996; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

**PETERSON, John Barney** (cousin of Horatio Clifford Claypool and Harold Kile Claypool), a Representative from Indiana; born near Lowell, Lake County, Ind., July 4, 1850; attended the public schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1870 and commenced practice in Crown Point, Lake County, Ind.; prosecuting attorney of the thirty-first judicial circuit 1880-1884; 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; resumed the practice of law in Crown Point, Ind.; also engaged in banking and served as president of the Commercial Bank, Crown Point, Ind., and of the First Calumet Trust & Savings Bank of East Chicago, Ind., until 1939, when he retired; died in Crown Point, Ind., July 16, 1944; interment in Maplewood Cemetery.

**PETERSON, Morris Blaine**, a Representative from Utah; born in Ogden, Weber County, Utah, March 26, 1906; attended the public schools and Weber College; graduated from the University of Utah in 1931 and from Georgetown Law School in 1938; law clerk to Justice Eugene E. Pratt of the Utah State Supreme Court; engaged in the private practice of law in 1941; served in the State legislature 1955-1957; Weber County attorney; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-seventh Congress (January 3, 1961-January 3, 1963); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1962 to the Eighty-eighth Congress; member, Great Salt Lake Authority, Utah, 1968-1969; chairman, Weber County, Utah, Taxpayers Association; special consultant to director of Food for Peace Program, 1963; was a resident of Ogden, Utah until his death there July 15, 1985; interment in Ogden City Cemetery, Utah.

**PETRI, Thomas Evert**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Marinette, Marinette County, Wis., May 28, 1940; graduated from Lowell P. Goodrich High School, Fond du Lac, Wis., 1958; A.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1962; J.D., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., 1965; clerk to United States Judge James Doyle of the Western District of Wisconsin, 1965; lawyer, private practice; Peace Corps volunteer, 1966-1967; White House aide, 1969-1970; member of the Wisconsin state senate, 1973-1979; delegate to the Republican state conventions, 1973 to present; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Sen-

ate in 1974; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy due to the death of United States Representative William A. Steiger, and reelected to the twelve succeeding Congresses (April 3, 1979-present).

**PETRIE, George**, a Representative from New York; born at Little Falls, Herkimer County, N.Y., September 8, 1793; attended the common schools; elected as an Independent Democrat to the Thirtieth Congress (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1849); employed in the Post Office Department, Washington, D.C., from January 1, 1869, until August 31, 1875, when he resigned; died at Little Falls, N.Y., May 8, 1879; interment in Church Street Cemetery.

**PETRIKIN, David**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., December 1, 1788; completed preparatory studies; studied medicine and was admitted to practice; moved to Danville (then in Columbia County), Pa., and engaged in the practice of medicine; during the War of 1812 served as a surgeon with the Second Regiment of the Pennsylvania Riflemen; after the war returned to Danville, Pa., and continued the practice of medicine; also erected and operated a woolen mill; elected prothonotary of Columbia County March 15, 1821; member of the State house of representatives; served as postmaster of Danville from February 1, 1834, to March 21, 1837; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1841); chairman, Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds (Twenty-sixth Congress); died in Catawissa, Columbia County, Pa., March 1, 1847; interment in Petrikin Cemetery, Danville, Pa., which was later converted into a memorial park.

**PETTENGILL, Samuel Barrett** (nephew of William Horace Clagett), a Representative from Indiana; born in Portland, Oreg., January 19, 1886; in 1892 moved to Vermont with his father, who settled on a farm in Grafton, Windham County; attended the common schools; was graduated from Vermont Academy at Saxtons River in 1904, from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., in 1908, and from the law department of Yale University in 1911; was admitted to the bar in 1912 and commenced practice in South Bend, Ind.; member of the board of education of South Bend, 1926-1928; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1939); was not a candidate for renomination in 1938 to the Seventy-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of law; newspaper columnist 1939-1948; vice president and general counsel of the Transportation Association of America, 1943-1945; national radio commentator, 1946-1948; attorney for the Pure Oil Co., Chicago, Ill., 1949-1956; consultant, the Coe Foundation, 1956-1965; resided at his boyhood farm near Grafton, Vt.; died in Springfield, Vt., March 20, 1974; interment in Grafton Village Cemetery, Grafton, Vt.

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**PETTIBONE, Augustus Herman**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Bedford, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, January 21, 1835; was graduated from Hiram College, Ohio, and from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1859; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1860 and commenced practice in La Crosse, Wis.; enlisted in the Union Army as a private in 1861; promoted to second lieutenant, captain, and major in the Twentieth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; continued the practice of law in Greeneville in 1865; alderman of Greeneville 1866-1868; attorney general for the first judicial circuit of Tennessee in 1869 and 1870; appointed assistant United States district attorney for the eastern district of Tennessee December 27,

1871, and served until 1880; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1880; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1887); was not a candidate for renomination in 1886; resumed the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives 1897-1899; appointed special agent of the General Land Office and served from July 17, 1899, to January 31, 1905, when he resigned; died in Nashville, Tenn., November 26, 1918; interment in Nashville National Cemetery, Madison, Davidson County, Tenn.

**PETTIGREW, Ebenezer**, a Representative from North Carolina; born near Plymouth, Tyrrell County, N.C., March 10, 1783; studied under tutors at home and later attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; engaged in planting; member of the State senate in 1809 and 1810; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1835-March 3, 1837); resumed agricultural pursuits; died at Magnolia plantation on Lake Scuppernong, Tyrrell County, N.C., July 8, 1848; interment in the family cemetery.

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**PETTIGREW, Richard Franklin**, a Delegate from the Territory of Dakota and a Senator from South Dakota; born in Ludlow, Windsor County, Vt., July 23, 1848; moved with his parents to Wisconsin in 1854; attended the public schools and Evansville Academy, Evansville, Wis.; entered Beloit College, Beloit, Wis., in 1864; spent one year teaching school and studying law in Iowa; entered the law department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1867; went to Dakota in 1869 in the employ of a United States deputy surveyor; settled in Sioux Falls; admitted to the bar about 1871; practiced law; engaged in surveying and the real estate business; member, Territorial house of representatives 1872; served in the Territorial council 1877, 1879; elected as a Republican Delegate to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; member, Territorial council 1885; upon the admission of South Dakota as a State into the Union was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1889; reelected in 1895 and served from November 2, 1889, to March 3, 1901; left the Republican party on June 17, 1896, to join the Silver Republicans; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1900; chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses); engaged in the practice of law in New York City; returned to Sioux Falls and was active in politics and business until his death in that city October 5, 1926; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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**PETTIS, Jerry Lyle** (husband of Shirley Neil Pettis), a Representative from California; born in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Ariz., July 18, 1916; received elementary and secondary education in Arizona and California; graduated from Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., in 1938; engaged in graduate work at the University of Southern California and the University of Denver in 1939-1941; founder of Magnetic Tape Duplicators of Los Angeles; founder of Audio-Digest Foundation, a subsidiary of California Medical Association; founder of a consultant firm for radio, television, and the

motion picture industry; flight instructor, search and rescue pilot, Colorado Wing CAP; as pilot with Air Transport Command, Pacific Theater, 1941-1946; professor of economics; vice president for development and chairman of the Board of Councilors, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., 1948-1961; special assistant to the president of United Air Lines, Chicago, Ill.; ranch owner in Pauma Valley, Calif.; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth Congress; reelected to the four succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1967, until his death February 14, 1975, in a private aircraft crash in Banning, Calif.; interment in Montecito Memorial Park, San Bernardino, Calif.

**PETTIS, Shirley Neil** (wife of Jerry Lyle Pettis), a Representative from California; born Shirley Neil McCumber in Mountain View, Santa Clara County, Calif., July 12, 1924; attended the elementary schools, Berkeley, Calif., 1931-1932, and Berrien Springs, Mich., 1933-1937; graduated from Andrews University Academy, Berrien Springs, Mich., 1942; attended Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., 1942-1943; attended the University of California, Berkeley, Calif., 1944-1945; co-founder and manager, Audio-Digest Foundation, 1950-1953; newspaper columnist, Sun-Telegram, San Bernardino, Calif., 1967-1970; vice president, Republican Congressional Wives Club, 1975; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-fourth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, United States Representative Jerry L. Pettis; reelected to the Ninety-fifth Congress (April 29, 1975-January 3, 1979); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978; vice president, Women's Research and Education Institute, Washington, D.C., 1980-1981; member of the Arms Control and Disarmament Commission, 1981-1983, and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, 1990-1992; member, board of directors, Kemper National Insurance Companies, 1979-1997; is a resident of Rancho Mirage, Calif.

**PETTIS, Solomon Newton**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Lenox, Ashtabula County, Ohio, October 10, 1827; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Meadville, Crawford County, Pa.; associate justice of the Territory of Colorado in 1861 and 1862; returned to Meadville, Pa., and continued the practice of his profession; elected as a Republican to the Fortieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Darwin A. Finney and served from December 7, 1868, to March 3, 1869; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1868 to the Forty-first Congress; resumed the practice of law in Meadville; appointed Minister to Bolivia September 4, 1878, and served until November 1, 1879; again engaged in the practice of law until his death in Meadville, Pa., September 18, 1900; interment in Greendale Cemetery.

**PETTIS, Spencer Darwin**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1802; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar about 1824 and commenced practice in Fayette, Howard County, Mo.; held various local offices; appointed secretary of state on July 22, 1826, and served until December 31, 1828, when he resigned; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Congresses and served from March 4, 1829, until his death; during the campaign of 1830 his feeling regarding the United States bank issue precipitated a quarrel and subsequently a duel with Maj. Thomas Biddle, in which both fell mortally wounded; Mr. Pettis died the next day, August 28, 1831, in St. Louis; interment in the Old City Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

**PETTIT, Charles**, a Delegate from Pennsylvania; born near Amwell, Hunterdon County, N.J., in 1736; received

an English training; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1770 but did not commence practice until 1773; deputy secretary of the Province of New Jersey 1769-1778; clerk of the council; clerk of the supreme court and of the pleas court; surrogate and keeper and register of the records of the Province of New Jersey; appointed aide-de-camp to Gov. William Franklin March 8, 1771; secretary of state of New Jersey and aide to Governor Livingston October 8, 1776; assistant adjutant general on the staff of Gen. Nathanael Greene in the Revolutionary Army from 1778 until his resignation in 1781; became an importing merchant in Philadelphia; member of the State house of representatives in 1783 and 1784; Member of the Continental Congress from 1785 to 1787; died in Philadelphia, Pa., September 3, 1806.

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**PETTIT, John**, a Representative and a Senator from Indiana; born in Sackets Harbor, N.Y., June 24, 1807; completed preparatory studies; admitted to the bar in 1831; moved to LaFayette, Tippecanoe County, Ind., where he commenced practice in 1838; member, State house of representatives 1838-1839; United States district attorney 1839-1843; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, and Thirtieth Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1849); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1848; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1850; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1852; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Whitcomb and served from January 11, 1853, to March 3, 1855; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1854; chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Thirty-third Congress); chief justice of the United States courts in the Territory of Kansas 1859-1861; judge of the supreme court of Indiana 1870-1877; died in LaFayette, Ind., January 17, 1877; interment in Greenbush Cemetery.

**PETTIT, John Upfold**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Fabius, Onondaga County, N.Y., September 11, 1820; received an academic education; attended Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1839; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1841 and commenced practice in Wabash, Wabash County, Ind.; American consul to Maranham, Brazil, 1850-1853; 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 Post Office Department (Thirty-fourth Congress); member of the State house of representatives in 1865 and served as speaker; judge of the twenty-seventh judicial district of Indiana 1872-1880; died in Wabash, Ind., March 21, 1881; interment in Falls Cemetery.

**PETTUS, Edmund Winston**, a Senator from Alabama; born in Limestone County, Ala., July 6, 1821; attended the common schools of Alabama and Clinton College in Smith County, Tenn.; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1842 and commenced practice in Gainesville, Ala.; elected solicitor for the seventh circuit in 1844; served as a lieutenant in the Mexican War; again solicitor 1853-1855; elected judge of the seventh circuit in 1855 but resigned in 1858 and moved to Dallas County; resumed the practice of law; served as envoy from Alabama to Mississippi during the formation of the Southern Confederacy; entered the Confederate Army as major in 1861; was made a brigadier general of Infantry in 1863 and served until the close of the Civil War; returned

to Selma, Ala., and practiced law; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1897; reelected in 1903 and served from March 4, 1897, until his death at Hot Springs, Madison County, N.C., July 27, 1907; interment in Live Oak Cemetery, Selma, Ala.

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**PEYSER, Peter A.**, a Representative from New York; born in Cedarhurst, Long Island, N.Y., September 7, 1921; attended the Cedarhurst and New York City public schools; graduated from Dwight Preparatory School, 1939; B.A., Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., 1943; enlisted in the United States Army as a private in 1943 and served in the European Theater; occupation duty in Germany with First Infantry Division; discharged in 1946, accepted commission as second lieutenant with the Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard, and later with rank of captain; manager, insurance agency in White Plains, N.Y., and New York City, 1956-1970; elected mayor of the Village of Irvington (N.Y.), in 1963; reelected in 1965, 1967, and 1969; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-second and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1971-January 3, 1977); was not a candidate in 1976 for reelection to the United States House of Representatives but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination to United States Senate; changed party affiliation to Democrat, effective April 1977; self employed as a pension consultant; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-sixth and to the Ninety-seventh Congresses (January 3, 1979-January 3, 1983); unsuccessful candidate in 1982 for reelection to the Ninety-eighth Congress; vice president of Landauer Advisors, a real estate consulting company; is a resident of Irvington, N.Y.

**PEYSER, Theodore Albert**, a Representative from New York; born in Charleston, W.Va., February 18, 1873; attended the public schools; engaged in various occupations until 1893, when he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and became employed as a traveling salesman, in which capacity he served until 1900; moved to New York City in 1900 and engaged in the life insurance business; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third, Seventy-fourth, and Seventy-fifth Congresses and served from March 4, 1933, until his death in New York City August 8, 1937; interment in United Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**PEYTON, Balie** (brother of Joseph Hopkins Peyton), a Representative from Tennessee; born near Gallatin, Tenn., November 26, 1803; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Gallatin in 1824; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress and reelected as a White supporter to the Twenty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); resumed the practice of law; moved to New Orleans in 1841, having been appointed United States attorney for the eastern district of Louisiana, which position he held for four years; served as aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. W.J. Worth during the Mexican War; appointed as Minister to Chile by President Taylor and served from August 9, 1849, to September 14, 1853, when he resigned; moved to San Francisco, Calif., in 1853 and continued the practice of law; prosecuting attorney of San Francisco 1853-1859; returned to Gallatin, Tenn., in 1859 and resumed the practice of law; presidential elector on the Constitutional-Union ticket of Bell and Everett in 1860; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1866 to the Fortieth Congress; member of the State senate, 1869-1871; resumed the practice of law; died on his



farm near Gallatin, Sumner County, Tenn., August 18, 1878; interment in the family burying ground on his estate.

**PEYTON, Joseph Hopkins** (brother of Balie Peyton), a Representative from Tennessee; born near Gallatin, Sumner County, Tenn., May 20, 1808; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from college in 1837; studied medicine and practiced; held various local offices; member of the State senate of Tennessee in 1840; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Congresses and served from March 4, 1843, until his death near Gallatin, Tenn., November 11, 1845; interment in the family burying ground near Gallatin, Sumner County, Tenn.

**PEYTON, Samuel Oldham**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Bullitt County, Ky., January 8, 1804; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from the medical department of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1827 and began practice in Hartford, Ohio County, Ky.; member of the State house of representatives in 1835; elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth Congress (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1849); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1848 to the Thirty-first Congress; elected to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1861); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1860; resumed the practice of medicine; died in Hartford, Ky., January 4, 1870; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**PFEIFER, Joseph Lawrence**, a Representative from New York; born in Brooklyn, Kings County, N.Y., February 6, 1892; attended St. Nicholas Parochial School, St. Leonard's Academy, and St. Francis College, Brooklyn, N.Y.; was graduated from Long Island (N.Y.) Medical College in 1914; was licensed to practice the same year; lecturer and author on surgical topics; during the First World War served on the medical advisory board, instructing medical officers going overseas; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fourth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1951); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1950 to the Eighty-second Congress; resumed the practice of medicine; retired; resided in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he died April 19, 1974; interment in St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, N.Y.

**PFEIFFER, William Louis**, a Representative from New York; born in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y., May 29, 1907; attended the public schools and graduated from Tech High School; timekeeper, American Radiator Co.; studied accounting; chief aide to New York State Republican Congressional Committee in 1938; member of New York State journal clerk's staff in 1939 and 1940; secretary of Erie County New York Republican committee in 1941 and 1942; county personnel officer of Erie County Board of Supervisors in 1942 and 1943; executive assistant to New York State comptroller 1943-1946; deputy comptroller of New York State 1946-1948; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-first Congress (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1951); was not a candidate for renomination in 1950; chairman of New York State Republican committee 1949-1953; director and chairman of the executive committee, Bank of North America, New York City, 1952-1966; Albany Savings Bank, trustee, 1955-1982, president, 1967-1971, chairman and chief executive officer, 1971-1975; manager of the gubernatorial campaigns of Nelson Rockefeller, 1962 and 1966; was a resident of Kattskill Bay, N.Y., until his death in Glens Falls, N.Y., on July 22, 1985; interment in Pineview Cemetery, Glens Falls, N.Y.

**PFOST, Gracie Bowers**, a Representative from Idaho; born in Harrison, Boone County, Ark., March 12, 1906;

moved with her parents to a farm in the Boise Valley, Idaho, in 1911; attended the public schools and graduated from Link's Business University, Boise, Idaho, in 1929; chemist for milk products company for two years; deputy county clerk, auditor, and recorder of Canyon County, Idaho, 1929-1939; treasurer of Canyon County 1941-1951; engaged in the real estate business in Nampa, Idaho, in 1951 and 1952; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1944, 1948, 1952, 1956, and 1960; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Congress in 1950; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-third and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1963); was not a candidate for renomination in 1962 to the Eighty-eighth Congress, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate; Special Assistant for Elderly Housing, Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D.C., from June 1963 until her death in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., August 11, 1965; interment in Meridian Cemetery, Meridian, Idaho.

**PHEIFFER, William Townsend**, a Representative from New York; born in Purcell, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), July 15, 1898; attended the public schools of Purcell, Ardmore, and Oklahoma City, Okla., and the University of Southern California at Los Angeles; during the First World War served as a private in the Cavalry, United States Army, in 1918; was graduated from the law department of the University of Oklahoma at Norman in 1919; was admitted to the bar the same year and practiced law in Sayre, Okla., 1923-1926; moved to Amarillo, Tex., in 1926 and continued the practice of law until 1939, when he moved to New York City; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1932 and to the Republican State conventions in 1936 and 1942; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-seventh Congress (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1943); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1942 to the Seventy-eighth Congress; entered the United States Army as a captain of Cavalry and served from March 12, 1943, to April 22, 1944; appointed counsel for the Petroleum Administration for War, Washington, D.C., on August 1, 1944, and served until February 8, 1945, when he resumed the private practice of law; executive assistant to the chairman of the Republican National Committee 1945-1948; United States Ambassador to Dominican Republic 1953-1957; was a resident of New York City until his death there August 16, 1986.

**PHELAN, James**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Aberdeen, Monroe County, Miss., December 7, 1856; moved with his father to Memphis, Tenn., in 1867; attended private schools and the Kentucky Military Institute near Frankfort in 1871; entered the University of Leipzig, Saxony, in 1874 and was graduated in February 1878; returned to Memphis; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in 1881; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses and served from March 4, 1887, until his death in Nassau, Bahama Islands, on January 30, 1891; interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn.

**PHELAN, James Duval**, a Senator from California; born in San Francisco, Calif., April 20, 1861; graduated from St. Ignatius University, San Francisco, in 1881; studied law at the University of California at Berkeley; engaged in banking; mayor of San Francisco 1897-1902; president of Relief and Red Cross Funds after the San Francisco earthquake disaster 1906; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1915, to March 3, 1921; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1920; chairman, Committee on Railroads (Sixty-fourth Congress), Committee

on Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands (Sixty-fifth Congress); traveled extensively in 1921 and 1922; chairman of the board of directors of the United Bank & Trust Co. at San Francisco; art collector; died at his country estate 'Villa Montalvo,' Saratoga, Santa Clara County, Calif., August 7, 1930; interment in the family mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery, San Mateo County, near San Francisco, Calif.

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**PHELAN, Michael Francis**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Lynn, Essex County, Mass., October 22, 1875; attended the public schools; was graduated from Lynn Classical High School, from the academic department of Harvard University in 1897, and from the law department of the same university in 1900; was admitted to the bar in 1900 and commenced practice in Lynn; member of the State house of representatives in 1905 and 1906; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1921); chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Sixty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1920 to the Sixty-seventh Congress; practiced law in Lynn and Boston, Mass., and Washington, D.C.; member of the Merrimac Valley Sewage Commission in 1937; appointed a member of the Massachusetts Labor Relations Board in 1937 and served until his death in Boston, Mass., October 12, 1941; interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lynn, Mass.

**PHELPS, Charles Edward**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Guilford, Windham County, Vt., May 1, 1833; moved with his parents to New Jersey in 1837 and to Maryland in 1841; pursued classical studies in St. Timothy's Hall, near Catonsville, Md., and was graduated from Princeton College in 1852; attended the law department of Harvard University; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Baltimore, Md., in 1855; elected a member of the city council in 1860; entered the Union Army August 20, 1862, as lieutenant colonel of the Seventh Regiment, Maryland Volunteers; was promoted to colonel April 13, 1864; awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor March 30, 1898, for action at Laurel Hill; elected as an Unconditional Unionist to the Thirty-ninth Congress and as a Conservative to the Fortieth Congress (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1869); resumed the practice of law in Baltimore, Md.; served as commissioner of public schools; judge on the supreme bench of the city of Baltimore 1882-1908; member of the law faculty of the University of Maryland 1884-1907; died in Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., December 27, 1908; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

**PHELPS, Darwin**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in East Granby, Conn., April 17, 1807; was left an orphan at an early age and went to live with his grandparents in Portage, Ohio, where he completed preparatory studies; attended Western University, Pittsburgh, Pa.; studied law in Pittsburgh, Pa.; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Kittanning, Pa., in 1835; member of the board of trustees of Kittanning Academy; member of the town council in 1841 and 1848; burgess in 1844, 1845, 1849, 1852, 1855, 1858, 1859, and 1861; unsuccessful Republican candidate for auditor general in 1856; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1860; major of the Twenty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, in 1862; member of the State house of representatives in 1865; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress

(March 4, 1869-March 3, 1871); was not a candidate for renomination in 1870; died in Kittanning, Pa., on December 14, 1879; interment in Kittanning Cemetery.

**PHELPS, David Dwain**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Eldorado, Saline County, Illinois, October 26, 1947; attended Eldorado Township High School, Eldorado, Ill.; B.S., Southern Illinois University, 1969; teacher; school administrator; clerk and recorder of Saline County, Ill., 1980-1984; member of the Illinois state general assembly, 1984-1998; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Sixth Congress and to the succeeding Congress (January 3, 1999-January 3, 2003); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eighth Congress in 2002.

**PHELPS, Elisha** (father of John Smith Phelps), a Representative from Connecticut; born in Simsbury, Hartford County, Conn., November 16, 1779; was graduated from Yale College in 1800 and from Litchfield (Conn.) Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1803 and began practice in Simsbury; member of the State house of representatives in 1807, 1812, and 1814-1818; elected to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); again a member of the State house of representatives in 1821 and served as speaker; served in the State senate 1822-1824; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1829); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1828; State comptroller 1831-1837; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1829 and 1835 and served as speaker in 1829; appointed a commissioner to revise and codify the State laws in 1835; died in Simsbury, Conn., April 6, 1847; interment in Hop Meadow Cemetery.

**PHELPS, James** (son of Lancelot Phelps), a Representative from Connecticut; born in Colebrook, Litchfield County, Conn., January 12, 1822; attended the public schools, the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn., Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and the law department of Yale College; was admitted to the bar in 1845 and commenced practice in Essex, Conn.; member of the State house of representatives in 1853, 1854, and 1856; served in the State senate in 1858 and 1859; judge of the superior court of Connecticut 1863-1873; judge of the supreme court of errors of the State from 1873 until his resignation in 1875; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1883); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1882; resumed the practice of law; again judge of the superior court 1885-1892; resumed the practice of his profession and also engaged in banking; delegate to several State conventions; died in Essex, Middlesex County, Conn., January 15, 1900; interment in River View Cemetery.

**PHELPS, John Smith** (son of Elisha Phelps), a Representative from Missouri; born in Simsbury, Hartford County, Conn., December 22, 1814; attended the common schools and was graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1832; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1835 and commenced practice in Simsbury; moved to Springfield, Greene County, Mo., in 1837; member of the State house of representatives in 1840; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1845-March 3, 1863); chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (Thirty-fifth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1862; during the Civil War enlisted as a private in Captain Coleman's Company of Missouri Infantry; promoted to lieutenant colonel October 2, 1861, and to colonel December 19, 1861; mustered out May 13, 1862; appointed by President Lincoln in July 1862 as Military Gov-

ernor of Arkansas; resumed the practice of his profession in Springfield; unsuccessful Democratic candidate in 1868 for Governor of Missouri; Governor of Missouri 1877-1881; resumed the practice of his profession; died in St. Louis, Mo., November 20, 1886; interment in Hazelwood Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.

**PHELPS, Lancelot** (father of James Phelps), a Representative from Connecticut; born in Windsor, Conn., November 9, 1784; moved with his father to Colebrook, Conn., in 1794; attended the common schools; studied medicine and commenced practice in Colebrook, Litchfield County, Conn.; also engaged in agricultural and mercantile pursuits in Hitchcockville (now Riverton), Conn.; returned to Colebrook; held various local offices; member of the State house of representatives in 1817, 1819-1821, 1824, 1827, 1828, and 1830; 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 Colebrook, Conn., September 1, 1866; interment in Center Cemetery, Winsted, Conn.

**PHELPS, Oliver**, a Representative from New York; born in Poquonock, Hartford County, Conn., October 21, 1749; completed preparatory studies; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Granville, Mass., in 1770; during the Revolution was deputy commissary in the Continental Army and served until the end of the war; settled in Suffield, Mass.; member of the Massachusetts state house of representatives 1778-1780; member of the constitutional convention in 1779 and 1780; served in the Massachusetts state senate in 1785; member of the Governor's council in 1786; assisted in the organization of the Phelps & Gorham syndicate in 1788 and acted as the representative of that company in the exploration of the Genesee country in western New York; first judge of Ontario County, N.Y., 1789-1793; moved to Canandaigua, N.Y., in 1802; elected as a Republican to the Eighth Congress (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1805); unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor of New York in 1804; died on February 21, 1809, in Canandaigua, N.Y.; interment in Pioneer Cemetery, Canandaigua, N.Y.

**PHELPS, Samuel Shethar**, a Senator from Vermont; born in Litchfield, Conn., May 13, 1793; graduated from Yale College in 1811; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Middlebury, Addison County, Vt., in 1812; served in the War of 1812 as paymaster; member, Vermont house of representatives 1821-1832; judge of the supreme court of Vermont 1832-1838; member, Vermont State senate 1838-1839; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate in 1839; reelected in 1845 and served from March 4, 1839, to March 3, 1851; chairman, Committee on the Militia (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Pensions (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Patents and the Patent Office (Twenty-eighth Congress), Committee on Territories (Twenty-eighth Congress); was appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Upham and served from January 17, 1853, until March 16, 1854, when the Senate declared that he was not entitled to the seat; died in Middlebury, Addison County, Vt., on March 25, 1855; interment in West Cemetery.

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**PHELPS, Timothy Guy**, a Representative from California; born in Oxford, Chenango County, N.Y., December 20, 1824; completed preparatory studies; moved to New York

City and engaged in mercantile pursuits; returned to Chenango County and began the study of law but discontinued it; moved to San Francisco, Calif., in December 1849; engaged in mining in Tuolumne County; returned to San Francisco and resumed mercantile pursuits; engaged in the real estate business in 1853; unsuccessful candidate for the State assembly in 1854; member of the State assembly from 1855 to 1857; served in the State senate 1858-1861; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1861; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); was not a candidate for renomination in 1862; resumed the real estate business until 1870; collector of customs at the port of San Francisco 1870-1872 and 1890-1893; engaged in agricultural pursuits; unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor in 1875; moved to San Mateo County; regent of the University of California at Berkeley from December 6, 1880, until his death; chairman of the board of regents of Lick Observatory for nineteen years; died near San Carlos, San Mateo County, Calif., June 11, 1899, following an accident in which he was struck by two boys on a tandem bicycle; interment in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Lawndale, San Mateo County, Calif.

**PHELPS, William Wallace**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Oakland County, Mich., June 1, 1826; attended the country schools; was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1846; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice; register of the United States land office at Red Wing, Goodhue County, Minn.; upon the admission of Minnesota as a State into the Union was elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth Congress and served from May 11, 1858, to March 3, 1859; resumed the practice of his profession in Red Wing, Minn.; died in Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Mich., August 3, 1873; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Red Wing, Minn.

**PHELPS, William Walter**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in New York City August 24, 1839; attended private schools near Bridgeport, Conn., and Mount Washington Institute, New York; was graduated from Yale College in 1860 and from the law department of Columbia College, New York City, in 1863; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New York City; retired from the practice of law in 1868; engaged in banking in New York City, with residence in Englewood, N.J.; also served as a director of numerous railroads; elected to the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1880 and 1884; Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Austria in 1881; relinquished the position in 1882; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1889); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1888; appointed by President Harrison one of the commissioners to represent the United States at the International Congress on the Samoan Question, which met in Berlin in 1889; appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Germany in 1889 and served until 1893; appointed a special judge of the court of errors and appeals of the State of New Jersey in 1893; died in Englewood, Bergen County, N.J., June 17, 1894; interment in the City Cemetery, Simsbury, Conn.

**PHILBIN, Philip Joseph**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Clinton, Worcester County, Mass., May 29, 1898; attended the public and high schools; during the First World War served as a seaman in the United States Navy 1917-1919; was graduated from Harvard University

in 1920 and from Columbia University Law School, New York City, in 1924; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Boston, Mass., and later in Clinton, Mass.; also engaged in the realty and fuel businesses and in agricultural pursuits; secretary, campaign manager, and personal representative at intervals for Senator David I. Walsh 1921-1940; special counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor 1934-1936; referee in the United States Department of Labor in 1936 and 1937; member of the advisory board of the Massachusetts Unemployment Compensation Commission 1937-1940; in 1935 became chairman of the town of Clinton Finance Committee; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-eighth and to the thirteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1971); chairman, Committee on Armed Services (Ninety-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1970 to the Ninety-second Congress; died at his home, Philcrest Farms, Bolton, Mass., June 14, 1972; interment in St. John's Cemetery, Lancaster, Mass.

**PHILIPS, John Finis**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Thralls Prairie, Boone County, Mo., December 31, 1834; attended the common schools, the University of Missouri at Columbia, and was graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1855; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in Georgetown, Pettis County, Mo.; member of the State constitutional convention in 1861; during the Civil War was commissioned colonel in 1862 and commanded the Seventh Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry; resumed the practice of his profession at Sedalia, Mo.; served as mayor; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1868; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1868 to the Forty-first Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); elected to the Forty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alfred M. Lay and served from January 10, 1880, to March 3, 1881; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1880 to the Forty-seventh Congress; moved to Kansas City, Mo., in 1881 and resumed the practice of law; commissioner of the Missouri Supreme Court 1883-1885; judge of the Kansas City Court of Appeals 1885-1888; appointed United States judge of the western district of Missouri by President Cleveland in 1888 and served until 1910, when he retired from public life; died at Hot Springs, Ark., March 13, 1919; interment in Mount Washington Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo.

**PHILLIPS, Alfred Noroton**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Darien, Fairfield County, Conn., April 23, 1894; attended the public schools, Betts Academy, Stamford, Conn., and Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn.; was graduated from Yale University in 1917; during the First World War served as a first lieutenant in the Field Artillery, United States Army, in 1917 and 1918, with overseas service; moved to Stamford, Conn., in 1918; served as major in the Connecticut National Guard Reserve 1928-1933; employed with the Charles H. Phillips Chemical Co. from early youth until 1923, and as publisher of a newspaper in Darien, Conn., after 1922; mayor of Stamford in 1923 and 1924, in 1927 and 1928, and 1935 and 1936; commander of the American Legion of Connecticut in 1919; member of the Democratic State Central committee; 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; resumed his publishing business in Darien, Conn., and the management of his dairy farm in Cecilton, Md.; was commissioned as a captain, Military Police, United States Army, and served from July 17, 1942, to August 16, 1944, with service in North Africa; died in

Stamford, Conn., January 18, 1970; interment in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Cecilton, Md.

**PHILLIPS, Dayton Edward**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Shell Creek, Carter County, Tenn., March 29, 1910; raised on a farm; attended the country school and Cloudland High School, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Milligan (Tenn.) College 1929-1931, and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, LL.B., 1934; taught school in Carter County, Tenn., in 1931 and 1932; was graduated from the National University Law School, Washington, D.C., J.D., 1936; was admitted to the bar in 1935 and commenced practice in Elizabethton, Tenn.; attorney for Carter County 1938-1942; district attorney general, first judicial circuit of Tennessee, 1942-1947; during the Second World War served as an enlisted man in the United States Army, with overseas service in the European Theater of Operations, 1943-1945; elected as a Republican to the Eightieth and Eighty-first Congresses (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1951); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1950; resumed the practice of law; chancellor of the First Chancery Court of Tennessee from 1952 until his death in Kingsport, Tenn., October 23, 1980; resided in Elizabethton, Tenn.; interment in Happy Valley Memorial Park.

**PHILLIPS, Fremont Orestes**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Lafayette, Medina County, Ohio, March 16, 1856; attended the public schools; moved to Medina, Ohio, in 1873; attended Medina High School, Medina Normal School, and Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and commenced practice in Medina, Ohio; justice of the peace; mayor of Medina 1886-1890; served as probate judge of Medina County 1892-1897; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1901); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1900; resumed the practice of law in Medina, Ohio; chairman of the Medina County Republican Central committee 1916-1934; again elected probate judge of Medina County in 1924; reelected in 1928 and served until 1932; died in Medina, Ohio, February 21, 1936; interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

**PHILLIPS, Henry Myer**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 30, 1811; attended the Philadelphia schools and Franklin Institute; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1832 and commenced practice in Philadelphia; clerk of the court of common pleas of Philadelphia; 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 in Philadelphia; trustee of Jefferson Medical College in 1862; appointed a member of the Board of Fairmount Park Commissioners in 1867 and elected its president in 1881; member of the Board of City Trusts in 1869, vice president of the board 1870-1878, and president 1878-1882; director of the Academy of Music in 1870 and its president in 1872, resigning in 1884; member of the commission to supervise the erection of the municipal buildings in Philadelphia in 1870, resigning in 1871; director of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. in 1874; died in Philadelphia, August 28, 1884; interment in Mount Sinai Cemetery, Frankford (Philadelphia), Pa.

**PHILLIPS, John**, a Representative from California; born in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pa., September 11, 1887; moved to St. David, Pa., in 1891; attended the public schools; was graduated from Haverford (Pa.) College in 1910; during the First World War served in the Adjutant General's Office and in Ordnance 1917-1919; moved to California in

1924; business analyst and rancher; member of the city council of Banning, Calif., 1930-1932; served in the State assembly 1932-1936; member of the State senate 1936-1942; member of the United States delegation to the Eleventh World's Dairy Congress in Berlin in 1937; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-eighth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1957); was not a candidate for renomination in 1956; delegate to Republican National Conventions in 1944, 1948, 1952, 1956, and 1960; member of the American Battle Monuments Commission 1952-1961; engaged as a public relations counselor; was a resident of Hemet, Calif., until his death in Palm Springs, Calif., December 18, 1983; interment in Desert Memorial Park, Cathedral City, Calif.

**PHILLIPS, John**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; was born in Chester County, Pa., birth date unknown; received a limited schooling; elected as a Federalist to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); death date unknown.

**PHILLIPS, Philip**, a Representative from Alabama; born in Charleston, S.C., December 13, 1807; pursued classical studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Charleston, S.C., December 14, 1828; member of the State constitutional convention in 1832; member of the State house of representatives in 1833 and 1834; moved to Mobile, Ala., and continued the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives in 1844 and 1851; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1852; 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; resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C., and died there on January 14, 1884; interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Savannah, Ga.

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**PHILLIPS, Stephen Clarendon**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Salem, Mass., November 4, 1801; was graduated from Harvard University in 1819; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Salem; member of the State house of representatives 1824-1829; served in the State senate in 1830; elected to the Twenty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rufus Choate; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses and served from December 1, 1834, to September 28, 1838, when he resigned; mayor of Salem 1838-1842; defeated as the Free-Soil candidate for Governor in 1848 and 1849; engaged in the lumber business in Canada; perished in the burning of the steamer *Montreal* on the St. Lawrence River June 26, 1857, and the remains were never recovered.

**PHILLIPS, Thomas Wharton** (father of Thomas Wharton Phillips, Jr.), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Mount Jackson in that section of Beaver County now included in Lawrence County, Pa., February 23, 1835; attended the common schools and was also privately instructed; engaged in the production of oil; president of the Producers' Protective Association 1887-1890; president of the Citizens' National Bank of New Castle; member of the board of trustees of Bethany College, West Virginia, and of Hiram College, Ohio; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1897); chairman, Committee on Labor (Fifty-fourth Congress); did not seek renomination in 1896; resumed his former pursuits; appointed a member of the United States Industrial Commission by President McKinley and served until its dissolu-

tion; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1908; died in New Castle, Pa., July 21, 1912; interment in Oak Park Cemetery, New Castle, Pa.

**PHILLIPS, Thomas Wharton, Jr.** (son of Thomas Wharton Phillips), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in New Castle, Lawrence County, Pa., November 21, 1874; attended the common schools; was graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., in 1894 and from the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, in 1897; engaged in the petroleum, natural-gas, and coal businesses; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1916; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1927); did not seek renomination for Congress in 1926; was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1926, 1930, and 1934; resumed his former occupation and was president of the Phillips Gas and Oil Co.; also a director of the Butler Consolidated Coal Co., and the Pennsylvania Investment and Real Estate Corp., of Butler; died at Phillips Hall, Penn Township, Butler County, Pa., January 2, 1956; interment in North Cemetery, Butler, Pa.

**PHILLIPS, William Addison**, a Representative from Kansas; born in Paisley, Scotland, January 14, 1824; attended the common schools of Paisley; immigrated to the United States in 1838 with his parents, who settled in Randolph County, Ill.; engaged in agricultural pursuits; employed as a newspaper correspondent 1845-1862; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1855 and commenced practice in Lawrence, Kans.; first justice of the supreme court under the Leavenworth constitution; founded the city of Salina, Kans., in 1858; during the Civil War raised some of the first troops in Kansas in 1861; was afterward commissioned colonel and served as commander of the Cherokee Indian Regiment; prosecuting attorney of Cherokee County in 1865; served in the State house of representatives in 1865; attorney for the Cherokee Indians at Washington, D.C.; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third, Forty-fourth, and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1879); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1878; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; died at Fort Gibson, Muskogee County, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), November 30, 1893; interment in Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina, Kans.

**PHILSON, Robert**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1759; immigrated to the United States and settled in Berlin, Pa., in 1785; received a limited schooling; engaged in agricultural pursuits; held various town and county offices; served as associate judge of Somerset County for twenty years; commissioned brigadier general of the Second Brigade, Tenth Division, Pennsylvania Militia, May 9, 1800; during the War of 1812 served as brigadier general of the Second Brigade, Twelfth Division, Pennsylvania Volunteers; elected to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); retired from public life and active pursuits; died in Berlin, Pa., July 25, 1831; interment in Reformed Church Cemetery.

**PHIPPS, Lawrence Cowle**, a Senator from Colorado; born in Amityville, Pa., August 30, 1862; moved with his parents to Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1867; attended the common schools; entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Co., advancing from clerk to first vice president; retired from active participation in the steel business in 1901; moved to Denver, Colo., and engaged in the investment business; donor of the Agnes Memorial Sanatorium in Denver; president of the Colorado Taxpayers' Protective League in 1913; chair-

man of the mountain division in the Red Cross campaign in 1917; member of the Colorado council of defense in 1918; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1918; reelected in 1924, and served from March 4, 1919, to March 3, 1931; was not a candidate for reelection in 1930; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Sixty-sixth Congress), Committee on Education and Labor (Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Congresses), Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation (Sixty-ninth and Seventieth Congresses), Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads (Seventy-first Congress); engaged in railroad and electric power investments; died in Santa Monica, Calif., March 1, 1958; interment in Fairmount Mausoleum, Denver, Colo.

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**PHISTER, Elijah Conner**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Maysville, Mason County, Ky., October 8, 1822; attended the Seminary of Rand and Richardson, Maysville, Ky., and was graduated from Augusta College, Kentucky, in August 1840; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in 1844; mayor of Maysville in 1848; circuit judge 1856-1862; member of the State house of representatives 1867-1871; appointed one of the commissioners to revise the State statutes in 1872 but declined; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); resumed the practice of law; died in Maysville, Ky., May 16, 1887; interment in the City Cemetery.

**PHOENIX, Jonas Phillips**, a Representative from New York; born in Morristown, Morris County, N.J., January 14, 1788; received a limited schooling; became a merchant in New York City; alderman of the first ward in 1840, 1842, and 1847; appointed a commissioner of the Croton Aqueduct Works in 1842; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1844; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1846 to the Thirtieth Congress; chairman of the Whig General Committee in 1846 and 1847; member of the State assembly in 1848; elected to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); renominated in 1850 but declined to be a candidate; died in New York City May 4, 1859; interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Morristown, N.J.

**PICKENS, Andrew** (grandfather of Francis Wilkinson Pickens), a Representative from South Carolina; born in Paxton, Bucks County, Pa., September 13, 1739; attended the common schools; moved with his parents to the Waxhaw settlement in South Carolina in 1752; served in the provincial militia in the campaign against the Cherokee Indians in 1760; entered the Revolutionary Army as captain of militia and attained the rank of brigadier general; commanded an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in 1782; member of the State house of representatives 1781-1794; one of the commissioners named to settle the boundary line between South Carolina and Georgia in 1787; member of the State constitutional convention in 1790; elected to the Third Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1795); appointed major general of militia in 1795; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1797; member of the State house of representatives 1800-1812; declined the nomination for Governor in 1812; died in Tomassee, Pendleton District, S.C., August 11, 1817; interment in Old Stone Churchyard, near Pendleton, S.C.

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**PICKENS, Francis Wilkinson** (grandson of Andrew Pickens), a Representative from South Carolina; born on a plantation on the Toogoodoo River, St. Paul's Parish, Colleton District, S.C., April 7, 1805; completed preparatory studies; attended Franklin College, Athens, Ga., and was graduated from South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) at Columbia; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Edgefield District in 1829; engaged in planting; member of the State house of representatives 1832-1833; elected as a Nullifier to the Twenty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George McDuffie; reelected to the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses and as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Congresses and served from December 8, 1834, to March 3, 1843; chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs (Twenty-sixth Congress); member of the State senate 1844-1846; member of the Nashville southern convention in 1850; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1856; unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate in 1857 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Andrew P. Butler; Minister to Russia 1858-1860; Governor of South Carolina 1860-1862; died in Edgefield, Edgefield County, S.C., January 25, 1869; interment in Edgefield Cemetery.

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**PICKENS, Israel**, a Representative from North Carolina and a Senator from Alabama; born near Concord, Mecklenburg (now Cabarrus) County, N.C., January 30, 1780; moved to Burke County, N.C.; received instruction from private teachers and graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in 1802; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced; member, North Carolina State senate 1808-1809; elected as a Republican from North Carolina to the Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1817); register of the land office of Mississippi Territory (which included the present State of Alabama) 1817-1821; Governor of Alabama 1821-1825; appointed to the United States Senate from Alabama to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Chambers and served from February 17, 1826, to November 27, 1826, when a successor was elected; was not a candidate for election to the vacancy; declined an appointment as judge of the United States Court for the District of Alabama in 1826; died near Matanzas, Cuba, on April 24, 1827; interment in the family cemetery near Greensboro, Hale County, Ala.

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**PICKERING, Charles W. (Chip), Jr.**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Laurel, Jones County, Miss., August 10, 1963; graduated from R.H. Watkins High School, Laurel, Miss.; B.A., University of Mississippi, University, Miss., 1986; M.B.A., Baylor University, Waco, Tex., 1989; staff for United States Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi, 1992-1996; United States Department of Agriculture, 1989-1990; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

**PICKERING, Timothy**, a Senator and a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Salem, Mass., July 17, 1745; attended the grammar school and graduated from Harvard College in 1763; clerk in the office of register of deeds in Salem; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1768 and commenced practice in Salem; selectman and assessor 1772-1777; member of Committee on State of Rights of Colonists

1773; member of Committee of Correspondence and Safety 1774-1775; held various local offices; elected to the State legislature in 1776; entered the Revolutionary Army as colonel; appointed adjutant general and elected as a member of Board of War in 1777; became Quartermaster General of the Army in 1780; moved to Philadelphia in 1785 and to Wyoming County, Pa., in 1787; member of the Pennsylvania State constitutional convention 1789-1790; special government agent on missions to the Indians; appointed Postmaster General in the administration of President George Washington in 1791, as Secretary of War in 1795, and as Secretary of State 1795-1800; returned to Massachusetts in 1802; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1802 to the Eighth Congress; appointed chief justice of court of common pleas and general sessions of the peace in 1802; elected to the United States Senate as a Federalist in 1803 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dwight Foster; reelected and served from March 4, 1803, to March 3, 1811; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1811; censured by the Senate in 1811 for breach of confidence; member of the executive council of Massachusetts 1812-1813; elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); declined to be a candidate for renomination; returned to his farm near Wenham, Mass.; returned to Salem in 1820; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Seventeenth Congress; died in Salem, Essex County, Mass., January 29, 1829; interment in Broad Street Cemetery.

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**PICKETT, Charles Edgar,** a Representative from Iowa; born near Bonaparte, Van Buren County, Iowa, January 14, 1866; attended the common schools; was graduated from Iowa State University at Iowa City in 1888 and from its law department in 1890; was admitted to the bar in 1890 and commenced practice in Waterloo, Iowa; vice president of the Pioneer National Bank; regent of the State University of Iowa 1896-1909; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congresses (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1913); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1912 to the Sixty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law in Waterloo, Iowa; chairman of the Republican State conventions in 1899 and 1916; delegate at large to the Republican National Convention in 1920; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator in 1926; died in Waterloo, Iowa, July 20, 1930; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

**PICKETT, Owen Bradford,** a Representative from Virginia; born in Richmond, Va., August 31, 1930; attended public schools; B.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, 1952; LL.B., University of Richmond Law School, 1955; admitted to the Virginia State bar in 1955 and commenced practice in Richmond; member, Virginia house of delegates, 1972-1986; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundredth and six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1987-January 3, 2001); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

**PICKETT, Thomas Augustus,** a Representative from Texas; born in Travis, Falls County, Tex., August 14, 1906; attended the public schools of Palestine, Tex., and the University of Texas at Austin; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1929 and commenced practice in Palestine, Tex.; county attorney of Anderson County 1931-1935; district attorney of the third judicial district of Texas 1935-1945; elect-

ed as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth Congress; reelected to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1945, until his resignation June 30, 1952; vice president of the National Coal Association from July 1, 1952, to March 31, 1961; vice president of the Association of American Railroads, April 1, 1961, to November 30, 1967; resided in Leesburg, Fla., until his death there June 7, 1980; cremated; ashes interred at St. James Episcopal Church.

**PICKLE, James Jarrell (Jake),** a Representative from Texas; born in Big Spring, Howard County, Tex., October 11, 1913; educated in the public schools of Big Spring, Tex.; B.A., University of Texas, Austin, Tex., 1938; United States Navy, served three and a half years; area director, National Youth Administration, 1938-1941; radio business; public relations executive; director of Texas state Democratic executive committee, 1957-1960; member of Texas Employment Commission, 1961-1963; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Homer Thornberry, and reelected to the fifteen succeeding Congresses (December 21, 1963-January 3, 1995); not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fourth Congress in 1994.

**PICKLER, John Alfred,** a Representative from South Dakota; born near Salem, Washington County, Ind., January 24, 1844; moved with his father to Davis County, Iowa; attended the district school; during the Civil War entered the Union Army and served in the Third Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Cavalry and as major in the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Cavalry; was graduated from the University of Iowa at Iowa City in 1870; attended the Chicago University Law School in 1871 and was graduated from the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Law School in 1872; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Kirksville, Mo.; elected district attorney of Adair County, Mo., in 1872; moved to Muscatine, Iowa, in 1874; member of the State legislature 1881-1883; moved to the Territory of Dakota in 1883; elected to the Dakota Legislature in 1884; upon the admission of South Dakota as a State into the Union was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from November 2, 1889, to March 3, 1897; chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions (Fifty-fourth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1896; resumed the practice of his profession; also engaged in the real estate business; died in Faulkton, Faulk County, S.Dak., on June 13, 1910; interment in Faulkton Cemetery.

**PICKMAN, Benjamin, Jr.,** a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Salem, Mass., September 30, 1763; was graduated from Harvard University in 1784; studied law in Newburyport, Mass., and was admitted to the bar, but soon relinquished the practice of law and engaged in commercial pursuits; member of the State house of representatives 1797-1802, 1812, and 1813; served in the State senate in 1803; member of the executive council of the State in 1805, 1808, 1813, 1814, and 1819-1821; elected as a Federalist to the Eleventh Congress (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1811); was not a candidate for renomination in 1810; member of the convention to revise the constitution of the State of Massachusetts in 1820; overseer of Harvard University 1810-1818; president of the board of directors of the Theological School at Cambridge; died in Salem, Essex County, Mass., August 16, 1843; interment in Broad Street Cemetery.

**PIDCOCK, James Nelson** (cousin of Alvah Augustus Clark), a Representative from New Jersey; born in

Whitehouse, Hunterdon County, N.J., February 8, 1836; attended the district schools and Lebanon Grammar School, Lebanon, N.J.; engaged in civil engineering 1850-1857; engaged in agricultural pursuits and was also a dealer in livestock after 1857; member of the State senate from Hunterdon County, N.J., 1877-1880; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1884 and 1888; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); was not a candidate for renomination in 1888; again resumed his agricultural pursuits; built the Georgia Northern Railroad in southern Georgia, where he owned large timber tracts; served as president of the board of managers of the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane 1891-1896; was an orchardist in New Jersey; died at Whitehouse Station, N.J., on December 17, 1899; interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Lebanon, Hunterdon County, N.J.

**PIERCE, Charles Wilson**, a Representative from Alabama; born in Benton, Yates County, N.Y., October 7, 1823; completed preparatory studies; moved with his father to Sandusky, Ohio, in 1829, and from there to Huntsville, Ohio, in 1847; moved to Havana, Ill., in 1855; during the Civil War enlisted in Company B, Eighty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was elected first lieutenant; appointed quartermaster June 14, 1864; commissioned major in 1865; settled in Demopolis, Ala.; held various public offices; upon the readmission of Alabama to representation was elected as a Republican to the Fortieth Congress and served from July 21, 1868, to March 3, 1869; declined to be a candidate for renomination; moved to Nebraska in 1872; member of the Nebraska State constitutional convention in 1875; elected to the State senate in 1877 and re-elected in 1880; resigned in 1881 to become register of the United States land office, which position he held until May 1886; returned to his farm; died in Hastings, Fla., February 18, 1907; interment in the family plot on the home farm near Waverly, Lancaster County, Nebr.

**PIERCE, Franklin**, a Representative and a Senator from New Hampshire and 14th President of the United States; born in Hillsborough, N.H., November 23, 1804; attended the academies of Hancock and Frankestown, N.H.; prepared for college at Exeter and graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1824; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Hillsborough in 1827; member, State general court 1829-1833, and served as speaker 1832-1833; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1837, to February 28, 1842, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Twenty-sixth Congress); resumed the practice of law in Concord; district attorney for New Hampshire; declined the appointment as Attorney General of the United States tendered by President James Polk; served in the Mexican War as a colonel and brigadier general; member of the New Hampshire State constitutional convention in 1850 and served as its president; elected President of the United States on the Democratic ticket and served from March 4, 1853, to March 3, 1857; resumed the practice of law; died in Concord, N.H., October 8, 1869; interment in Minat Inclosure, Old North Cemetery.

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**PIERCE, Gilbert Ashville**, a Senator from North Dakota; born in East Otto, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., January

11, 1839; attended the public schools; moved to Indiana in 1854 and settled near Valparaiso; attended the University of Chicago Law School two years; during the Civil War enlisted as a second lieutenant, rose to lieutenant colonel and chief quartermaster; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Valparaiso in 1865; member, State house of representatives 1869; assistant financial clerk of the United States Senate 1869-1871; resigned to accept an editorial position on the Chicago Inter-Ocean, serving as associate editor and managing editor for twelve years; became associated with the Chicago News in 1883; author of several books and plays; Governor of Dakota Territory 1884-1886, when he resigned; upon the admission of North Dakota as a State into the Union was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from November 21, 1889, to March 3, 1891; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; moved to Minneapolis, Minn.; purchased the Minneapolis Tribune and became its editor in chief in 1891; moved to Florida, then Colorado; appointed Minister to Portugal in 1893, but soon resigned due to illness; died in Chicago, Ill., February 15, 1901; interment in Adams Cemetery, near Valparaiso, Ind.

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**PIERCE, Henry Lillie**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Stoughton, Norfolk County, Mass., August 23, 1825; pursued classical studies; attended the State normal school at Bridgewater, Mass.; engaged in manufacturing; member of the State house of representatives 1860-1862 and in 1866; member of the Boston Board of Aldermen in 1870 and 1871; mayor of Boston in 1873; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Whiting; reelected to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from December 1, 1873, to March 3, 1877; declined to be a candidate for renomination; again mayor of Boston in 1878; died in Boston, Mass., December 17, 1896; interment in Dorchester Burying Ground, Dorchester, Mass.

**PIERCE, Ray Vaughn**, a Representative from New York; born in Stark, Herkimer County, N.Y., August 6, 1840; attended public and private schools; was graduated from the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1862; practiced medicine in Titusville, Pa., 1862-1866; moved to Buffalo, N.Y., in 1867; engaged in the manufacture and sale of proprietary medicines and established the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute; member of the State senate 1877-1879; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth Congress and served from March 4, 1879, to September 18, 1880, when he resigned; was publisher of the Medical Adviser and also a manufacturer; died on St. Vincents Island, Fla., February 4, 1914; interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

**PIERCE, Rice Alexander**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Dresden, Weakley County, Tenn., July 3, 1848; attended the common schools in Tennessee; during the Civil War served in the Confederate States Army with the Eighth Tennessee Cavalry; after the war attended school in London, Canada; studied law in Halifax, N.C.; was admitted to the bar of the supreme court in Raleigh, N.C., in 1868 and commenced practice in Union City, Obion County, Tenn., in 1869; served as mayor in 1872; elected district attorney general of the twelfth judicial circuit in 1874; re-elected in 1878 and served until 1883; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1884; elected 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; elected to the Fifty-fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1905); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1904 to the Fifty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Union City, Tenn.; chairman of the Democratic State campaign committee in 1929; died in Union City, Tenn., July 12, 1936; interment in the City Cemetery.

**PIERCE, Wallace Edgar**, a Representative from New York; born in the town of Black Brook, Clinton County, N.Y., December 9, 1881; attended the rural schools; was graduated from Plattsburg (N.Y.) State Normal School in 1903; taught school in Clinton County and in Ogdensburg; served as secretary to Congressman George R. Malby 1909-1912 and to Congressman Edwin A. Merritt 1912-1914; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1913 and commenced practice in Plattsburg, N.Y., in 1914; member of the State assembly 1916-1920; served as president of the board of visitors of the Plattsburg State Normal School 1926-1940; chairman of the Clinton County Republican committee 1926-1940; member of the New York State Republican executive committee 1934-1940; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth Congress and served from January 3, 1939, until his death in Washington, D.C., January 3, 1940; interment in Riverside Cemetery, Plattsburg, N.Y.

**PIERCE, Walter Marcus**, a Representative from Oregon; born on a farm near Morris, Grundy County, Ill., May 30, 1861; attended the common schools, Morris (Ill.) Academy, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; taught school in Grundy County, Ill., 1877-1880, and in Franklin County, Kans., in 1881; moved to Oregon and taught school in Milton and Weston, Umatilla County, 1883-1890; superintendent of schools of Umatilla County, Oreg., 1886-1890; county clerk of Umatilla County 1890-1894; was graduated from the law department of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1896; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Pendleton, Oreg., 1895-1907; engaged in banking and in the power and light business 1898-1907; operated stock and wheat farms 1907-1937; served in the Oregon senate 1903-1907 and 1917-1921; Governor of Oregon 1923-1927; member of the board of regents of Oregon State College 1905-1927; delegate to all Democratic State conventions from 1890 to 1908; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1920, 1932, and 1936; Democratic National committeeman from Oregon 1932-1936; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1943); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1942 to the Seventy-eighth Congress; died at his home in Eola Hills, west of Salem, Oreg., March 27, 1954; remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in Mount Crest Abbey Mausoleum, Salem, Oreg.

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**PIERCE, William**, a Delegate from Georgia; born in that State in 1740; completed preparatory studies; served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War as aide-de-camp to Gen. Nathanael Greene; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Savannah, Ga.; member of the State house of representatives in 1786; member of the Continental Congress in 1787; delegate from Georgia to the Federal Convention at Philadelphia in 1787; was an original member and vice president of the Society of the Cincinnati; trustee of

Chatham County Academy at the time of his death; died in Savannah, Ga., December 10, 1789.

**PIERSON, Isaac**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Orange, Essex County, N.J., August 15, 1770; attended private schools; was graduated from Princeton College in 1789; studied medicine; was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and commenced practice in Orange, N.J.; elected assessor of Orange April 13, 1807, and served one year; sheriff of Essex County 1807-1809; president of the Medical Society of New Jersey in 1827; elected to the Twentieth and Twenty-first Congresses (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1831); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1830 to the Twenty-second Congress; died in Orange, N.J., September 22, 1833; interment in Old Burying Ground; reinterment in Rosedale Cemetery in 1840.

**PIERSON, Jeremiah Halsey**, a Representative from New York; born in Newark, N.J., September 13, 1766; moved with his parents to Richmond, Mass., in 1772; attended the public schools of Richmond and Stockbridge, Mass., and completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Massachusetts; moved to New York in 1795 and settled in Ramapo; practiced law and engaged in mercantile pursuits and manufacturing; justice of the peace 1800-1811; associate justice of the court of common pleas in 1808; largely instrumental in securing the construction of the Erie Railroad; elected to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823); was not a candidate for renomination in 1822; resumed his former business pursuits; delegate to the National-Republican Convention at Baltimore in 1831; died in Ramapo, Rockland County, N.Y., December 12, 1855; interment in Ramapo Cemetery.

**PIERSON, Job**, a Representative from New York; born in East Hampton, Suffolk County, N.Y., September 23, 1791; attended the common schools; was graduated from Williams College in 1811; studied law in Salem and Schaghticoke; was admitted to the bar in 1815 and commenced practice in Rensselaer County; district attorney 1824-1833; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1835); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1834 to the Twenty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law; surrogate of Rensselaer County 1835-1840; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1848, 1852, and 1856; died in Troy, N.Y., April 9, 1860; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**PIGOTT, James Protus**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in New Haven, Conn., September 11, 1852; attended the common schools and was graduated from Yale College in 1878 and from the law school of the same institution in 1880; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and commenced practice in New Haven, Conn.; served as city clerk of New Haven 1881-1884; member of the State house of representatives in 1885 and 1886; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1888 and 1900; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-third Congress (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1895); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Fifty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in New Haven, Conn., July 1, 1919; interment in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**PIKE, Austin Franklin**, a Representative and a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Hebron, N.H., October 16, 1819; pursued an academic course; studied law; admitted to the bar of Merrimack County in 1845; member, State house of representatives 1850-1852, 1865-1866, and served as speaker during the last two years; member, State senate 1857-1858, serving as president the last year; 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; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1883, until his death; chairman, Committee on Claims (Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses); died in Franklin, Merrimack County, N.H., October 8, 1886; interment in Franklin Cemetery.

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**PIKE, Frederick Augustus**, a Representative from Maine; born in Calais, Maine, December 9, 1816; attended the common schools and the Washington Academy, East Machias, Maine; was graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1837; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Calais, Washington County, in 1840; mayor of Calais in 1852 and 1853; member of the State house of representatives 1858-1860 and served as speaker in 1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1869); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Congresses), Committee on Naval Affairs (Fortieth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1868; resumed the practice of law; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1870 and 1871; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; died in Calais, Maine, December 2, 1886; interment in Calais Cemetery.

**PIKE, James**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Salisbury, Essex County, Mass., November 10, 1818; pursued classical studies; studied theology at the Wesleyan University, Connecticut, 1837-1839; served as a minister from 1841 to 1854; moved to Pembroke, N.H., in 1854; elected as the candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress and reelected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1859); was not a candidate for renomination in 1858; during the Civil War served as colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, from November 1, 1862, to August 20, 1863; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New Hampshire in 1871; resumed preaching and became presiding elder of the Dover district; discontinued active duties in 1886 and lived in retirement until his death in Newfields, Rockingham County, N.H., July 26, 1895; interment in Locust Cemetery.

**PIKE, Otis Grey**, a Representative from New York; born in Riverhead, Suffolk County, N.Y., August 31, 1921; attended the public schools; A.B., Princeton University, 1946; LL.B., Columbia University Law School, 1948; served as a Marine Corps pilot in the Pacific Theater, 1942-1946; awarded five air medals; justice of the peace of the town of Riverhead, 1954-1960; member of the Riverhead Town Board, 1954-1960; lawyer; private practice; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-seventh and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1961-January 3, 1979); chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence (Ninety-fourth Congress); not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978; president, South Oaks Hospital, Amityville, N.Y.; syndicated columnist, *Newhouse newspapers*, 1979-1999; is a resident of Vero Beach, Fla.

**PILCHER, John Leonard**, a Representative from Georgia; born on a farm near Meigs, Thomas County, Ga., August 27, 1898; attended the public schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits for thirty-five years; also operated general mercantile business, cotton gin, warehouses, fertilizer manu-

facturing plant, and syrup canning plant; mayor and councilman of Meigs, Ga.; member of the board of education and a county commissioner; member of the State house of representatives; member of the State senate 1940-1944; State purchasing agent in 1948 and 1949; delegate, each State and National Democratic Convention for thirty years; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E.E. Cox; reelected to the Eighty-fourth and the four succeeding Congresses and served from February 4, 1953, to January 3, 1965; was not a candidate for renomination in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; resided in Meigs, Ga., where he died August 20, 1981; interment in Meigs Sunset Cemetery.

**PILE, William Anderson**, a Representative from Missouri; born near Indianapolis, Ind., February 11, 1829; completed preparatory studies; studied theology and became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of the Missouri conference; during the Civil War entered the Union Army; commissioned chaplain of the First Regiment, Missouri Light Artillery, June 12, 1861; lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-third Regiment, Missouri Infantry, September 5, 1862; colonel December 23, 1862; brigadier general of Volunteers December 26, 1863; brevetted major general April 9, 1865; elected as a Republican to the Fortieth Congress (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1869); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Fortieth Congress); unsuccessful for reelection in 1868 to the Forty-first Congress; Governor of New Mexico in 1869 and 1870; Minister Resident to Venezuela from 1871 to 1874, when he resigned; died in Monrovia, Calif., July 7, 1889; interment in Live Oak Cemetery.

**PILES, Samuel Henry**, a Senator from Washington; born near Smithland, Livingston County, Ky., December 28, 1858; attended private schools in Smithland, Ky.; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Snohomish, Territory of Washington, in 1883; moved to Spokane, Wash., in 1886 and later in the same year to Seattle, where he engaged in the practice of law; assistant prosecuting attorney for the third judicial district of the Territory of Washington 1887-1889; city attorney of Seattle 1888-1889; general counsel of the Pacific Coast Co. 1895-1905; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1905, to March 3, 1911; was not a candidate for renomination in 1910; chairman, Committee on Coast and Insular Survey (Fifty-ninth through Sixty-first Congresses); resumed the practice of law in Seattle, Wash.; appointed by President Warren Harding as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Colombia 1922-1928; retired from active pursuits and moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he died March 11, 1940; interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Seattle, Wash.

**PILLION, John Raymond**, a Representative from New York; born in Conneaut, Ashtabula County, Ohio, August 10, 1904; moved to Lackawanna, N.Y., in 1907; attended the public schools of Lackawanna, South Park High School at Buffalo, and Cornell School of Engineering; graduated from Cornell University, LL.B., 1927; was admitted to the bar in 1928 and commenced practice of law in Lackawanna, N.Y., in 1929; served as city court judge 1932-1936; corporation counsel and tax attorney, city of Lackawanna, 1936-1941; president and treasurer of Bison Storage & Warehouse Corp., Buffalo, N.Y., 1945-1953; operator of a fruit and vegetable farm in Niagara County since 1935; member of the State assembly 1941-1950; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1965); unsuccessful candidate for reelec-

tion in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law and practiced until 1968; unsuccessful candidate in 1968 for election to the Ninety-first Congress; resided in Hamburg, N.Y., until his death in Eden, N.Y., December 31, 1978; interment in Lakeside Memorial Park, Town of Hamburg, N.Y.

**PILSBURY, Timothy**, a Representative from Texas; born in Newburyport, Mass., April 12, 1789; attended the common schools; employed in a store for about two years; became a sailor and during the War of 1812 commanded the privateer *Yankee*; engaged in shipping; settled in Eastport, Maine; member of the Maine house of representatives in 1825 and 1826; member of the executive council 1827-1836; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1836 to the Twenty-fifth Congress; moved to Ohio, thence to New Orleans, La., and later to Brazoria, Tex.; member of the house of representatives of the Republic of Texas in 1840 and 1841 and served in the senate of that Republic in 1842; chief justice of the county court; judge of probate for Brazoria County; again a member of the Texas senate in 1845; upon the admission of Texas as a State into the Union was elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Congresses and served from March 30, 1846, to March 3, 1849; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1848 to the Thirty-first Congress; died in Henderson, Rusk County, Tex., November 23, 1858; interment in the City Cemetery.

**PINCKNEY, Charles** (father of Henry Laurens Pinckney), a Delegate, a Senator and a Representative from South Carolina; born in Charles Town (now Charleston), S.C., October 26, 1757; pursued classical studies; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in 1779; member of the State house of representatives 1779-1780, 1786-1789, 1792-1796, 1805, 1806, 1810-1814; fought in the Revolutionary War and was taken prisoner by the British in 1780; Member of the Continental Congress 1785-1787; member of the Constitutional Convention in 1787; member of the State constitutional conventions in 1788 and 1790 and served as president; Governor of South Carolina 1789-1792, and 1796-1798; was elected in 1798 as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Hunter and also for the full term expiring March 3, 1805, and served from December 6, 1798, until his resignation in 1801; Minister to Spain 1801-1804; again served in the State general assembly and as Governor of South Carolina 1806-1808; elected to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); resumed the practice of law and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Charleston, S.C., October 29, 1824; interment in St. Philip's Churchyard.

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**PINCKNEY, Henry Laurens** (son of Charles Pinckney), a Representative from South Carolina; born in Charleston, S.C., September 24, 1794; attended private schools; was graduated from South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) at Columbia in 1812; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Charleston; member of the State house of representatives 1816-1832; founded the Charleston Mercury in 1819 and was its sole editor for fifteen years; intendant of Charleston 1830-1832; elected as a Nullifier to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1836; mayor of Charleston 1837-1840; collector of the port of Charleston in 1841 and

1842; tax collector of St. Philip's and St. Michael's parishes 1845-1863; died in Charleston, S.C., February 3, 1863; interment in the Circular Congregational Church Burying Ground.

**PINCKNEY, John McPherson**, a Representative from Texas; born in Grimes County, Tex., near the town of Hempstead, Waller County, May 4, 1845; attended the public schools and was privately instructed; enlisted as a private in the Confederate Army and served in Company D, Fourth Texas Brigade, until the close of the Civil War, attaining the rank of first lieutenant; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1875 and commenced practice in Hempstead, Tex.; district attorney for the twenty-third judicial district of Texas 1890-1900; county judge of Waller County 1900-1903; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas H. Ball; reelected to the Fifty-ninth Congress and served from November 17, 1903, until April 24, 1905, when he was assaulted and killed at Hempstead, Tex.; interment in the City Cemetery at Hempstead.

**PINCKNEY, Thomas**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Charleston, S.C., October 23, 1750; attended Westminster School, Oxford, England, and was graduated from Oxford University, England; also attended the French Military College, Caen, France, for one year; studied law at the Inner Temple, London; was admitted to the bar in 1774 and commenced practice in Charleston, S.C.; captain of Engineers, First Regiment, Continental Army, in 1775; major in the Florida campaign in 1778; served under Gen. Benjamin Lincoln in 1778 and 1779 and with Count d'Estaing in 1779; served in the defense of Charleston; Governor of South Carolina 1787-1789; presided over the State ratification convention in 1788; member of the State house of representatives in 1791; United States Minister to Great Britain from January 12, 1792, to July 28, 1796; also Envoy Extraordinary to Spain from November 24, 1794, to November 1795 and negotiated the treaty settling the boundary between the United States and East and West Florida and between the United States and Louisiana; elected as a Federalist to the Fifth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William L. Smith; reelected to the Sixth Congress and served from November 23, 1797, to March 3, 1801; one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1798 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against William Blount, a Senator from Tennessee; resumed the practice of law and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; appointed major general in the War of 1812 and served throughout the war; president general of the Society of the Cincinnati 1825-1828; died in Charleston, S.C., November 2, 1828; interment in St. Philip's Churchyard.

**PINDALL, James**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Monongalia County, Va. (now West Virginia), about 1783; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1803 and practiced in Morgantown; moved to Clarksburg and continued the practice of his profession; held various local offices; served in the State senate 1808-1812; was colonel of militia; elected as a Federalist to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1817, until his resignation on July 26, 1820; died in Clarksburg, Harrison County, Va. (now West Virginia), November 22, 1825; interment in what was known as the Daniel Davisson burial ground in Clarksburg, W.Va.

**PINDAR, John Sigsbee**, a Representative from New York; born in Sharon, Schoharie County, N.Y., November 18, 1835; attended the common schools and Richmondville

Seminary; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1865; president of the village of Cobleskill 1882-1884; chairman of the Democratic county committee for ten years; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1887); delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888; resumed the practice of law in Cobleskill, N.Y.; unsuccessful candidate in 1888 for election to the Fifty-first Congress; subsequently elected to the Fifty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of David Wilber and served from November 4, 1890, to March 3, 1891; resumed the practice of law; died in Cobleskill, Schoharie County, N.Y., June 30, 1907; interment in Cobleskill Cemetery.

**PINE, William Bliss**, a Senator from Oklahoma; born in Bluffs, Scott County, Ill., December 30, 1877; attended the public schools; taught school three years; employed as a salesman of harvesters; moved to Chanute, Kans., and was employed in the oil producing business, moved to Oklahoma in 1904 and continued in the oil industry; in 1909 located in Okmulgee, Okla., where he eventually became extensively engaged in the production of oil; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1925, to March 3, 1931; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1930; resumed his former business pursuits; unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1934; died in Okmulgee, Okla., August 25, 1942; was the Republican nominee for the United States Senate at the time of his death; interment in Okmulgee Cemetery.

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**PIÑERO, Jesús T.**, a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico; born in Carolina, P.R., April 16, 1897; attended the grade schools, Colegio Janer (a private school), Baltimore, Md., and the School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts, University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, in 1914; engaged in agricultural pursuits and in the sugarcane and dairy industries 1920-1944; member and president of the municipal assembly at Carolina, P.R., 1928-1932; member of the Puerto Rico House of Representatives 1940-1944; delegate to the Popular Democratic Convention at San Juan, P.R., in 1940; elected as a Popular Democrat a Resident Commissioner to the United States and served from January 3, 1945, until his resignation on September 2, 1946, having been appointed Governor of Puerto Rico, serving until December 1948; died in Loiza, P.R., November 19, 1952; interment in Carolina Cemetery, Carolina, P.R.

**PINKNEY, William**, a Representative and a Senator from Maryland; born in Annapolis, Md., March 17, 1764; pursued classical studies; studied medicine but did not practice; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1786 and commenced practice in Harford County, Md.; member of the State constitutional ratification convention in 1788; member, State house of delegates 1789-1792; elected to the Second Congress and served from March 4, 1791, to November of that year, when he resigned due to questions of ineligibility; member, executive council of Maryland 1792-1795; member, State house of delegates 1795; appointed by President George Washington as one of the commissioners to London under the Jay Treaty 1796-1804; attorney general of Maryland 1805; Joint Minister to Great Britain with James Monroe 1806-1807, and Minister Plenipotentiary 1807-1811; returned to Baltimore, Md.; appointed Attorney General of the United States in the Cabinet of President James Madison 1811-1814; served

as a major in the Maryland militia during the War of 1812 and was wounded at the Battle of Bladensburg, Md., in August 1814; elected to the Fourteenth Congress and served from March 4, 1815, to April 18, 1816, when he resigned to accept the position of Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia, with a special mission to Naples 1816-1818; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alexander Contee Hanson and served from December 21, 1819, until his death in Washington, D.C., February 25, 1822; interment in Congressional Cemetery.

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**PIPER, William**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born at Bloody Run (now Everett), Bedford County, Pa., January 1, 1774; commanded a regiment during the War of 1812; adjutant general of Pennsylvania after the war; elected as a Republican to the Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1817); died in Hopewell Township, near Everett, Pa., in 1852; interment in the Piper Cemetery on his farm in Hopewell Township.

**PIPER, William Adam**, a Representative from California; born in Franklin County, Pa., May 21, 1826; attended the common schools; moved to St. Louis, Mo.; during the Mexican War served in Company A, Eighth Missouri Light Artillery, from June 8, 1846, to June 24, 1847; moved to California in 1848, and in 1849 settled in San Francisco, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits; 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; continued business activities; died in San Francisco, Calif., August 5, 1899; interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**PIRCE, William Almy**, a Representative from Rhode Island; born in Hope, Providence County, R.I., February 29, 1824; attended the common schools and Smithville Seminary (now Lapham Institute); taught school; manager of the store and countingroom of his father's cotton mill in Simmons Upper Village, R.I., for ten years; engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods 1854-1863; served in the State senate in 1855; member of the State house of representatives in 1858 and 1862; assessor of internal revenue for the second district of Rhode Island 1862-1873; appointed paymaster with rank of major in the State militia in 1863; again a member of the State house of representatives 1879-1881; again served in the State senate in 1882; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1880; member of the Republican National Committee in 1880 and 1884; presented credentials as a Republican Member-elect to the Forty-ninth Congress and served from March 4, 1885, to January 25, 1887, when the seat was declared vacant on account of irregularities in the election; justice of the peace and assessor of taxes in Johnston, R.I.; died in Johnston, R.I., March 5, 1891; interment in Swan Point Cemetery, R.I.

**PIRNIE, Alexander**, a Representative from New York; born in Pulaski, Oswego County, N.Y., April 16, 1903; graduated from Pulaski Academy in 1920, Cornell University in 1924, and from Cornell Law School in 1926; was admitted to the bar in 1926 and commenced the practice of law in Utica, N.Y.; in 1924 was commissioned a second lieutenant, Infantry, Officers Reserve Corps; during the Second World War, served in Europe and retired as a colonel; awarded Bronze Star and Legion of Merit; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-sixth and to the six succeeding Congresses

(January 3, 1959-January 3, 1973); was not a candidate for reelection in 1972 to the Ninety-third Congress; member, Interparliamentary Union, 1965-1982; resumed the practice of law; presiding officer of a clothing firm, Mohawk, N.Y., 1977-1980; resided in Utica, N.Y. until his death in Canastota, N.Y. on June 12, 1982; interment in Pulaski Cemetery, Pulaski, N.Y.

**PITCHER, Nathaniel**, a Representative from New York; born in Litchfield, Conn., November 30, 1777; received a limited schooling; moved to Sandy Hill, N.Y.; supervisor 1804-1810; member of the New York state assembly in 1806 and 1815-1817; assessor of Kingsbury in 1812; surrogate of Washington County in 1812 and 1813; town clerk of Kingsbury in 1813 and 1814 and justice of the peace; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; delegate to the New York state constitutional convention in 1821; lieutenant governor of New York in 1826 and Acting Governor upon the death of Governor Clinton 1828-1829; elected to the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1823); elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833); died in Sandy Hill (now Hudson Falls), Washington County, N.Y., May 25, 1836; interment in Baker Cemetery, Hudson Falls, N.Y.

**PITKIN, Timothy**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Farmington, Conn., on January 21, 1766; received private instruction and was graduated from Yale College in 1785; taught in the academy at Plainfield, Conn., for one year; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1788 and commenced practice in Farmington; member of the State house of representatives in 1790, 1792, and 1794-1805, serving as clerk of the house 1800-1802 and as speaker 1803-1805; elected as a Federalist to the Ninth Congress to fill in part the vacancies caused by the resignations of Calvin Goddard and Roger Griswold; reelected to the Tenth and to the five succeeding Congresses and served from September 16, 1805, to March 3, 1819; was not a candidate for renomination in 1818; delegate to the convention which framed the new State constitution in 1818; resumed the practice of law and engaged in literary work; again a member of the State house of representatives 1819-1830; died in New Haven, Conn., December 18, 1847; interment in Grove Street Cemetery.

**PITMAN, Charles Wesley**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in New Jersey, birth date unknown; attended the common schools; was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1838; moved to Pottsville, Pa., the same year and conducted a school for boys, known as the Pottsville Academy; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-first Congress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); later became affiliated with the Republican Party; engaged extensively in the lumber business; elected sheriff of Schuylkill County in 1870 and served from January 1871 until his death in Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., June 8, 1871; interment in Presbyterian Cemetery.

**PITNEY, Mahlon**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Morristown, Morris County, N.J., February 5, 1858; attended the public schools; was graduated from Princeton College in 1879; studied law; was admitted to the bar in June 1882 and practiced in Dover and Morristown, N.J., 1882-1889; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses and served from March 4, 1895, to January 10, 1899, when he resigned; member of the State senate 1899-1901 and its president in 1901; associate justice of the supreme court of New Jersey 1901-1908; chancellor

of New Jersey from 1908 to 1912, when he resigned; appointed by President Taft as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States February 19, 1912, and took the oath of office March 18, 1912; served until December 31, 1922, when he resigned; died in Washington, D.C., December 9, 1924; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown, N.J.

**PITTENGER, William Alvin**, a Representative from Minnesota; born on a farm near Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Ind., December 29, 1885; attended rural schools; was graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1909, and from Harvard Law School in 1912; was admitted to the bar in 1912 and commenced practice in Duluth, Minn.; member of the State house of representatives 1917-1920; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first and Seventy-second Congresses (March 4, 1929-March 3, 1933); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; resumed the practice of law in Duluth, Minn.; elected to the Seventy-fourth Congress (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1937); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1936 to the Seventy-fifth Congress; elected to the Seventy-sixth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1939-January 3, 1947); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Duluth, Minn., November 26, 1951; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

**PITTMAN, Key**, a Senator from Nevada; born in Vicksburg, Warren County, Miss., September 19, 1872; educated by private tutors and at the Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn.; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1892 and commenced practice in Seattle, Wash.; joined in the gold rush to Klondike, Alaska, in 1897 and worked as a miner until 1901; practiced law in Alaska; moved to the silver boom-town of Tonopah, Nev., in 1902 and continued the practice of law; appointed to represent the State of Nevada at the St. Louis Exposition, the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and the irrigation congress; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1910; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1913 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George S. Nixon; reelected in 1916, 1922, 1928 and 1934 and served from January 29, 1913, until his death; had been reelected in 1940 for the term beginning January 3, 1941; served as President pro tempore of the United States Senate during the Seventy-third through Seventy-sixth Congresses; chairman, Committee on Territories (Sixty-third through Sixty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Industrial Expositions (Sixty-sixth Congress), Committee on Foreign Relations (Seventy-third through Seventy-sixth Congresses); died in Reno, Nev., November 10, 1940; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

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**PITTS, Joseph R.**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Lexington, Fayette County, Ky., October 10, 1939; B.A., Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., 1961; M.Ed., West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, Pa., 1972; United States Air Force, 1963-1969; business owner; teacher; member of the Pennsylvania state house of representatives, 1973-1997; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

**PLAISTED, Harris Merrill**, a Representative from Maine; born in Jefferson, Coos County, N.H., November 2,

1828; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Waterville (Maine) College in 1853 and from the Albany (N.Y.) Law School in 1856; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Bangor, Maine, in 1856; during the Civil War served in the Union Army and was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the Eleventh Regiment, Maine Infantry, October 30, 1861, and colonel May 12, 1862; brevetted brigadier general of Volunteers February 21, 1865, and major general March 13, 1865; member of the State house of representatives in 1867 and 1868; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1868; attorney general of Maine 1873-1875; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel F. Hersey and served from September 13, 1875, to March 3, 1877; was not a candidate for renomination in 1876; author of "Digest of Maine Reports from 1820 to 1880"; Governor of Maine 1881-1883; editor and publisher of the *New Age*, Augusta, from 1883 until his death in Bangor, Maine, January 31, 1898; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**PLATT, David**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Stratford, Conn., March 29, 1783; attended the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn.; was graduated from Yale College in 1804; studied law in the Litchfield (Conn.) Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1804 and commenced practice in Stratford; judge of the probate court of Fairfield County; member of the State house of representatives 1817-1820 and served as speaker; served in the State senate in 1821 and 1822; Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut 1823-1827; elected to the Twentieth Congress (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1829); did not seek renomination in 1828; resumed the practice of law; died in Stratford, Conn., October 18, 1851; interment in the Congregational Burying Ground.

**PLANTS, Tobias Avery**, a Representative from Ohio; born at Sewickley, Beaver County, Pa., March 17, 1811; apprenticed to a saddler at the age of twelve; received a limited common school education; attended Beaver College, Meadville, Pa.; taught school, and while teaching studied law with Edwin M. Stanton in the office of Judge David Powell at Steubenville, Ohio; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Athens, Ohio, in 1846, but soon moved to Pomeroy; member of the State house of representatives 1858-1861; owner and publisher of the *Pomeroy Weekly Telegraph* about 1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1869); was not a candidate for renomination in 1868; judge of the court of common pleas in Meigs County from 1873 to 1875, when he resigned to resume the practice of law; president of the First City Bank of Pomeroy from 1878 until his death in Pomeroy, Meigs County, Ohio, June 19, 1887; interment in Beech Grove Cemetery.

**PLATER, George** (father of Thomas Plater), a Delegate from Maryland; born in Sotterly, near Leonardtown, St. Marys County, Md., November 8, 1735; was graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., in 1753; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Annapolis, Md.; member of the Maryland Assembly in 1758; naval officer at Patuxent 1767-1771; judge of the provincial court 1771-1773; member of the council in 1773 and 1774; represented St. Marys County in the Annapolis conventions of 1776; Member of the Continental Congress 1778-1780; president of the State ratification convention in 1788; elected Governor of Maryland in 1791; died before the expiration of his term, in Annapolis, Md., February 10, 1792; interment in the garden of "Sotterly," his home, near Leonardtown, Md.

**PLATER, Thomas** (son of George Plater), a Representative from Maryland; born in Annapolis, Md., May 9, 1769;

attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; served as lieutenant colonel in the State militia in 1794 for duty during the Whisky Insurrection; held several local offices; elected as a Federalist to the Seventh and Eighth Congresses (March 4, 1801-March 3, 1805); resumed the practice of law and resided at his estate overlooking Georgetown, Md. (now District of Columbia); moved to Poolesville, Md., where he died May 1, 1830.

**PLATT, Edmund**, a Representative from New York; born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., February 2, 1865; attended a private school and Riverview Academy; was graduated from Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; learned the printer's trade; was graduated from Harvard University in 1888; taught school and studied law; moved to Wisconsin and edited the *Superior (Wis.) Evening Telegram* in 1890 and 1891; returned to Poughkeepsie in 1891 and engaged in editing and publishing the *Poughkeepsie Eagle*; member of the board of water commissioners of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-third and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1913, to June 7, 1920, when he resigned to accept appointment by President Wilson to the Federal Reserve Board; chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Sixty-sixth Congress); became vice governor of the board in August 1920 and served until 1930 when he resigned; returned to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and engaged in an extensive banking business; died in Chazy, Clinton County, N.Y., while on a visit, August 7, 1939; interment in the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

**PLATT, James Henry, Jr.**, a Representative from Virginia; born in St. John's, Canada, July 13, 1837; moved to Burlington, Vt.; attended the common schools; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont at Burlington in 1859; during the Civil War entered the Union Army as first sergeant of the Third Regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry; served as captain and lieutenant colonel; declined assignment to duty as chief quartermaster of the Sixth Corps; settled in Petersburg, Va., April 6, 1865; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867; member of the city council in 1867 and 1868; moved to Norfolk, Va.; upon the readmission of the State of Virginia to representation was elected as a Republican to the Forty-first, Forty-second, and Forty-third Congresses and served from January 26, 1870, to March 3, 1875; chairman, Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds (Forty-third Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; moved to New York in 1876 and engaged in the manufacture of oil products; moved to Colorado in 1887 and settled in Denver; engaged in the insurance business, paper manufacturing, and in mining; was drowned in Green Lake, near Georgetown, Colo., August 13, 1894; interment in Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, Colo.

**PLATT, Jonas** (son of Zephaniah Platt), a Representative from New York; born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., June 30, 1769; attended a French academy at Montreal, Canada; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1790 and practiced in Poughkeepsie; county clerk of Herkimer County 1791-1798 and of Oneida County 1798-1802; member of the State assembly in 1796; elected as a Federalist to the Sixth Congress (March 4, 1799-March 3, 1801); chairman, Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Sixth Congress); resumed the practice of law; general of Cavalry in the State militia; was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1810; member of the State senate 1810-1813; member of the council

of appointment in 1813; served as associate justice of the supreme court of New York 1814-1821; delegate to the New York Constitutional Convention in 1821; resumed the practice of law; died in Peru, Clinton County, N.Y., February 22, 1834; interment in Riverside Cemetery, Plattsburg, N.Y.

**PLATT, Orville Hitchcock**, a Senator from Connecticut; born in Washington, Litchfield County, Conn., July 19, 1827; attended the common schools and graduated from the Gunners Academy, Washington, Conn.; studied law in Litchfield, Conn.; admitted to the bar in 1850 and commenced practice in Towanda, Pa.; moved to Meriden, Conn., in 1850 and continued to practice law; clerk of the State senate 1855-1856; secretary of State of Connecticut 1857; member, State senate 1861-1862; member, State house of representatives in 1864, 1869, and served as speaker in the latter year; State's attorney for New Haven County 1877-1879; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1879; reelected in 1885, 1891, 1897 and 1903 and served from March 4, 1879, until his death; chairman, Committee on Patents (Forty-seventh through Forty-ninth and Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Pensions (Forty-seventh Congress), Committee on Territories (Fiftieth through Fifty-second Congresses), Committee on Cuban Relations (Fifty-sixth through Fifty-eighth Congresses), Committee on the Judiciary (Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses); died in Meriden, Conn., April 21, 1905; interment in Washington (Conn.) Cemetery on the Green.

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**PLATT, Thomas Collier**, a Representative and a Senator from New York; born in Owego, Tioga County, N.Y., July 15, 1833; was prepared for college in the Owego Academy and attended Yale College in 1849 and 1850; in 1852 engaged in business as a druggist and continued for twenty years; president of the Tioga National Bank; interested in the lumbering business in Michigan; clerk of Tioga County 1859-1861; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1877); elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1881, and served from March 4, 1881, to May 16, 1881, when he resigned because of a disagreement with President James Garfield over federal appointments in New York; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate to succeed himself; chairman, Committee on Enrolled Bills (Forty-seventh Congress); secretary and director of the United States Express Co. in 1879 and elected president of the company in 1880; member and president of the Board of Quarantine Commissioners of New York 1880-1888; member of the Republican National Committee; elected to the United States Senate in 1896; reelected in 1903 and served from March 4, 1897, to March 3, 1909; not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard (Fifty-fifth Congress), Committee on Printing (Fifty-sixth through Sixtieth Congresses), Committee on Cuban Relations (Fifty-ninth Congress), Committee on Interoceanic Canals (Fifty-ninth Congress); died in New York City, March 6, 1910; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Owego, N.Y.

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**PLATT, Zephaniah** (father of Jonas Platt), a Delegate from New York; born in Huntington, Long Island, Suffolk

County, N.Y., May 27, 1735; received an English education; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Member of the Provincial Congress 1775-1777; member of the council of safety in 1777; served in the State senate 1777-1783; Member of the Continental Congress in 1785 and 1786; member of the council of appointment in 1778 and 1781; county judge of Dutchess County 1781-1795; founded the town of Plattsburg in 1784; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1788; moved to Plattsburg, N.Y., in 1798 and continued the practice of law; regent of the State university from 1791 until his death; one of the projectors of the Erie Canal; died in Plattsburg, N.Y., September 12, 1807; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**PLATTS, Todd**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in York, York County, Pa., March 5, 1962; B.A., Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pa., 1984; J.D., Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., 1991; member of the Pennsylvania state house of representatives, 1992-1996; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Seventh and to the succeeding Congress (January 3, 2001-present).

**PLAUCHÉ, Vance Gabriel**, a Representative from Louisiana; born in Plaquemine, Avoyelles Parish, La., August 25, 1897; attended private and public schools; B.S., College of St. Francis Xavier, 1914; LL.B., Loyola University, New Orleans, La., 1918; during the First World War served overseas as a private, first class; was admitted to the bar in 1918 and commenced practice in Lake Charles, La.; city attorney of Lake Charles, La., 1928-1932; district counsel for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation 1933-1935; served as secretary of the State Civil Service commission in 1940; delegate to the Democratic State convention at Baton Rouge, La., in 1940; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-seventh Congress (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1943); was not a candidate for reelection in 1942 to the Seventy-eighth Congress; resumed the practice of law; died in Lake Charles, La., April 2, 1976; interment in Consolata Cemetery.

**PLEASANTS, James**, a Representative and a Senator from Virginia; born at "Cold Comfort," in Powhatan County, Va., October 24, 1769; pursued classical studies and graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Amelia County in 1791; member, State house of delegates 1797-1802; clerk of the Virginia house of delegates 1803-1811; elected as a Democratic Republican to the Twelfth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1811, to December 14, 1819, when he resigned, having been elected a United States Senator; chairman, Committee on Public Expenditures (Thirteenth Congress), Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Navy (Fifteenth Congress); elected on December 10, 1819, as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John W. Eppes and served from December 14, 1819, to December 15, 1822, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses); Governor of Virginia 1822-1825; delegate to the State constitutional conventions in 1829 and 1830; retired and lived on his estate, "Contention," near Goochland, Goochland County, Va., where he died on November 9, 1836; interment on his estate.

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**PLEOSER, Walter Christian**, a Representative from Missouri; born in St. Louis, Mo., January 7, 1907; attended the public schools of St. Louis, Mo., Casper and Lusk, Wyo., and the City College of Law and Finance, St. Louis, Mo.;

engaged in the insurance business in St. Louis, Mo., in 1922 and founded his own company in 1933; organizer and chairman of the board of Marine Underwriters Corp. 1935; served in the State house of representatives in 1931 and 1932; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1941-January 3, 1949); chairman, Select Committee on Small Business (Eightieth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1948 to the Eighty-first Congress; delegate, Republican National Conventions, 1964 and 1968; resumed the insurance business; director of Webster Groves Trust Company; Ambassador to Paraguay 1957-1959; chairman of board, Salvation Army, 1967-1969; Ambassador to Costa Rica 1970-1972; was a resident of St. Louis, Mo., until his death on November 17, 1993.

**PLOWMAN, Thomas Scales**, a Representative from Alabama; born in Talladega, Talladega County, Ala., June 8, 1843; attended the common schools; joined the Confederate Army in May 1862 as a member of Company F, Fifty-first Alabama Cavalry; engaged in agricultural and mercantile pursuits in Talladega, Ala.; elected mayor in 1872 and served three terms; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888; for a number of years president of the First National Bank of Talladega; presented credentials as a Democratic Member-elect to the Fifty-fifth Congress and served from March 4, 1897, to February 9, 1898, when he was succeeded by William F. Aldrich, who contested his election; member and chairman of the Talladega County Jury Commission in 1910 and 1911; member of the State senate in 1912; first president of the Bankhead Highway; died in Talladega, Ala., July 26, 1919; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**PLUMB, Preston B.**, a Senator from Kansas; born in Delaware County, Ohio, October 12, 1837; attended a preparatory school; learned the trade of printing and afterward purchased and edited the *Xenia News*; moved to Lawrence, Kans., in 1856, to support the "Free-State" movement; was one of the founders of Emporia, Kans., where he established the *Kansas News* in 1857; secretary of the Free-State convention in 1857; member of the Leavenworth constitutional convention in 1859; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1861; elected to the State house of representatives in 1862; reporter for the State supreme court; during the Civil War entered the Union Army in 1862 as second lieutenant, and served successively as captain, major, and lieutenant colonel; member, of the State house of representatives 1867-1868, and served as speaker in the latter year; prosecuting attorney of Lyon County; president of the Emporia National Bank in 1873; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1877; reelected in 1883 and 1888 and served from March 4, 1877, until his death; chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Forty-seventh through Fifty-second Congresses); died in Washington, D.C., December 20, 1891; interment in Maplewood Cemetery, Emporia, Lyon County, Kans.

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**PLUMB, Ralph**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Busti, Chautauqua County, N.Y., March 29, 1816; attended the common schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits; moved to Ohio; member of the State house of representatives in 1855; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and commenced practice in Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio; during the Civil War served in the Union Army as captain and quartermaster of Volunteers 1861-1865; was brevetted lieu-

tenant colonel; moved to Illinois in 1866 and settled in Streator; engaged in the mining of coal and the building of railroads; mayor of Streator, Ill., 1882-1885; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); engaged in banking until his death in Streator, Ill., April 8, 1903; interment in River-view Cemetery.

**PLUMER, Arnold**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Cooperstown, Venango County, Pa., June 6, 1801; was privately tutored at home; completed preparatory studies; sheriff of Venango County in 1823; prothonotary of the county in 1829 and clerk of the courts and recorder 1830-1836; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); appointed marshal of the western district of Pennsylvania by President Van Buren on May 20, 1839, and served until May 6, 1841; elected to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); again appointed United States marshal for the western district of Pennsylvania December 14, 1847, and served until April 3, 1848; when he resigned; State Treasurer of Pennsylvania in 1848; engaged in mining and banking enterprises; died in Franklin, Venango County, Pa., on April 28, 1869; interment in Franklin Cemetery.

**PLUMER, George**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Pittsburgh, Pa., December 5, 1762; received a limited schooling; member of the State house of representatives 1812-1815 and again in 1817; elected to the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1827); declined to be a candidate for renomination; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died near West Newton, Westmoreland County, Pa., June 8, 1843; interment in Old Sewickley Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

**PLUMER, William** (father of William Plumer, Jr.), a Senator from New Hampshire; born in Newburyport, Mass., June 25, 1759; moved with his parents to Epping, N.H., in 1768; completed preparatory studies; Baptist exhorter; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1787 and commenced practice in Epping, N.H.; held various local offices; member, State house of representatives 1785-1786, 1788, 1790-1791, 1797-1800, and served as speaker in 1791 and 1797; member of the State constitutional conventions in 1791 and 1792; elected as a Federalist to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Sheafe and served from June 17, 1802, to March 3, 1807; was not a candidate for reelection; member, State senate 1810-1811, and chosen president of that body in both years; elected as a Jeffersonian Republican to be Governor of New Hampshire 1812-1813, 1816-1819; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1820; retired from public life and engaged in literary pursuits; one of the founders and the first president of the New Hampshire Historical Society; died in Epping, Rockingham County, N.H., December 22, 1850; interment in the family burial ground on his estate near Epping, N.H.

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**PLUMER, William, Jr.** (son of William Plumer), a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Epping, Rockingham County, N.H., February 9, 1789; attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.; graduated, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1809; lawyer, private practice; author; United States commissioner of loans in 1816 and 1817;



member of the New Hampshire state house of representatives in 1818; member of the New Hampshire state senate, 1827-1828; member of the New Hampshire state constitutional convention, 1850; elected to the Sixteenth and to two succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1825); chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Seventeenth Congress); died in Epping, N.H., September 18, 1854; interment in the family burial ground on his father's estate near Epping, N.H.

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**PLUMLEY, Charles Albert** (son of Frank Plumley), a Representative from Vermont; born in Northfield, Washington County, Vt., April 14, 1875; attended the public schools; was graduated from Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., in 1896; assistant secretary of the State senate in 1894; principal and superintendent of the Northfield graded and high schools 1896-1900; assistant clerk and clerk of the State house of representatives 1900-1910; captain in the Vermont National Guard in 1901; colonel in the Officers' Reserve Corps; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1903 and commenced practice in Northfield, Vt.; secretary of the French-Venezuela Mixed Commission in 1906; member of the State house of representatives 1912-1915, serving as speaker; commissioner of taxes for the State of Vermont 1912-1919; general counsel and tax attorney for a rubber company in Akron, Ohio, in 1919 and 1920; president of Norwich University 1920-1934; reading clerk of the Republican National Conventions of 1936 and 1940; also engaged in banking; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ernest W. Gibson; reelected to the Seventy-fourth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from January 16, 1934, to January 3, 1951; was not a candidate for renomination in 1950; resumed the practice of law in Northfield, Vt.; died in Barre, Vt., October 31, 1964; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Northfield, Vt.

**PLUMLEY, Frank** (father of Charles Albert Plumley), a Representative from Vermont; born in Eden, Lamoille County, Vt., December 17, 1844; attended the public schools and People's Academy; taught school near Morrisville, Vt.; studied law in Morrisville and in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; was admitted to the bar in Lamoille County, Vt., in May 1869 and commenced practice in Northfield; State's attorney of Washington County 1876-1880; elected to the State house of representatives in 1882; chairman of the Republican State convention in 1886; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888; United States district attorney for the district of Vermont 1889-1894; served in the State senate in 1894; member of the Vermont Court of Claims 1902-1904 and chief justice 1904-1908; appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903 as umpire of the mixed commissions of Great Britain and Venezuela, and Holland and Venezuela, sitting in Caracas, Venezuela; was later selected by France and by Venezuela as umpire in the French-Venezuela mixed commission, which sat in Northfield, Vt., in 1905; trustee of Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-first, Sixty-second, and Sixty-third Congresses (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1915); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1914; resumed the practice of law in Northfield, Washington County, Vt.; was one of the four delegates from the Congress of the United States to the Interparliamentary Union of the World at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1912; died in Northfield, Vt., April 30, 1924; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**PLUMMER, Franklin E.**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Massachusetts, birth date unknown; completed preparatory studies; moved to Mississippi and taught school in Copiah County, Miss.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Westville, Miss.; held various local offices; member of the State house of representatives; founded the town of Pittsburg (now part of Grenada); elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1835); unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate; died in Jackson, Miss., September 24, 1847.

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**POAGE, William Robert**, a Representative from Texas; born in Waco, McLennan County, Tex., December 28, 1899; in 1901 moved to Throckmorton County, Tex., with his parents, who settled near Woodson; attended the rural schools of Throckmorton County, Tex.; during the First World War served as an apprentice seaman in the United States Navy; attended the University of Texas in Austin and the University of Colorado at Boulder; Baylor University, Waco, Tex., A.B., 1921; engaged in agricultural pursuits 1920-1922; instructor in geology at Baylor University 1922-1924; law department of Baylor University, LL.B., 1924; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Waco, Tex.; instructor in law at Baylor University 1924-1928; member of the State house of representatives 1925-1929; served in the State senate 1931-1937; delegate, Texas State Democratic convention, 1922; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1956, 1960, and 1964; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth Congress; reelected to the twenty succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1937, until his resignation December 31, 1978; chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Ninetyeth through Ninety-third Congresses); was not a candidate for reelection in 1978 to the Ninety-sixth Congress; was a resident of Waco, Tex., until his death in Temple, Tex., on January 3, 1987; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, Tex.

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**PODELL, Bertram L.**, a Representative from New York; born in Brooklyn, N.Y., December 27, 1925; attended Yeshiva of Flatbush and Abraham Lincoln High School, St. John's University and Brooklyn Law School; admitted to the bar in 1950 and commenced practice in New York City; served in the United States Navy, 1944-1946; member of the State assembly, 1954-1968; elected as a Democrat to the Ninetyeth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Abraham J. Multer, and reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (February 20, 1968-January 3, 1975); unsuccessful candidate for renomination to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974; resumed the practice of law in New York City where he is a resident.

**POEHLER, Henry**, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Hiddeson, Lippe-Detmold, Germany, August 22, 1833; attended his father's academy; immigrated to the United States in April 1848 and settled in Burlington, Iowa, where he attended the public schools; moved to St. Paul, Minn., in 1853 and to Henderson, Sibley County, Minn., in 1854; engaged in general merchandising and as a grain merchant; appointed postmaster at Henderson, Minn., February 25, 1856, and served until April 12, 1861; served in the State house of representatives in 1857, 1858, and 1865; county commissioner of Sibley County and chairman of the board from January 1865 to January 1868; member

of the State senate in 1872 and 1873 and again in 1876 and 1877; 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; unsuccessful candidate for treasurer of Minnesota; served as mayor of Henderson for several terms; moved to Minneapolis in 1889 and engaged in the general merchandise and grain business; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1895; died in Henderson, Minn., while on a visit, on July 18, 1912; interment in Maj. James R. Browne's Cemetery.

**POFF, Richard Harding**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Radford, Montgomery County, Va., October 19, 1923; attended the Christiansburg, Va., public schools; undergraduate work at Roanoke College, Salem, Va.; during the Second World War, served as a bomber pilot with the Eighth Air Force in England; flew thirty-five successful missions over Europe; awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross; was inactivated from the service as a first lieutenant serving from February 1943 to August 1945; University of Virginia at Charlottesville, LL.B., 1948; was admitted to the bar in June 1947, and commenced practice in Radford, Va., in 1948; delegate Republican National Convention, 1968; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third Congress; reelected to the nine succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1953, until his resignation August 29, 1972, to become a justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia; is a resident of Midlothian, Va.

**POINDEXTER, George**, a Delegate, a Representative and a Senator from Mississippi; born in Louisa County, Va., in 1779; had a sporadic education; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1800 and commenced practice in Milton, Va.; moved to the Territory of Mississippi in 1802 and practiced law in Natchez; attorney general of the Territory; member, Territorial general assembly 1805; elected as a Delegate from Mississippi Territory to the Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Congresses (March 4, 1807-March 3, 1813); United States district judge for the Territory 1813-1817; served in the War of 1812; upon the admission of Mississippi as a State into the Union was elected to the Fifteenth Congress and served from December 10, 1817, to March 3, 1819; chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Fifteenth Congress); Governor of Mississippi 1819-1821; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1820 to the Seventeenth Congress and in 1822 to the Eighteenth Congress; appointed in 1830 to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert H. Adams; subsequently elected, and served from October 15, 1830, to March 3, 1835; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Twenty-third Congress; chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Twenty-second Congress), Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-third Congress); moved to Kentucky and resumed the practice of his profession in Lexington; returned to Jackson, Miss., and continued the practice of law until his death on September 5, 1853; interment in Jackson Cemetery.

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**POINDEXTER, Miles**, a Representative and a Senator from Washington; born in Memphis, Tenn., April 22, 1868; attended the Fancy Hill Academy, Rockbridge County, Va., and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., graduating in law from that university in 1891; settled in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1891; admitted to the bar and began the practice of law; prosecuting attorney of Walla Walla County

in 1892; moved to Spokane, Wash., in 1897 and continued the practice of law; assistant prosecuting attorney for Spokane County 1898-1904; judge of the superior court 1904-1908; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-first Congress (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1911); elected to the United States Senate in 1910; reelected in 1916 and served from March 4, 1911, to March 3, 1923; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department (Sixty-second Congress), Committee on Mines and Mining (Sixty-second, Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses), Committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico (Sixty-second Congress), Committee on Expenditures in the War Department (Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Congresses), Committee on Indian Depredations (Sixty-fifth Congress); appointed by President Warren Harding as Ambassador to Peru 1923-1928; unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate in 1928; returned to his home, 'Elk Cliff,' Greenlee, Rockbridge County, Va., where he died September 21, 1946; interment in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Lexington, Va.

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**POINSETT, Joel Roberts**, a Representative from South Carolina; born in Charleston, S.C., March 2, 1779; spent his early childhood in England; returned to America in 1788; attended private school at Greenfield Hill, Conn., and later in Wandsworth, near London, England; studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and attended the military school in Woolwich, England; returned to Charleston, S.C., in 1800; studied law for a few months; traveled extensively in Europe from 1801 to 1809, returning to the United States for short intervals; sent to South America by President Madison in 1809 to investigate the prospects of the revolutionists there in their struggle for independence from Spain; returned to Charleston, S.C., in 1816; member of the State house of representatives 1816-1819; served as president of the board of public works; declined the offer of commissioner to South America by President Monroe; elected to the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1821, to March 7, 1825, when he resigned to enter the diplomatic service; Minister to Mexico 1825-1829; member of the State house of representatives, 1830-1831; Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President Van Buren 1837-1841; died near what is now Statesburg, Sumter County, S.C., December 12, 1851; interment in the Church of the Holy Cross (Episcopal) Cemetery.

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**POLANCO-ABREU, Santiago**, a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico; born in Bayamón, P.R., October 30, 1920; attended elementary and high schools in Isabela, P.R.; University of Puerto Rico, B.A., 1941, and LL.B., 1943; was admitted to the bar in 1943 and practiced law in Isabela and San Juan; legal adviser to the Tax Court of Puerto Rico, 1943-1944; member of the American Bar and Puerto Rico Bar Associations; one of the founders of the Institute for Democratic Studies in San José, Costa Rica; served in the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 1949-1964; member of the Constitutional Convention of Puerto Rico in 1951-1952; appointed speaker of the house, 1963-1964; elected as a Popular Democrat to be Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico to the United States Congress, November 3, 1964, for the term ending January 3, 1969;

unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1968; resumed the practice of law; was a resident of San Juan, P.R., until his death there on January 18, 1988; interment in Municipal Cemetery, Isabela, P.R.

**POLAND, Luke Potter**, a Senator and a Representative from Vermont; born in Westford, Vt., November 1, 1815; attended the common schools and Jericho Academy; taught school; studied law; admitted to the bar in December 1836 and practiced in Morrisville, Vt.; register of probate 1839-1840; member of the State constitutional convention in 1843; prosecuting attorney of Lamoille County 1844-1845; judge of the supreme court of Vermont 1848-1860, chief justice 1860-1865, when he resigned; appointed and subsequently elected as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jacob Collamer and served from November 21, 1865, to March 3, 1867; elected to the Fortieth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1875); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Forty-fourth Congress; chairman, Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Fortieth Congress), Committee on Revision of the Laws (Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-third Congresses); member, Vermont house of representatives 1878; trustee of the University of Vermont at Burlington and of the State Agricultural College; president of the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury for twenty years; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); was not a candidate for renomination; died at his country home near Waterville, Lamoille County, Vt., July 2, 1887; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

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**POLK, Albert Fawcett**, a Representative from Delaware; born in Frederica, Kent County, Del., October 11, 1869; attended public and private schools; was graduated from Delaware College (now the University of Delaware), Newark, Del., in 1889; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1892 and began practice in Georgetown, Del.; attorney for the Delaware State senate in 1899; chairman of the Democratic county committee of Sussex County 1902-1908, 1915, and 1916; also a member of the Democratic State committee during the same periods; member of the Georgetown Board of Education 1905-1912; member and secretary of the Board of Law Examiners of Sussex County 1914-1921; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1919); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1918 to the Sixty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of law; moved to Wilmington, Del., in 1921 and continued the practice of his profession; appointed United States Commissioner for the district of Delaware in 1929 and served until his retirement in 1951; died in Wilmington, Del., on February 14, 1955; interment in Union Cemetery, Georgetown, Del.

**POLK, James Gould**, a Representative from Ohio; born on a farm in Penn Township, Highland County, Ohio, October 6, 1896; attended elementary school in Highland, Ohio; graduated from New Vienna (Ohio) High School in 1915; during the First World War, while attending the Agricultural College of Ohio State University was inducted into the military service on September 5, 1918, and sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio; was discharged on September 19, 1918, due to a physical disability; graduated from Ohio State University in 1919; principal of New Vienna (Ohio) High School 1919-1920; superintendent of schools, New Vienna, 1920-1922; engaged in farming; graduated from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1923; principal of Hillsboro (Ohio) High School 1923-1928; elected as a Democrat to the Sev-

enty-second and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1931-January 3, 1941); was not a candidate for renomination in 1940; special assistant in the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., from October 1942 to May 1946; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-first and to the five succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1949, until his death in Washington, D.C., April 28, 1959; interment in Highland Cemetery, Highland, Ohio.

**POLK, James Knox** (brother of William Hawkins Polk), a Representative from Tennessee and 11th President of the United States; born near Little Sugar Creek, Mecklenburg County, N.C., November 2, 1795; moved to Tennessee in 1806 with his parents, who settled in what later became Maury County; attended the common schools and was tutored privately; graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1818; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1820 and commenced practice in Columbia, Tenn.; chief clerk of the State senate 1821-1823; member of the State house of representatives 1823-1825; elected to the Nineteenth Congress; reelected as a Jacksonian to the Twentieth through Twenty-fourth Congresses and as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1839); chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (Twenty-third Congress); Speaker of the House of Representatives (Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses); did not seek renomination in 1838 having become a candidate for Governor; Governor of Tennessee 1839-1841; elected as a Democrat as President of the United States in 1844; inaugurated on March 4, 1845, and served until March 3, 1849; declined to be a candidate for renomination; died in Nashville, Tenn., June 15, 1849; interment within the grounds of the State capitol.

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**POLK, Rufus King**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Columbia, Maury County, Tenn., August 23, 1866; attended Webb's Academy, Culleoka, Tenn.; was graduated from Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa., in 1887 and took a post-graduate course in mining engineering; settled in Danville, Montour County, Pa., and was employed as a chemist; held supervisory positions with several steel companies and ultimately became engaged in the manufacture of structural iron; served as first lieutenant of Company F, Twelfth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in the Spanish-American War; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1900; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses and served from March 4, 1899, until his death in Philadelphia, Pa., March 5, 1902; interment in Fairview Cemetery, Danville, Pa.

**POLK, Trusten**, a Senator from Missouri; born near Bridgeville, Sussex County, Del., May 29, 1811; attended the common schools and a private academy; graduated from Yale College in 1831; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1835 and commenced practice in St. Louis, Mo.; city counselor of St. Louis 1843; delegate to the Missouri State constitutional convention in 1845; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1848; inaugurated as Governor of Missouri in January 1857 but soon afterward resigned, having been elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate; served from March 4, 1857, to January 10, 1862, when he was expelled for support of the rebellion; during the Civil War served as colonel in the Confederate Army; judge in the military courts of the department of Mississippi in 1864 and 1865, until taken prisoner; resumed the practice of law in St. Louis, Mo., and died there April 16, 1876; interment in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

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**POLK, William Hawkins** (brother of James Knox Polk), a Representative from Tennessee; born in Maury County, Tenn., May 24, 1815; attended the city schools, Columbia, Tenn., and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1832 and 1833; was graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1839 and commenced practice in Columbia, Tenn.; member of the State house of representatives 1842-1845; Minister to the Kingdom of Naples and served from March 13, 1845, to August 31, 1847; served as major of the Third Dragoons in the Mexican War in 1847 and 1848; elected as an Independent Democrat to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); resumed the practice of law; died in Nashville, Tenn., December 16, 1862; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Columbia, Tenn.

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**POLLARD, Ernest Mark**, a Representative from Nebraska; born in Nehawka, Cass County, Nebr., April 15, 1869; attended the district school in Nehawka and was graduated from Nebraska State University at Lincoln in 1893; engaged in agricultural pursuits near Nehawka, Nebr.; member of the State house of representatives 1896-1899; president of the Nebraska Republican League in 1900; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elmer J. Burkett; re-elected to the Sixtieth Congress and served from July 18, 1905, to March 3, 1909; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1908 to the Sixty-first Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1912; member of the State constitutional convention in 1920 and 1921; resumed agricultural pursuits; moved to Lincoln, Nebr., in 1929; appointed secretary of the State department of welfare and labor by Governor Weaver in January 1929 and served until January 1931; died in Lincoln, Nebr., on September 24, 1939; interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Nehawka, Nebr.

**POLLARD, Henry Moses**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Plymouth, Windsor County, Vt., June 14, 1836; attended the common schools; was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1857; moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where he studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1861; returned to Vermont and served during the Civil War in the Union Army as major in the Eighth Regiment, Vermont Volunteers; moved to Chillicothe, Mo., in 1865 and commenced the practice of law; mayor in 1874; county attorney in 1876; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Forty-sixth Congress; moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1879 and continued the practice of law in that city until his death on February 24, 1904; interment in Edgewood Cemetery, Chillicothe, Mo.

**POLLOCK, Howard Wallace**, a Representative from Alaska; born in Chicago, Ill., April 11, 1920; attended Perkinston High School, Perkinston, Miss., 1935-1939; Junior College, Perkinston, Miss., 1939-1941; University of Santa Clara (Calif.) School of Law, 1952-1953; J.D., University of Houston School of Law, Houston, Tex., 1953-1955; M.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., 1960; Ph.D., International University of Vienna, Austria, 2002; United States Navy, rank of lieutenant commander, 1941-1946; lawyer, private practice; president, Alaska Gold and Other Products, Inc.; president, Falcon Alaska Oil Co.; chairman of the board, Alaskan Seafoods, Inc.; Territorial representative, Alaska Territorial Legislature, 1953-1955; member of the Alaska state senate, 1961-1963, 1965-

1966, and minority whip, 1965-1966; member, Alaska Republican State Central committee, 1960-1966; committee-man, Republican Southcentral District, 1962-1966; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth and Ninety-first Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1971); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-second Congress in 1970, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the nomination as Governor of Alaska; deputy administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1971-1983; delegate, United Nations Law of the Sea Conference; private advocate; is a resident of Arlington, Va.

**POLLOCK, James**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Milton, Pa., September 11, 1810; attended the Kirkpatrick Private School at Milton; was graduated from Princeton College in 1831; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Northumberland County, Pa., in 1833 and practiced in Milton, Pa.; appointed deputy attorney general for Northumberland County in 1836; judge of the court of common pleas; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Frick; re-elected to the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Congresses and served from April 5, 1844, to March 4, 1849; was not a candidate for renomination in 1848; appointed president judge of the eighth judicial district on January 15, 1851, and served until the judgeship became an elective office; Governor of Pennsylvania 1855-1858; declined a renomination; member of the peace convention of 1861 held in Washington, D.C., in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; Director of the Mint in Philadelphia 1861-1866 and 1869-1873; was the originator of the motto "In God we trust" for all coins of the United States large enough to contain the same; naval officer at Philadelphia in 1879; appointed chief supervisor of election in 1886; died in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pa., April 19, 1890; interment in Milton Cemetery; Milton, Pa.

**POLLOCK, William Pegues**, a Senator from South Carolina; born near Cheraw, Chesterfield County, S.C., December 9, 1870; attended private and public schools and the University of South Carolina at Columbia; graduated from the law department of that university in 1891; served as clerk of the Committee on the District of Columbia in the House of Representatives 1891-1893; admitted to the bar in 1893 and commenced practice in Cheraw, S.C.; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; member, State house of representatives 1894-1898; presidential elector on the Democratic Ticket in 1900; elected to the State house of representatives in 1902, 1904, and 1906; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Sixty-second Congress; elected on November 5, 1918, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Benjamin R. Tillman and served from November 6, 1918, to March 3, 1919; chairman, Committee on National Banks (Sixty-fifth Congress); resumed the practice of law in Cheraw, S.C., and died there June 2, 1922; interment in St. David's Cemetery.

**POLSLEY, Daniel Haymond**, a Representative from West Virginia; born at Palatine, near Fairmont, Va. (now West Virginia), November 28, 1803; attended the country schools; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1827 and commenced practice in Wellsburg, Brooke County, Va. (now West Virginia); edited the *Western Transcript* 1833-1845; moved to Mason County in 1845 and engaged in agricultural pursuits and practiced law; member of the Wheeling loyal conventions of May 13 and June 11, 1861; chosen Lieutenant Governor of the "restored government" of the State of Virginia in 1861; judge of the seventh judicial district of West Virginia 1863-1866;

elected as a Republican to the Fortieth Congress (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1869); was not a candidate for renomination in 1868; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Point Pleasant, Mason County, W.Va., October 14, 1877; interment in Lone Oak Cemetery.

**POMBO, Richard William**, a Representative from California; born in Tracy, San Joaquin County, Calif., January 8, 1961; attended California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif., 1979-1982; farmer; rancher; co-founder, San Joaquin County Citizens Land Alliance; member of the Tracy, Calif., city council, 1991-1992; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-present); chair, Committee on Resources (One Hundred Eighth Congress).

**POMERENE, Atlee**, a Senator from Ohio; born in Berlin, Holmes County, Ohio, December 6, 1863; attended the common schools and Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio; graduated from Princeton College in 1884 and from the Cincinnati Law School in 1886; admitted to the bar in 1886 and commenced practice in Canton, Ohio; city solicitor 1887-1891; prosecuting attorney of Stark County 1897-1900; Ohio tax commissioner 1906-1908; unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1908; elected lieutenant governor of Ohio in 1910 and served from January until April 1911, when he resigned to assume the duties of United States Senator; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1911; reelected in 1916 and served from March 4, 1911, to March 3, 1923; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 and again in 1926; chairman, Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment (Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth Congresses), Committee on Privileges and Elections (Sixty-fifth Congress), Committee on Corporations Organized in the District of Columbia (Sixty-sixth Congress); moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1923 and resumed the practice of law; delegate representing the United States at the Fifth Pan American Congress in Chile in 1923; appointed by President Calvin Coolidge in 1924 as special counsel for the United States to prosecute the Teapot Dome oil fraud cases; unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1928; appointed chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by President Herbert Hoover 1932-1933; resumed the practice of law in Cleveland, Ohio, where he died on November 12, 1937; interment in West Lawn Cemetery, Canton, Ohio.

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**POMEROY, Charles**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Meriden, New Haven County, Conn., September 3, 1825; received an academic education; studied law and practiced; moved to Iowa in 1855 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; served as receiver of the United States land office at Fort Dodge, Iowa, from September 11, 1861, until March 3, 1869, when he resigned; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1871); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1870; was a claim agent until his death in Washington, D.C., February 11, 1891; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**POMEROY, Earl Ralph, III**, a Representative from North Dakota; born in Valley City, Barnes County, N.Dak., September 2, 1952; B.A., University of North Dakota, Grand Folks, N.Dak., 1974, attended the University of Durham, Durham, England, 1975-1976; J.D., University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Folks, N.Dak., 1979; lawyer, private practice; member of the North Dakota state house of representatives, 1981-1985; North Dakota state insurance

commissioner, 1985-1992; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-present).

**POMEROY, Samuel Clarke**, a Senator from Kansas; born in Southampton, Mass., January 3, 1816; attended Amherst College, Massachusetts, 1836-1838; moved to New York State in 1838 and taught school; returned to Southampton, Mass., in 1842; held various local offices; member, State house of representatives 1852-1853; organizer and financial agent of the New England Emigrant Aid Co.; moved to Kansas in 1854 and settled in Lawrence; moved to Atchison, Kans.; mayor of Atchison 1858-1859; member of the free State convention at Lawrence in 1859; president of the relief committee during the famine in Kansas in 1860 and 1861; upon the admission of Kansas as a State into the Union was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate; reelected in 1867 and served from April 4, 1861, to March 3, 1873; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1872; chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Thirty-ninth through Forty-second Congresses); resided in Washington, D.C., for several years; died in Whitinsville, Worcester County, Mass., August 27, 1891; interment in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, Mass.

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**POMEROY, Theodore Medad**, a Representative from New York; born in Cayuga, N.Y., December 31, 1824; attended the common schools and Munro Collegiate Institute, Elbridge, N.Y.; was graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., in 1842; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1846 and commenced practice in Auburn, N.Y.; district attorney of Cayuga County 1850-1856; member of the State assembly in 1857; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1860 and 1876, and served as temporary chairman of the latter convention; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1869); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Thirty-eighth Congress), Committee on Banking and Currency (Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses); during the Fortieth Congress was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on the last day of the session, March 3, 1869, serving one day only; declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1868; first vice president and general counsel of the American Express Co. in 1868; engaged in banking in Auburn, N.Y., after 1870; mayor of Auburn in 1875 and 1876; member of the State senate in 1878 and 1879; died in Auburn, N.Y., March 23, 1905; interment in Fort Hill Cemetery.

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**POND, Benjamin**, a Representative from New York; born in Stockbridge, Mass., in 1768; attended the common schools; moved to Poultney, Vt., and thence to that part of the town of Crown Point (later Schroon) now comprised in the town of North Hudson, N.Y., in 1800; engaged in agricultural pursuits; justice of the peace and supervisor in 1804; judge of the court of common pleas of Essex County in 1808, with residence in Schroon; member of the State assembly 1808-1810; elected as a Republican to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); served in the War of 1812 and participated in the siege and Battle of Plattsburg in September 1814 as a volunteer in Capt. Russell Walker's company of the Thirty-seventh Regiment, New York Militia; elected to the Fourteenth Congress but died

of disease, incurred through exposure at the siege of Plattsburg, in Schroon, N.Y., October 6, 1814, before the beginning of the congressional term; interment in Pine Ridge Cemetery, North Hudson, Essex County, N.Y.; reinterment in Riverside Cemetery, Elizabethtown, Essex County, N.Y., September 3, 1923.

**POOL, Joe Richard**, a Representative from Texas; born in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tex., February 18, 1911; attended the Dallas public schools and the University of Texas, 1929-1933; graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Tex., in 1937; was admitted to the Texas bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Dallas, Tex.; served with the United States Army as a special investigator, Air Corps Intelligence, 1943-1945; member of State house of representatives, 1953-1958; unsuccessful candidate for the Eighty-sixth Congress in 1958 and the Eighty-seventh Congress in 1960; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth, Eighty-ninth, and Ninetieth Congresses, and served from January 3, 1963, until his death in Houston, Tex., July 14, 1968; interment in Laurel Land Memorial Park, Dallas, Tex.

**POOL, John** (uncle of Walter Freshwater Pool), a Senator from North Carolina; born near Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, N.C., June 16, 1826; was tutored at home and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1847; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1847 and practiced in Elizabeth City, N.C., 1847-1856; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; member, State senate 1856, 1858, 1864-1865; unsuccessful Whig candidate for governor in 1860; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1865; presented credentials dated December 29, 1865, as a Republican Senator-elect to the United States Senate on February 8, 1866, but was not permitted to take his seat because the State had not been readmitted to representation; upon the readmission of North Carolina was again elected to the United States Senate and served from July 4, 1868, to March 3, 1873; was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Forty-second Congress); resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C., where he died August 16, 1884; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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**POOL, Walter Freshwater** (nephew of John Pool), a Representative from North Carolina; born at "Elm Grove," near Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, N.C., October 10, 1850; attended the public school conducted by his family and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; moved with his parents to Elizabeth City, N.C., in 1870; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1873 and commenced practice in Elizabeth City; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth Congress and served from March 4, 1883, until his death in Elizabeth City, N.C., on August 25, 1883, before the assembling of Congress; interment in the Pool Cemetery, near Elizabeth City, N.C.

**POOLE, Theodore Lewis**, a Representative from New York; born in Jordan, Onondaga County, N.Y., April 10, 1840; moved with his parents to Syracuse, N.Y., in 1842; attended the common schools; during the Civil War enlisted as quartermaster sergeant in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment, New York Volunteers, in July 1862; discharged as captain and brevet major July 3, 1865; county clerk of Onondaga County 1868-1870; United States pension agent for the western district of New York 1879-1888; commander of the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, in 1892; connected with various manufacturing

industries and corporations; director of the Bank of Syracuse; 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 United States marshal of New York in 1899 and served until his death in Syracuse, N.Y., December 23, 1900; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**POPE, James Pinckney**, a Senator from Idaho; born on a farm near Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, La., March 31, 1884; attended the common schools; graduated from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La., in 1906 and from the law department of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 1909; admitted to the bar in 1909 and commenced practice in Boise, Idaho; deputy collector of internal revenue 1916; city attorney of Boise 1916-1917; assistant attorney general of Idaho 1918-1919; member of the board of education of Boise 1924-1929; mayor of Boise 1929-1933, when he resigned, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1933, to January 3, 1939; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1938; appointed a director of the Tennessee Valley Authority by President Franklin D. Roosevelt 1939-1951; associated with law firm in Knoxville, Tenn.; member of board of directors, Federal Savings & Loan Association, Knoxville, Tenn.; moved to Alexandria, Va., in 1963, where he resided until his death there on January 23, 1966; interment in Lynnhurst Cemetery, Knoxville, Tenn.

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**POPE, John**, a Senator and a Representative from Kentucky; born in Prince William County, Va., in 1770; completed preparatory studies; studied law; moved to Springfield, Ky.; admitted to the bar and practiced in Washington, Shelby, and Fayette Counties; member, State house of representatives 1802, 1806-1807; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1807, to March 3, 1813; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Eleventh Congress; member, State senate 1825-1829; Territorial Governor of Arkansas 1829-1835; resumed the practice of law in Springfield, Ky.; 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; died in Springfield, Washington County, Ky., on July 12, 1845; interment in the cemetery at Springfield, Ky.

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**POPE, Nathaniel**, a Delegate from Illinois Territory; born in Louisville, Ky., January 5, 1784; attended Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky.; studied law; was admitted to the bar; settled in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., in 1804, where he commenced the practice of his profession; moved to Springfield, Ill.; appointed secretary of Illinois Territory by President Madison in 1809; reappointed in 1813 and served from March 7, 1809, until his resignation in 1816 to become Delegate; elected on September 5, 1816, a Delegate to Congress for a term of two years (Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses); appointed register of the land office at Edwardsville, Ill., on November 30, 1818, and served until March 3, 1819; appointed United States judge for the district of Illinois on March 3, 1819, and served in that capacity until his death; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1824; died in St. Louis, Mo., Janu-

ary 22, 1850; interment in the Colonel O'Fallon Burying Ground, on the Bellefontaine Road.

**POPE, Patrick Hamilton**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Louisville, Ky., March 17, 1806; attended the common schools and was graduated from St. Joseph College, Bardstown, Ky.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1827 and commenced practice in Louisville; declined the position of secretary of state tendered by Gov. John Breathitt in 1832; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1835); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1834; elected a member of the State house of representatives in 1836; resumed the practice of law; died in Louisville, Ky., May 4, 1841; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

**POPPLTON, Earley Franklin**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Belleville, Richland County, Ohio, September 29, 1834; pursued classical studies; educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced law practice in Elyria, Ohio; moved to Delaware, Ohio, in 1861 and continued the practice of his profession; 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; resumed the practice of law; died in Delaware, Ohio, May 6, 1899; interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**PORTER, Albert Gallatin**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Ind., April 20, 1824; attended the public schools and the preparatory department of Hanover (Ind.) College, and was graduated from Indiana Asbury University (now De Pauw University), Greencastle, Ind., in 1843; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1845 and commenced practice in Indianapolis; city attorney 1851-1853; reporter of the Indiana Supreme Court 1853-1857; member of the city council 1857-1859; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1863); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1862; resumed the practice of law; appointed First Comptroller of the Treasury March 5, 1878, and served until 1880; Governor of Indiana 1881-1885; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888; United States Minister to Italy 1889-1892; died in Indianapolis, Ind., May 3, 1897; interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**PORTER, Alexander**, a Senator from Louisiana; born in County Donegal, Ireland, June 24, 1785; immigrated to the United States in 1801 with an uncle, who settled in Nashville, Tenn.; received a limited schooling; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1807 and commenced practice in the Attakapas region of the Territory of Orleans; delegate to the convention which framed the first State constitution in 1812; member, lower branch of the Louisiana State legislature 1816-1818; judge of the State supreme court 1821-1833; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Josiah S. Johnson and served from December 19, 1833, until January 5, 1837, when he resigned due to ill health; continued the practice of law in Attakapas; planter; again elected to the United States Senate for the term beginning March 4, 1843, but did not take his seat due to ill health; died in Attakapas, La., January 13, 1844; interment on Oakland plantation in Franklin, La.

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**PORTER, Augustus Seymour** (nephew of Peter Buell Porter), a Senator from Michigan; born in Canandaigua,

N.Y., January 18, 1798; attended Canandaigua Academy, Canandaigua, N.Y.; graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1818; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Detroit, Mich.; recorder of Detroit 1830; mayor of Detroit 1838; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate on January 20, 1840, for the term beginning March 4, 1839, and served until March 3, 1845; was not a candidate for renomination; chairman, Committee on Roads and Canals (Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Congresses), Committee on Enrolled Bills (Twenty-seventh Congress); moved to his father's residence in Niagara Falls, N.Y., in 1848; died at Niagara Falls, N.Y., September 18, 1872; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

**PORTER, Charles Howell**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Cairo, Greene County, N.Y., June 21, 1833; completed preparatory studies; was graduated from the law university at Albany, N.Y., in 1853; was admitted to the bar in 1854 and commenced practice in Ashland, Greene County, N.Y.; entered the Union Army in 1861 as a member of the First Regiment, New York Mounted Rifles; settled in Norfolk, Va.; served as city attorney for one year; Commonwealth attorney 1863-1867; moved to Richmond, Va., in 1867; member of the constitutional convention of Virginia in 1867 and 1868; upon the readmission of Virginia to representation was elected as a Republican to the Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses and served from January 26, 1870, to March 3, 1873; declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1872; engaged in the practice of law in New York City and Beacon, N.Y.; died in Cairo, N.Y., July 9, 1897; interment in Cairo Cemetery.

**PORTER, Charles Orlando**, a Representative from Oregon; born in Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oreg., April 4, 1919; moved to Eugene, Lane County, Oreg., in 1923 and attended the public schools; graduated from Harvard University in 1941 and from Harvard Law School in 1947; served with the United States Air Force from private to first lieutenant 1941-1945, with overseas service in Europe; major in the Air Force Reserve (retired); law clerk in the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco in 1947 and 1948; was admitted to the bar in 1948; assistant to the director, American Bar Association's Survey of the Legal Profession, Boston, Mass., 1948-1951; practiced law in Eugene, Oreg., 1951-1956; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-fifth and to the Eighty-sixth Congresses (January 3, 1957-January 3, 1961); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1960 to the Eighty-seventh Congress; resumed the practice of law; consultant, Food for Peace, The White House, 1961; unsuccessful candidate for nomination in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; unsuccessful candidate in 1966 for election to the Ninetieth Congress; unsuccessful candidate in 1972 for election to the Ninety-third Congress; unsuccessful candidate in 1976 for nomination to the Ninety-fifth Congress; unsuccessful candidate for nomination in 1980 to the United States Senate; is a resident of Eugene, Oreg.

**PORTER, Gilchrist**, a Representative from Missouri; born in Windsor, near Fredericksburg, Va., November 1, 1817; received a limited schooling; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Bowling Green, Mo.; 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; elected to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Thirty-fourth Congress); circuit judge 1866-1880; resumed the practice of law; died in Hannibal, Marion County, Mo., November 1, 1894; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**PORTER, Henry Kirke**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Concord, N.H., November 24, 1840; attended public and private schools and was prepared for college at the New London Academy, New London, N.H.; was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1860; one of the founders of the Young Men's Christian Association in 1860; pursued professional studies in Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Center, Mass., and in Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N.Y., 1861-1866; during the Civil War enlisted in the Forty-fifth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, in 1862 and was mustered out of service in July 1863; served on the United States Christian Commission in 1863; engaged with his father in the manufacture of light locomotives at Pittsburgh, Pa., in May 1866 and became president of the company; president of the Pittsburgh Y.M.C.A. 1868-1887; vice president of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce 1892-1906; elected as an Independent Republican to the Fifty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1905); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Fifty-ninth Congress in 1904; member of the board of trustees and president of the board of directors of the Western Pennsylvania Institute for the Blind in 1904; resumed the manufacture of locomotives; member of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. 1875-1921; trustee of the Carnegie Institute 1890-1921; trustee of the Crozier Theological Seminary 1871-1921; member of the Board of Fellows of Brown University from 1899 until his death in Washington, D.C., April 10, 1921; interment in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**PORTER, James**, a Representative from New York; born in Williamstown, Mass., April 18, 1787; was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1810; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Skaneateles, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1814 and 1815; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth Congress (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1819); was not a candidate for renomination; resumed the practice of law; surrogate of Onondaga County 1822-1824; moved to Albany, N.Y., and served as register of the court of chancery until his death there February 7, 1839; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**PORTER, John**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Pennsylvania, birth date unknown; received a limited schooling; elected as a Republican to the Ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Michael Leib; reelected to the Tenth and Eleventh Congresses (December 8, 1806-March 4, 1811); death date unknown.

**PORTER, John Edward**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Evanston, Cook County, Ill., June 1, 1935; attended the public schools and graduated from Evanston Township High School, 1953; attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., 1953-1954; B.S. and B.A., Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., 1957; J.D., University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1961; served in United States Army Reserves, 1958-1964; was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1961; honor law graduate attorney, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., 1961-1963; private practice, Evanston, Ill., 1963-1979; delegate to the Republican National Convention, 1996; member, Illinois general assembly, 1973-1979; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-sixth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Abner J. Mikva, and reelected to the ten succeeding Congresses (January 22, 1980-January

3, 2001); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Seventh Congress in 2000.

**PORTER, Jon C.**, a Representative from Nevada; born in Fort Dodge, Webster County, Iowa, on May 16, 1955; attended Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa; businessman; member of the Boulder, Nev., city council, 1983-1993; mayor, Boulder, Nev., 1987-1991; member of the Nevada state senate, 1994-2002; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Eighth Congress (January 3, 2003-present).

**PORTER, Peter Augustus** (grandson of Peter Buell Porter), a Representative from New York; born at Niagara Falls, N.Y., October 10, 1853; taught by private teachers; attended St. Paul's Schools, Concord, N.H., 1865-1871 and was graduated from Yale College in 1874; engaged in banking and was an extensive landowner; president of the village of Niagara Falls, N.Y., in 1878; member of the State assembly in 1886 and 1887; elected as an Independent Republican to the Sixtieth Congress (March 4, 1907-March 3, 1909); declined to be a candidate for renomination; engaged in the study and writing of history of the Niagara frontier; died in Buffalo, N.Y., December 15, 1925; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**PORTER, Peter Buell** (grandfather of Peter Augustus Porter and uncle of Augustus Seymour Porter), a Representative from New York; born in Salisbury, Conn., August 14, 1773; was graduated from Yale College in 1791; studied law in Litchfield, Conn.; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Canandaigua, N.Y., in 1793; clerk of Ontario County 1797-1804; member of the State assembly in 1802 and again in 1828; moved to Buffalo, N.Y., in the fall of 1809; elected as a Republican to the Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1813); declined to be a candidate for renomination; appointed a canal commissioner in 1811; served in the War of 1812; major general of New York Volunteers 1812-1815; presented a gold medal under joint resolution of Congress dated November 3, 1814, "for gallantry and good conduct in the several conflicts of Chippewa, Niagara, and Erie"; elected to the Fourteenth Congress and served from March 4, 1815, to January 23, 1816, when he resigned; secretary of state of New York in 1815 and 1816; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of the State of New York in 1817; regent of the University of the State of New York 1824-1830; appointed Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President John Quincy Adams and served from June 21, 1828, to March 9, 1829; moved to Niagara Falls in 1836; presidential elector on the Whig ticket in 1840; died at Niagara Falls, Niagara County, N.Y., March 20, 1844; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

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**PORTER, Stephen Geyer**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born near Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, May 18, 1869; moved to Pennsylvania with his parents, who settled in Allegheny (now Pittsburgh), Pa., in 1877; attended the common schools and Allegheny High School; studied medicine for two years, after which he studied law; was admitted to the bar in December 1893 and commenced practice in Pittsburgh; city solicitor of Allegheny 1903-1906; chairman of the Republican State convention in 1912; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-second and to the nine succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1911, until his death; chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs (Sixty-sixth through Seventy-first Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Pittsburgh in 1913; appointed in 1921



to represent the House of Representatives on the advisory committee to the Washington conference on armament limitations; represented the United States at the centennial of Brazil's independence, in 1922; member and chairman of the American delegation to the Second International Conference on Opium, at Geneva in 1923 and 1924; chairman of the Foreign Service Buildings Commission 1926-1930; died in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 27, 1930; interment in Highwood Cemetery.

**PORTER, Timothy H.**, a Representative from New York; born in New Haven, Conn., birth date unknown; completed preparatory studies; moved to New York and settled in Cattaraugus County; member of the State assembly, 1816 and 1817; county judge of Cattaraugus County, 1817-1820; studied law; was admitted to the bar of Tioga and Cattaraugus Counties in 1819 and commenced practice in Olean, N.Y.; first judge of the court of common pleas in 1819; district attorney for Cattaraugus County, 1819, 1820, and 1824; served in the State senate, 1823; elected to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); resumed the practice of law in Olean, N.Y.; again a member of the State senate 1828-1831 and of the State assembly in 1838 and 1840; died in Olean Township, near the city of Olean, N.Y., about 1840; interment in Mount View Cemetery, Olean, N.Y.

**PORTMAN, Robert Jones**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, December 19, 1955; graduated from the Cincinnati Country Day School, Cincinnati, Ohio; B.A., Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 1979; J.D., University of Michigan School of Law, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1984; associate counsel to President George Bush, 1989; deputy assistant and director, Office of Legislative Affairs, White House Office, 1989-1991; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Third Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Willis D. Gradison, Jr., and reelected to the five succeeding Congresses (May 4, 1993-present).

**POSEY, Francis Blackburn**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Petersburg, Pike County, Ind., April 28, 1848; attended the public schools, Blythewood Academy, and Indiana Asbury (now De Pauw) University, Greencastle, Ind.; was graduated from the law department of the Indiana University at Bloomington in 1869; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Petersburg, Ind.; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1884; unsuccessful Republican candidate for election in 1888 to the Fifty-first Congress; was subsequently elected to the Fiftieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alvin P. Hovey and served from January 29, 1889, to March 3, 1889; resumed the practice of law in Evansville, Ind.; surveyor of the port of Evansville 1903-1913; died in Rockport, Spencer County, Ind., on October 31, 1915; interment in Walnut Hills Cemetery, Petersburg, Ind.

**POSEY, Thomas**, a Senator from Louisiana; born in Fairfax County, Va., July 9, 1750; received a limited schooling; moved to the western frontier of Virginia in 1769; served in the Virginia militia in the French and Indian wars; member of the Virginia committee of correspondence; at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War was appointed captain in a Virginia regiment; promoted to the rank of major in 1778 and the following year was made colonel; was at the surrender of Yorktown in 1781; held various county and militia offices; appointed brigadier general in 1793 and participated in campaigns against the Indians; moved to Kentucky in

1794; served in the State senate and was its presiding officer in 1805 and 1806; lieutenant governor of Kentucky for four years; major general of Kentucky levies after 1809; moved to the Attakapas region of Louisiana; appointed to the United States Senate from Louisiana to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John N. Destrehan and served from October 8, 1812, to February 4, 1813; unsuccessful candidate for election to fill the vacancy; Governor of Indiana Territory 1813-1816; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Indiana; appointed Indian agent in 1816 and held the position until his death in Shawneetown, Ill., on March 19, 1818; interment in Westwood Cemetery.

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**POSHARD, Glenn**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Herald, White County, Ill., October 30, 1945; attended Herald Elementary School, 1950-1958; graduated from Carmi Township High School, 1962; served in the United States Army, Specialist 5, 1962-1965; B.S., University of Southern Illinois, 1970, M.S., 1974, Ph.D., administration of higher education, 1984; teacher and sports coach, Galatia and Thompsonville High Schools, 1970-1974; assistant director, Southern Illinois Regional Education Service Center, and director, Area Service Center for Educators of the Gifted, 1974-1984; Illinois state senator, 1984-1988; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred First and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1989-January 3, 1999); was not a candidate in 1998 for reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives but was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Illinois.

**POST, George Adams**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Cuba, Allegany County, N.Y., September 1, 1854; pursued an academic course at Oswego Academy; moved to Susquehanna Depot, Pa.; secretary of the motive power department of the Erie Railway; elected burgess in February 1877 and served one year; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1881 and commenced practice in Montrose, Pa.; one of the owners and editors of the Montrose Democrat 1883-1889; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1884; chairman of the Democratic State convention in 1885; moved to New York City in 1889; engaged as a writer for the *New York World*; engaged in the manufacture of railway equipment in 1892 and served as vice president and later president of the Standard Coupler Co.; founder and president of the Railway Business Association; chairman of the railroad committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce; died in Somerville, Somerset County, N.J., on October 31, 1925; interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Oswego, N.Y.

**POST, James Douglass**, a Representative from Ohio; born near Milledgeville, Fayette County, Ohio, November 25, 1863; attended the common schools and was graduated from the National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio, in 1882; engaged in teaching for five years; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1887 and commenced practice at Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1915); chairman, Committee on Elections No. 1 (Sixty-third Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1914; resumed the practice of law at Washington Court House, Ohio, and died there April 1, 1921; interment in Washington Cemetery.

**POST, Jotham, Jr.**, a Representative from New York; born near Westbury, Nassau County, N.Y., April 4, 1771;

was graduated from Columbia College, New York City, in 1792; studied medicine but did not practice; engaged in the drug-importing business in New York City; member of the board of aldermen; served in the State assembly 1795 and 1805-1808; director of the New York Hospital 1798-1802; elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth Congress (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1815); died in New York City, May 15, 1817.

**POST, Morton Everel**, a Delegate from the Territory of Wyoming; born in West Henrietta (near Rochester), Monroe County, N.Y., December 25, 1840; pursued an academic course in the Albion and Medina Academies, New York; moved to Denver, Colo., in 1860 and engaged in the freighting business between the Missouri River and Denver; engaged in mining in Alder Gulch, Mont., in 1864; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1864; moved in 1867 to that portion of Dakota which is now Wyoming; county commissioner of Laramie County 1870-1876; member of the Territorial legislative council 1878-1880; engaged in banking and stock raising near Cheyenne, Wyo.; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1885); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1884; resumed banking and stock raising; moved to California in 1895 and engaged in farming and fruit growing near Cucamonga and Alhambra; retired in 1916 and resided in Los Angeles, Calif., until 1928 when he moved to Alhambra, Calif.; died in Alhambra, Calif., March 19, 1933; interment in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Calif.

**POST, Philip Sidney**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Florida, Orange County, N.Y., March 19, 1833; pursued classical studies and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1855; entered the Poughkeepsie Law School; was admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1856; during the Civil War entered the Union Army and served with the Fifty-ninth Regiment, Illinois Infantry; promoted through the ranks to colonel; brevetted brigadier general of Volunteers December 16, 1864; awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor, March 8, 1893, for action at the Battle of Nashville; appointed consul to Vienna in 1866; promoted to consul general to Austria-Hungary in 1874; resigned in 1879; commander of the department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, in 1886; elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1887, until his death, before the close of the Fifty-third Congress, in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 1895; interment in Hope Cemetery, Galesburg, Ill.

**POSTON, Charles Debrille**, a Delegate from the Territory of Arizona; born near Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Ky., April 20, 1825; attended the public schools; clerk in the county clerk's office; clerk of the supreme court at Nashville, Tenn.; moved to California in 1850 and settled in San Francisco; clerk in the customhouse at San Francisco 1850-1853; moved to Arizona in 1854 and became interested in silver mining; appointed by President Lincoln superintendent of Indian affairs in 1863 and was civilian aide to General Heintzelman the same year; when Arizona Territory was formed was elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth Congress and served from December 5, 1864, to March 3, 1865; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced the practice of his profession in Washington, D.C.; appointed by President Hayes register of the United States land office at Florence, Ariz., in 1878; consular agent at El Paso, Tex., in 1890; died in Phoenix, Ariz., June 24, 1902; interment in Arizona Ceme-

tery; reinterment under a rock cairn erected by the State of Arizona at the summit of Poston Butte, overlooking the town of Florence, Ariz., April 26, 1925.

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**POTTER, Allen**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Galloway, Saratoga County, N.Y., October 2, 1818; attended the common schools; moved to Adrian, Mich., in 1830 and to Jonesville, Mich., in 1838; learned the trade of tinsmith; moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1845 and engaged in the retail hardware business until 1858, when he engaged in banking and in the manufacture of gas; member of the State house of representatives in 1857; president of the village council in 1859, 1863, 1870, and again in 1872; elected a member of the board of education in 1867, 1869, and 1871, serving as president in 1869; member of the board of water commissioners in 1872; unsuccessful Liberal candidate for election in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); was not a candidate for reelection in 1876; resumed banking activities; also financially interested in railroads and Colorado mining enterprises; member of the sewer commission 1880-1883; elected as the first mayor of Kalamazoo, in 1884; treasurer of the State asylum for the insane; died in Kalamazoo, Mich., May 8, 1885; interment in the City Cemetery.

**POTTER, Charles Edward**, a Representative and a Senator from Michigan; born in Lapeer, Mich., October 30, 1916; attended the public schools; graduated from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1938; administrator of Bureau of Social Aid, Cheboygan County, Mich., 1938-1942; in 1942 enlisted as a private in the United States Army with combat service in the European Theater of Operations; seriously wounded in France in 1945, resulting in the loss of both legs; discharged from the service as a major in 1946; engaged as vocational rehabilitation representative for the Retraining and Reemployment Administration with the United States Labor Department until his resignation in 1947; elected on August 26, 1947, as a Republican to the Eightieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frederick V. Bradley; reelected to the two succeeding Congresses and served from August 26, 1947, until his resignation on November 4, 1952; elected to the United States Senate in 1952 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Arthur H. Vandenberg and served from November 5, 1952, to January 3, 1953; also elected in 1952 for the term commencing January 3, 1953, and served until January 3, 1959; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958; engaged as an industrial consultant and international securities executive; member of the American Battle Monuments Commission; resided in Queenstown, Md., until his death at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., November 23, 1979; interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

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**POTTER, Clarkson Nott**, a Representative from New York; born in Schenectady, N.Y., April 25, 1825; completed preparatory studies; graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., 1842; graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a civil engineer, 1843; served as a surveyor in Wisconsin in 1843; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1846 and commenced practice in New York City in 1847; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-first and to the two succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1875); declined to be a candidate for renomination to the Forty-fourth

Congress in 1874; elected to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); chairman, Committee on Pacific Railroads (Forty-fifth Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination to the Forty-sixth Congress in 1878; president of the Democratic New York state conventions in 1875 and 1877; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1872 and 1876; unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor in 1879; trustee of Union College 1863-1882; president of the American Bar Association in 1881 and 1882; died on January 23, 1882, in New York City, N.Y.; interment in Vale Cemetery, Schenectady, N.Y.

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**POTTER, Elisha Reynolds** (son of Elisha Reynolds Potter [1764-1835]), a Representative from Rhode Island; born in Little Rest (now Kingston), R.I., June 20, 1811; attended the Kingston Academy and was graduated from Harvard University in 1830; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1832 and practiced in South Kingstown Township, R.I.; adjutant general of the State, 1835-1836; member of the State house of representatives, 1838-1840; elected as a Law and Order Party candidate to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); chairman, Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business (Twenty-eighth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1844 to the Twenty-ninth Congress; served in the State senate, 1847-1852 and 1861-1863; State commissioner of public schools from 1849 to 1854, when he resigned; associate justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court from March 16, 1868, until his death in Kingston, Washington County, R.I., April 10, 1882; interment in the family burial ground, Washington County, R.I.

**POTTER, Elisha Reynolds** (father of Elisha Reynolds Potter [1811-1882]), a Representative from Rhode Island; born in Little Rest (now Kingston), R.I., November 5, 1764; learned the blacksmith's trade and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; served as a private in the Revolutionary War; attended Plainfield Academy; studied law; was admitted to the bar about 1789 and commenced practice in South Kingstown Township, R.I.; member of the State house of representatives, 1793-1796 and served as speaker in 1795 and 1796; elected as a Federalist to the Fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Benjamin Bourn and served during the Fifth Congress (November 15, 1796-1797), until his resignation; again a member of the State house of representatives, 1798-1808 and speaker in 1802 and 1806-1808; elected to the Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Congresses (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1815); from 1816 to 1835 was a member of the State house of representatives except the year 1818, when he was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Rhode Island; died in South Kingstown, R.I., September 26, 1835; interment in the family burial ground, Washington County, R.I.

**POTTER, Emery Davis**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Providence, R.I., October 7, 1804; attended the district school and the academy in Herkimer County, N.Y.; studied law in Cooperstown, N.Y.; was admitted to the New York State bar at Utica in 1833 and commenced practice in Cooperstown, N.Y.; moved to Toledo, Ohio, in 1834 and continued the practice of law; judge of the circuit court for the northern counties of Ohio; president judge of the court of common pleas from 1834 to 1843, when he resigned; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); was not a candidate for renomination; mayor of Toledo 1846-1848; member of the State house of representatives 1848-1850; elected to the Thirty-first Con-

gress (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1851); chairman, Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Thirty-first Congress); was not a candidate for renomination; resumed the practice of law in Toledo; declined the appointment of judge of the Territory of Utah in 1858; city solicitor of Toledo in 1861 and 1862; member of the board of education in 1864 and 1865; member of the State senate 1874-1876 and served as president; retired from active practice in 1880; died in Toledo, Ohio, February 12, 1896; interment in Forest Cemetery.

**POTTER, John Fox**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Augusta, Maine, May 11, 1817; attended the common schools and Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1837 and commenced practice in East Troy, Wis.; judge of Walworth County 1842-1846; member of the State assembly in 1856; delegate to the Whig National Conventions in 1852 and 1856 and to the Republican National Conventions in 1860 and 1864; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, and Thirty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1863); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (Thirty-sixth Congress), Committee on Public Lands (Thirty-seventh Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; consul general of the United States to the British Provinces in North America from 1863 to 1866, residing in Montreal, Canada; practiced law in East Troy, Wis., and died there May 18, 1899; interment in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

**POTTER, Orlando Brunson**, a Representative from New York; born in Charlemont, Franklin County, Mass., March 10, 1823; attended the district school, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., and the Dane Law School, Cambridge, Mass.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1848 and commenced practice in Boston, Mass.; engaged in manufacturing; moved to New York in 1853 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; unsuccessful for election in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1884; member of the Rapid Transit Commission of New York City 1890-1894; died in New York City, January 2, 1894; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

**POTTER, Robert**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Granville County, near Williamsboro, N.C., about 1800; attended the common schools; midshipman in the United States Navy 1815-1821; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Halifax, Halifax County, N.C.; member of the State house of commons in 1826 and 1828; moved to Oxford, Granville County, N.C., in 1827 and continued the practice of law; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Congresses and served from March 4, 1829, until his resignation in November 1831; again a member of the State house of commons from 1834 until his expulsion in January 1835; moved to Harrison County, Tex., in 1835 and settled on a farm overlooking Lake Soda, near Marshall; member of the convention that declared the independence of Texas March 2, 1836; during the Texas Revolution was secretary of the navy in the cabinet of the Provincial President, David G. Burnett; represented the Red River District in the Texas Congress 1837-1841; participated in the Regulator-Moderator War in east Texas as a leader of the Harrison County Moderators; his home being surrounded by the Regulators on March 2, 1842, he ran to the edge of Lake Soda and dived in, his body sinking to the bottom riddled with bullets; interred at "Potter's Point," a bluff near his home; reinterred in the Texas State Cemetery, at Austin, in 1931.

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**POTTER, Samuel John**, a Senator from Rhode Island; born in South Kingston Township, R.I., June 29, 1753; completed preparatory studies; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced; deputy governor of Rhode Island 1790-1803; presidential elector in 1792 and 1796; elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1803, until his death in Washington, D.C., October 14, 1804; interment in the family burial ground, Kingston (formerly Little Rest), Washington County, R.I.

**POTTER, William Wilson**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born at Potters Mills, Pa., December 18, 1792; completed preparatory studies in Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., and was graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1814 and practiced his profession; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses and served from March 4, 1837, until his death, before the assembling of the Twenty-sixth Congress, in Bellefonte, Pa., on October 28, 1839; interment in Union Cemetery, Bellefonte, Pa.

**POTTLE, Emory Bemsley**, a Representative from New York; born in Naples, Ontario County, N.Y., July 4, 1815; pursued classical studies at Penn Yan (N.Y.) Academy; studied law; was admitted to the bar at New York City in 1838 and commenced practice in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio; returned to Naples, N.Y., and continued the practice of law; member of the State assembly in 1847; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1857-March 3, 1861); again resumed the practice of his profession; appointed by President Lincoln a member of the commission which prepared a bill providing for a tariff on wool; died in Naples, N.Y., April 18, 1891; interment in Rose Ridge Cemetery.

**POTTS, David Matthew**, a Representative from New York; born in New York City, March 12, 1906; attended the public schools and the College of the City of New York 1927-1929; was graduated from Brooklyn Law School of St. Lawrence University in 1932; was admitted to the New York bar in 1933 and commenced practice in New York City; counsel to the New York Senate Committee on Affairs of the City of New York during the 1945 session; elected as a Republican to the Eightieth Congress (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1949); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1948 to the Eighty-first Congress; resumed the practice of law; appointed surrogate of Bronx County by Governor Dewey and served from November 1951 to January 1953; special referee, Appellate Division, First Department, Supreme Court of State of New York, June 1953 term; senior partner, Kadel, Wilson & Potts, until his death September 11, 1976, in Bronxville, N.Y.; interment in Ferncliff Mausoleum, Hartsdale, N.Y.

**POTTS, David, Jr.**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born at Warwick Furnace, about eight miles from Pottstown, Chester County, Pa., November 27, 1794; completed preparatory studies in Pottstown; became an ironmaster; owner and manager of Warwick Furnace; member of the State house of representatives 1824-1826; elected as an Anti-Masonic candidate to the Twenty-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1839); was not a candidate for renomination in 1838; resumed his former business pursuits; died at Warwick Furnace (now Warwick), Chester County, Pa., June 1, 1863; interment in Coventry Cemetery, near Warwick.

**POTTS, Richard**, a Delegate and a Senator from Maryland; born in Upper Marlboro, Md., July 19, 1753; moved with his family to the Barbados Islands in 1757; returned

to Maryland and settled in Annapolis in 1761; studied law; commenced practice in Frederick County, Md., in 1775; member of the committee of observation for Frederick County in 1776; clerk of the county court 1777-1778; military aide to the Maryland Governor 1777; member, Maryland house of delegates 1779-1780; Member of the Continental Congress in 1781; prosecuting attorney for Frederick, Montgomery, and Washington Counties 1784; member, State house of delegates 1787-1788; declined the nomination for State senator in 1787; member of the Maryland convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States in 1788; appointed by President George Washington United States attorney for Maryland 1789-1791; chief judge of the fifth judicial circuit of the State 1791-1793; presidential elector in 1792; elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Carroll of Carrollton and served from January 10, 1793, to October 24, 1796, when he resigned; again appointed chief judge of the fifth judicial circuit 1796-1801; associate justice of the Maryland Court of Appeals 1801-1804; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Frederick, Md., November 26, 1808; interment in All Saints' Parish Cemetery; reinterment in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore.

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**POU, Edward William** (cousin of James Paul Buchanan), a Representative from North Carolina; born in Tuskegee, Macon County, Ala., September 9, 1863; moved to North Carolina with his parents, who settled in Smithfield in 1867; received private instructions and attended the common schools and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1885 and practiced in Smithfield, Johnston County, N.C.; chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Johnston County in 1886; solicitor of the fourth judicial district of North Carolina 1890-1901; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1896 to the Fifty-fifth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh and to the sixteen succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1901, until his death; chairman, Committee on Claims (Sixty-second, Sixty-third, and Sixty-fourth Congresses), Committee on Rules (Sixty-fifth, Seventy-second, and Seventy-third Congresses); delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1916; died in Washington, D.C., April 1, 1934; funeral services were held in the Chamber of the United States House of Representatives; interment in Riverside Cemetery, Smithfield, N.C.

**POULSON, C. Norris**, a Representative from California; born and reared on a ranch near Haines, Baker County, Oreg., July 23, 1895; attended the public schools, Oregon State College at Corvallis, and Southwestern University, Los Angeles, Calif., 1923-1925; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1923; became a certified public accountant in 1933; member of the California assembly 1938-1942; delegate to California State Republican conventions on seven occasions; delegate to Republican National Convention, 1956; 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; elected in 1946 to the Eightieth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1947, until his resignation on June 11, 1953; elected mayor of Los Angeles, Calif., in 1953 and again in 1957 and served from June 1953 to June 1961; unsuccessful for reelection as mayor in 1961; California State Water Commissioner, June 1963 to April 1969; resided in Tustin, Calif., until his death in Orange, Calif., on September 25, 1982; cremated; ashes buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker, Oreg.

**POUND, Thaddeus Coleman**, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Elk, Warren County, Pa., December 6, 1833; moved with his parents to Monroe County, N.Y., in 1838; later moved to Rochester, N.Y.; attended the common schools, Milton (Wis.) Academy, and Rushford Academy, Allegany County, N.Y.; moved to Rock County, Wis., in May 1856; engaged in the manufacture of lumber; president of the Union Lumbering Co. and of the Chippewa Falls & Western Railway Co.; member of the State assembly in 1864, 1866, 1867, and 1869, and served the last year as speaker pro tempore; Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin in 1870 and 1871; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1872; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Forty-seventh Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; president of the Chippewa Spring Water Co.; died in a hospital in Chicago, Ill., on November 21, 1914; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

**POWELL, Adam Clayton, Jr.**, a Representative from New York; born in New Haven, Conn., November 29, 1908; attended the public schools of New York City; graduated from Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., 1930; graduated from Columbia University, New York, N.Y., 1932; graduated from Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C., 1934; ordained minister; member of the New York, N.Y., city council, 1941; newspaper publisher and editor; journalist; instructor, Columbia University Extension School, 1932-1940; cofounder of the National Negro Congress; member of the New York state, Consumer Division, Office of Price Administration, 1942-1944; member of the Manhattan Civilian Defense 1942-1945; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1945-February 28, 1967); excluded from membership in the Ninetieth Congress pursuant to H.Res. 278, on February 28, 1967; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor (Eighty-seventh through Eighty-ninth Congresses); elected as a Democrat to the Ninetieth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by his exclusion but did not appear to be sworn in; reelected to the succeeding Congress (April 11, 1967-January 3, 1971); unsuccessful candidate for renomination to the Ninety-second Congress in 1970; died on April 4, 1972, in Miami, Fla.; cremated and ashes scattered over South Bimini in the Bahamas.

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**POWELL, Alfred H.**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Loudoun County, Va., March 6, 1781; was graduated from Princeton College; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of his profession in Winchester, Va., in 1800; member of the State senate 1812-1819; elected to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1830; died in Loudoun County, Va., in 1831.

**POWELL, Cuthbert** (son of Levin Powell), a Representative from Virginia; born in Alexandria, Va., March 4, 1775; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Alexandria; mayor of Alexandria; moved to Loudoun County; engaged in agricultural pursuits; held various local offices; served in the State senate 1815-1819; member of the State house of delegates in 1828 and 1829; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-seventh Congress

(March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); died in "Llangollen," Loudoun County, Va., May 8, 1849; interment in the private cemetery on his estate, "Llangollen," in Loudoun County, Va.

**POWELL, Joseph**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Towanda, Bradford County, Pa., June 23, 1828; completed preparatory studies; engaged in mercantile pursuits; president of the First National Bank of Towanda 1870-1889; 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; appointed special deputy collector of the port of Philadelphia in 1885 and served four years; sheriff of Bradford County 1889-1893; died in Towanda, Pa., April 24, 1904; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**POWELL, Lazarus Whitehead**, a Senator from Kentucky; born near Henderson, Henderson County, Ky., October 6, 1812; attended the common schools; graduated from St. Joseph College, Bardstown, Ky., in 1833; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Henderson in 1835; member, State house of representatives 1836; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket 1844; unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1848; Governor of Kentucky 1851-1855; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1859, to March 3, 1865; resumed the practice of his profession; unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate in 1867; died near Henderson, Ky., July 3, 1867; interment in Fernwood Cemetery.

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**POWELL, Leven** (father of Cuthbert Powell), a Representative from Virginia; born near Manassas, Prince William County, Va., in 1737; studied in private schools; deputy sheriff of Prince William County; moved to Loudoun County in 1763; engaged in mercantile pursuits; served as major in the Revolutionary Army in 1775; appointed lieutenant colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment of the Continental Line in 1777; resigned on account of ill health in 1778; member of the State house of delegates in 1779; was delegate to the Virginia ratification convention in 1788; again a member of the State house of delegates in 1787, 1788, 1791, and 1792; elected as a Federalist to the Sixth Congress (March 4, 1799-March 3, 1801); helped to build a turnpike from Alexandria, Va., to the upper country; died in Bedford, Bedford County, Pa., on August 23, 1810; interment in Old Presbyterian Graveyard.

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**POWELL, Paulus**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Amherst County, Va., in 1809; attended private schools and Amherst College, Amherst, Va.; held various local offices; member of the State house of delegates 1843-1849, 1863, and 1864; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1859); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1858 to the Thirty-sixth Congress; died in Amherst, Amherst County, Va., June 10, 1874; interment in the private burying ground of his brother-in-law on the estate, "Kenmore," near Amherst, Va.

**POWELL, Samuel**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa., July 10, 1776;

attended the common schools and Philadelphia (Pa.) College; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Norristown, Pa., prior to 1800; moved to Blountville, Sullivan County, Tenn., in 1800; established the first law school in Tennessee at his home; moved to Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tenn., in 1805 and practiced law; member of the superior court of law and equity 1807-1809; judge of the first circuit court of Tennessee in 1812 and 1813; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth Congress (March 4, 1815-March 3, 1817); was not a candidate for renomination in 1816; resumed the practice of law; again judge of the first circuit court 1819-1841; died in Rogersville, Tenn., August 2, 1841; interment in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery.

**POWELL, Walter Eugene**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, April 25, 1931; attended Hamilton public schools; A.B., Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, 1953; M.Ed., Miami (Ohio) University, 1961; educator in Butler County, Ohio, for twenty-four years; clerk, city of Fairfield, Ohio, 1956-1957; member, Fairfield City Council, 1958; member, Ohio house of representatives, 1961-1967; member, Ohio State senate, 1967-1971; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-second and to the Ninety-third Congresses (January 3, 1971-January 3, 1975); was not a candidate for reelection in 1974 to the Ninety-fourth Congress; is a resident of Middletown, Ohio.

**POWER, Thomas Charles**, a Senator from Montana; born near Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa, May 22, 1839; attended the common schools and studied civil engineering at Sinsiniwa College, Wisconsin; practiced engineering and taught school three years; employed as a surveyor in Dakota in 1860; engaged in trade on the Missouri River 1861-1867; president of a line of steamers; moved to Fort Benton, Mont.; settled in Helena in 1876; engaged in mercantile pursuits and in banking; member of the first constitutional convention of Montana in 1883; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Montana in 1889; upon the admission of Montana as a State into the Union was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from January 2, 1890, to March 3, 1895; was not a candidate for renomination; chairman, Committee to Examine Branches of the Civil Service (Fifty-second Congress); engaged in banking, stock raising, and mercantile pursuits; died in Helena, Mont., February 16, 1923; interment in Resurrection Cemetery.

**POWERS, Caleb**, a Representative from Kentucky; born near Williamsburg, Whitley County, Ky., February 1, 1869; attended the public schools, Union College, Barbourville, Ky., the University of Kentucky at Lexington, and Centre College, Danville, Ky.; was graduated from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.; attended West Point Military Academy in 1890 and 1891; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1894 and commenced practice at Barbourville, Ky.; superintendent of public schools for Knox County 1894-1899; elected secretary of state of Kentucky in 1899 but was unseated after a contest; convicted of complicity in the assassination of Gov. William Goebel in 1900 and sentenced to prison; was pardoned in 1908; author of "My Own Story" in 1905; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1919); was not a candidate for renomination in 1918; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1912; moved to Washington, D.C., and served as assistant counsel for the United States Shipping Board from 1921 until his death in Baltimore, Md., July 25, 1932; interment in City Cemetery, Barbourville, Ky.

**POWERS, David Lane**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 29, 1896; attended the

public schools, and was graduated from Pennsylvania Military College at Chester in 1915; during the First World War was commissioned a second lieutenant on August 15, 1917; promoted to first lieutenant and served as battalion adjutant in the Eight Hundred and Seventh Pioneer Infantry; moved to Trenton, N.J., in 1919 and engaged in the building business; member of the State house of assembly 1928-1930; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-third and to the six succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1933, until his resignation on August 30, 1945, to become a member of the Public Utilities Commission of New Jersey, a post he held until retirement in 1967; died in Feasterville, Pa., March 28, 1968; interment in Riverview Cemetery, Trenton, N.J.

**POWERS, Gershom**, a Representative from New York; born in Croydon, Sullivan County, N.H., July 11, 1789; attended the common schools and was largely self-taught; taught school in the town of Sempronius, Cayuga County, N.Y., while attending the local law school, from which he graduated in 1810; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Auburn, Cayuga County, N.Y.; appointed superintendent of Auburn prison in 1820; first judge of the court of common pleas of Cayuga County 1823-1828; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1831); chairman, Committee on District of Columbia (Twenty-first Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1830; appointed inspector of Auburn prison on April 2, 1830, and served until his death; died in Auburn, N.Y., June 25, 1831; interment in North Street Cemetery.

**POWERS, Horace Henry**, a Representative from Vermont; born in Morrystown, Lamoille County, Vt., May 29, 1835; attended Peoples Academy; was graduated from the University of Vermont at Burlington in 1855; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1858 and practiced in Hyde Park, Vt., 1859-1862; member of the State house of representatives in 1858; prosecuting attorney of Lamoille County in 1861 and 1862; member of the council of censors in 1869; member of the State constitutional convention in 1870; served in the State senate in 1872 and 1873; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1874 and served as speaker; judge of the supreme court of Vermont from December 1874 to December 1890; trustee of the University of Vermont from 1883 until his death; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1892; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-second and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1901); chairman, Committee on Pacific Railroads (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-sixth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1900; resumed the practice of law in Morrisville, Vt.; died in Morrisville, Vt., December 8, 1913; interment in Pleasant View Cemetery.

**POWERS, Llewellyn**, a Representative from Maine; born in Pittsfield, Somerset County, Maine, October 14, 1836; attended the common schools of Pittsfield and St. Albans Academy; was graduated from the Colburn Classical Institute; attended Colby University, Waterville, Maine, and was graduated from the law department of Union University, Albany, N.Y., in 1860; was admitted to the bar in Albany, N.Y., and Somerset, Maine, in 1860 and commenced practice in Houlton, Maine, in January 1861; prosecuting attorney for Aroostook County 1864-1871; collector of customs for the district of Aroostook 1868-1872; member of the State house of representatives 1873-1876, 1883, 1892, and 1895 and served as speaker during the last term; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3,

1879); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; Governor of Maine 1896-1900; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles A. Boutelle; reelected to the Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, and Sixtieth Congresses and served from April 8, 1901, until his death in Houlton, Maine, July 28, 1908; interment in West Pittsfield Cemetery, near Pittsfield, Maine.

**POWERS, Samuel Leland**, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Cornish, N.H., October 26, 1848; prepared for college at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., and was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1874; studied law in the law school of the University of the City of New York, and also in Worcester, Mass.; was admitted to the bar in 1875 and commenced practice in Boston, Mass., in 1876; moved to Newton, Mass., in 1882; member of the Newton City Council 1883-1887, serving as president in 1885 and 1886; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1901-March 3, 1905); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1904; one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1905 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against Charles Swayne, judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida; resumed the practice of law in Boston and resided in Newton, Mass.; trustee of Dartmouth College 1905-1915; member of the Massachusetts Board of Education in 1915-1919; member of the Massachusetts constitutional convention in 1918 and 1919; served in the State militia for ten years; trustee of the board of public control for the operation of the Boston Elevated Railway 1918-1928, serving as chairman 1923-1928; died in Newton, Mass., on November 30, 1929; interment in Newton Cemetery, Newton Center, Mass.

**POYDRAS, Julien de Lallande**, a Delegate from the Territory of Orleans; born in Nantes, France, April 3, 1740; completed preparatory studies; served in the French Navy in his youth; was captured by the British in 1760 and taken to England; escaped on board a West Indian merchantman to San Domingo, whence he immigrated to New Orleans, La., in 1768; wrote the first poetical work printed in Louisiana in 1779; president of the first legislative council of the Territory of Orleans; founded the Female Orphan Asylum in New Orleans; elected to the Eleventh Congress (March 4, 1809-March 3, 1811); president of the first State constitutional convention; presidential elector for Madison in 1812; founded and endowed the Poydras Asylum; died in Pointe Coupee, La., June 14, 1824; interment in Old St. Francis Cemetery; reinterment in the grounds of the Poydras High School, New Roads, La.

**PRACHT, Charles Frederick**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Pitman, Schuylkill County, Pa., October 20, 1880; attended the public schools; associated in the toy novelty and notions business 1897-1914; children's agent and investigator in the county commissioner's office 1915-1929; served in the department of accounts under the clerk of quarters sessions in 1930 and 1931; personal property assessor in the board of revision department 1932-1942; member of the Republican executive ward committee since 1904, serving as chairman for twenty-five consecutive years; 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; died in Philadelphia, Pa., December 22, 1950; interment in Lawnview Cemetery (Rockledge), Philadelphia, Pa.

**PRALL, Anning Smith**, a Representative from New York; born in Port Richmond, Staten Island, N.Y., Sep-

tember 17, 1870; attended the public schools and New York University; employed as a clerk in a New York City newspaper office; was in charge of a real estate department of a bank 1908-1918; served as clerk of the first district municipal court; appointed a member of the New York City Board of Education January 1, 1918, and served until December 31, 1921, and three times elected its president; commissioner of taxes and assessment in 1922 and 1923; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Daniel J. Riordan; reelected to the Sixty-ninth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from November 6, 1923, to January 3, 1935; was not a candidate for renomination in 1934; served as a member and chairman of the Federal Communications Commission from January 15, 1935, until his death at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, July 23, 1937; interment in Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp, Staten Island, N.Y.

**PRATT, Charles Clarence**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in New Milford, Susquehanna County, Pa., April 23, 1854; attended the rural schools in his community, Sedgwick Institute, Great Barrington, Mass., and was graduated from the State normal school at Bloomsburg, Pa.; became engaged in the lumber and oil businesses at New Milford in 1879; served as assessor, school director, and justice of the peace; colonel on the respective staffs of Governors Stone, Pennypacker, and Tener 1899-1907; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-first Congress (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1911); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1910 to the Sixty-second Congress; resumed his former business pursuits, residing in Binghamton, N.Y., during the winters and in New Milford, Pa., during the summers; died in Binghamton, N.Y., January 27, 1916; interment in New Milford Cemetery, New Milford, Pa.

**PRATT, Daniel Darwin**, a Senator from Indiana; born in Palermo, Maine, October 26, 1813; moved to New York with his parents, who settled in Fenner, Madison County; attended the public schools and Cazenovia Seminary; graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., in 1831; moved to Indiana in 1832 and taught school; settled in Indianapolis in 1834 and was employed in the office of the secretary of State; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Logansport, Ind., in 1836; member, State house of representatives in 1851, 1853; elected in 1868 as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress but resigned January 27, 1869, before the beginning of the congressional term, having been elected to the United States Senate; served as a Republican in the Senate from March 4, 1869, to March 3, 1875; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses); appointed by President Ulysses Grant as Commissioner of Internal Revenue 1875-1876; died in Logansport, Cass County, Ind., June 17, 1877; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

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**PRATT, Eliza Jane**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Morven, Anson County, N.C., March 5, 1902; attended the public schools of Morven and Raeford, N.C., and Queens College at Charlotte, N.C.; newspaper editor at Troy, N.C., in 1923 and 1924; served as secretary to Members of Congress from the Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina 1924-1946; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William O. Burgin and served from May 25, 1946,

to January 3, 1947; was not a candidate for renomination in 1946; employed with the Office of Alien Property, Washington, D.C., from 1947 to 1951; with Department of Agriculture from 1951 to 1954; with Library of Congress from 1954 to 1956; secretary to Representative Kitchin of North Carolina from 1957 to 1962; served as public relations head for North Carolina Telephone Company; resided in Wadesboro, N.C.; died in Charlotte, N.C. May 13, 1981; interment in Raeford City Cemetery, Raeford, N.C.

**PRATT, Harcourt Joseph**, a Representative from New York; born in Highland, Ulster County, N.Y., October 23, 1866; attended the public schools and Claverack Academy at Claverack, N.Y.; engaged in the lumber and coal business; also interested in banking; member of the Board of Supervisors of Ulster County 1895-1897; member of the State assembly in 1897; director of the First National Bank of Highland since 1900 and of the Kingston Trust Co. since 1921; was president of the Board of Education of Highland, N.Y., 1908-1926; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-ninth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1925-March 3, 1933); was not a candidate for renomination in 1932; resumed his former business interests; died from injuries received in an automobile accident near Highland, N.Y., May 21, 1934; interment in Highland Cemetery.

**PRATT, Harry Hayt**, a Representative from New York; born in Corning, Steuben County, N.Y., November 11, 1864; attended Corning Union School and was graduated from Corning Free Academy in 1882; associate editor of the *Corning Weekly Journal* 1882-1891 and of the *Corning Daily Journal* 1891-1906; editor of the same and manager of the *Corning Journal Publishing Co.* 1906-1919; supervisor of Corning in 1898 and 1899; delegate to the Republican State conventions in 1908 and 1910; postmaster of Corning from September 8, 1905, to January 27, 1914; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1915-March 3, 1919); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1918; engaged in publicity work for the United States Department of Labor and the War Risk Insurance Bureau 1919-1921; public relations counselor for the Erie Railroad Co. 1923-1928, and managing editor of the *Erie Railroad Magazine*; director of the Corning Free Library and the Chamber of Commerce; died in Corning, N.Y., November 13, 1932; interment in Hope Cemetery.

**PRATT, Henry Otis**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Foxcroft, Piscataquis County, Maine, February 11, 1838; attended the common schools and Foxcroft Academy; was graduated from the law department of Harvard University; moved to Charles City, Iowa, in 1862 and taught school; was admitted to the bar in Mason City, Iowa, in 1862; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army in August 1862 and served in Company B, Thirty-second Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, until March 1863, when he was discharged at Fort Pillow, Tenn.; commenced the practice of law in Charles City, Iowa, in 1864; county superintendent of public schools of Floyd County in 1868 and 1869; member of the State house of representatives 1870-1872; 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; president of the Republican State convention at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1877; studied for the ministry; was ordained and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in October 1877 and continued his ministerial duties until retired on account of age in October 1918; died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 22, 1931; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**PRATT, James Timothy**, a Representative from Connecticut; born in Cromwell, Conn., December 14, 1802; at-

tended the common schools; engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits in Hartford, Conn.; enlisted in the "Horse Guard" in 1820; mayor 1826-1829; elected major of the First Regiment of Cavalry in 1834; colonel in 1836; brigadier general 1837-1839; major general 1839-1846; adjutant general in 1846; retired from mercantile pursuits and settled in Rocky Hill, Conn.; member of the State house of representatives in 1847, 1848, and 1850; served in the State senate in 1852; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1857 and 1862; 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; unsuccessful candidate for election as Governor in 1858 and 1859; member of the peace convention of 1861 held in Washington, D.C., in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1870 and 1871; engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Wethersfield, Hartford County, Conn., April 11, 1887; interment in Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown, Conn.

**PRATT, Joseph Marmaduke**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Paterson, Passaic County, N.J., September 4, 1891; moved with his parents to Philadelphia, Pa. in 1892; attended the public schools and business colleges; was graduated from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1919; engaged in the manufacture of industrial and marine products; member of the Republican city committee of Philadelphia 1937-1946; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James P. McGranery and served from January 18, 1944, to January 3, 1945; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1944 to the Seventy-ninth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits in Philadelphia, Pa.; received the Republican nomination for State senator in the second senatorial district of Pennsylvania in 1946; died in Washington, D.C., on July 19, 1946, while on a business trip; interment in Arlington Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pa.

**PRATT, Le Gage**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Sterling, Worcester County, Mass., December 14, 1852; educated in the common schools; in 1869 entered upon a commercial career in Boston; subsequently moved with his parents to Chicago, Ill.; engaged in newspaper work in Chicago 1884-1886; was employed for several years in the life-insurance business in Texas; was subsequently transferred to Illinois and Minnesota and continued in this business; in 1897 tendered his resignation and moved to East Orange, N.J., and in 1903 accepted a position with an insurance company at Newark, N.J., being elected vice president, which office he held until elected to Congress; 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 insurance business and became connected with the Puritan Life Insurance Co., of Providence, R.I.; died in Newark, N.J., March 9, 1911; interment in Fairmount Cemetery.

**PRATT, Ruth Sears Baker**, a Representative from New York; born in Ware, Mass., August 24, 1877; attended private schools and Wellesley (Mass.) College; moved to Greenwich, Conn., in 1894 and to New York City in 1904; member of the board of aldermen of New York City in 1925, being the first woman to serve; reelected in 1927 and served until March 1, 1929; member of the Republican National Committee 1929-1943; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1924, 1932, 1936, 1940; delegate to the Republican State conventions in 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1936, and 1938; served as president of the Woman's Na-



tional Republican Club 1943-1946; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first and Seventy-second Congresses (March 4, 1929-March 3, 1933); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; was a resident of New York City; died at her home, The Manor House, Glen Cove, N.Y., August 23, 1965; interment in Pratt Mausoleum.

**PRATT, Thomas George**, a Senator from Maryland; born in Georgetown, Md. (now a part of Washington, D.C.), February 18, 1804; completed preparatory studies and attended the Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University); studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Upper Marlboro, Md., in 1823; member, State house of delegates 1832-1835; Whig presidential elector in 1836; appointed president of the executive council 1836; member, State senate 1838-1843; Governor of Maryland 1845-1848; moved to Annapolis, Md., in 1848 and resumed the practice of law; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate in 1849 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Reverdy Johnson; reelected in 1851 and served from January 12, 1850, to March 3, 1857; moved to Baltimore, Md., in 1864 and again resumed the practice of his profession; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1867; died in Baltimore, Md., November 9, 1869; interment in St. Anne's Cemetery, Annapolis, Md.

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**PRATT, Zadock**, a Representative from New York; born in Stephentown, N.Y., October 30, 1790; moved with his parents to Windham (later Jewett), Greene County, in 1802; received a limited schooling; engaged in tanning leather in Greene County, where he established a town called Prattsville; member of the State militia 1819-1823; justice of the peace in 1824; supervisor of the town of Windham in 1827; member of the State senate in 1830; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); elected to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); chairman, Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds (Twenty-eighth Congress); resumed his former business activities; also engaged in banking and agricultural pursuits near Prattsville, Greene County, N.Y.; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1852; retired from active business pursuits in 1860; died in Bergen, N.J., on April 6, 1871; interment in the City Cemetery, Prattsville, N.Y.

**PRAY, Charles Nelson**, a Representative from Montana; born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., April 6, 1868; attended the public schools in Salisbury and Middlebury, Vt.; graduate of the Middlebury High School; attended Middlebury (Vt.) College 1886-1888 and was graduated from the Chicago College of Law; was admitted to the bar in 1892 and commenced practice at Fort Benton, Mont., in 1896; served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Chouteau County in 1897 and 1898; elected prosecuting attorney in 1898 and reelected in 1900, 1902, and 1904; elected as a Republican to the Sixtieth, Sixty-first, and Sixty-second Congresses (March 4, 1907-March 3, 1913); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1912 to the Sixty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law in Great Falls, Cascade County, Mont., January 1, 1914; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1916; appointed judge of the United States District Court of Montana on January 21, 1924, in which capacity he served until his retirement in 1957; died in Great Falls, Mont., September 12, 1963; interment in Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

**PRENTISS, John Holmes** (brother of Samuel Prentiss), a Representative from New York; born in Worcester, Mass., April 17, 1784; attended local and private schools; foreman of the New York Evening Post in 1808; moved to Cooperstown, Otsego County, N.Y., in October 1808; established the Freeman's Journal in the same year and served as editor; appointed colonel of militia by Governor Clinton and served as division inspector on the staff of the commander in chief; postmaster of Cooperstown from April 24, 1833, to February 17, 1837; vice president of the Democratic State convention at Albany; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1841); was not a candidate for renomination in 1840; resumed his former newspaper pursuits; also served as president of the Bank of Cooperstown; resided in Cooperstown, N.Y., until his death in that city on June 26, 1861; interment in Lake-wood Cemetery.

**PRENTISS, Samuel** (brother of John Holmes Prentiss), a Senator from Vermont; born in Stonington, Conn., March 31, 1782; moved to Northfield, Mass., in 1786; completed preparatory studies and was instructed in the classics by a private tutor; studied law in Northfield and in Brattleboro, Vt.; admitted to the bar in 1802 and practiced in Montpelier, Vt. 1803-1822; member, State house of representatives 1824-1825; associate justice of the supreme court of Vermont; elected chief justice of the State supreme court in 1829; elected in 1831 as an Anti-Jacksonian to the United States Senate; reelected as a Whig in 1837 and served from March 4, 1831, to April 11, 1842, when he resigned to accept a judicial assignment; chairman, Committee on Patents and the Patent Office (Twenty-seventh Congress); originator and successful advocate of the law to suppress dueling in the District of Columbia; judge of the United States District Court of Vermont from 1842 until his death in Montpelier, Vt., January 15, 1857; interment in Green Mount Cemetery.

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**PRENTISS, Seargent Smith**, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Portland, Cumberland County, Maine, September 30, 1808; attended Gorham (Maine) Academy and was graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1826; studied law in Gorham, Maine, and in Cincinnati, Ohio; moved to Natchez, Adams County, Miss.; was admitted to the bar in 1829 and commenced practice in Vicksburg, Miss.; member of the State house of representatives 1836-1837; contested the election of John F.H. Claiborne to the Twenty-fifth Congress and the election was set aside by the House; subsequently elected to fill the vacancy caused by this action and served from May 30, 1838, to March 3, 1839; was not a candidate for renomination in 1838; unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate in 1839-1840; resumed the practice of law at Vicksburg; moved to New Orleans, La, in 1845 and resumed the practice of law; died at "Longwood," near Natchez, Miss., July 1, 1850; interment in the private burying ground at "Longwood."

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**PRESCOTT, Cyrus Dan**, a Representative from New York; born in New Hartford, Oneida County, N.Y., August 15, 1836; pursued an academic course and was graduated from Utica Free Academy; studied law in Utica and in Rome, N.Y.; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Rome in 1860; moved to New York City in 1867 and was employed as a financial clerk in a wholesale house;

returned to Rome, N.Y., in 1868 and continued the practice of law; member of the Board of Aldermen of Rome 1874-1876; served in the State assembly in 1878; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); was not a candidate for renomination in 1882; resumed the practice of law in Rome, N.Y.; attorney for the New York Central Railroad Co. for over thirty years; died in Rome, Oneida County, N.Y., October 23, 1902; interment in Sauquoit Valley Cemetery, near Clayville, Oneida County, N.Y.

**PRESSLER, Larry Lee**, a Representative and a Senator from South Dakota; born in Humboldt, Minnehaha County, S.Dak., March 29, 1942; graduated, University of South Dakota, Vermillion 1964; attended Oxford University, England, 1965, as a Rhodes Scholar; received a graduate degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard 1971; graduated, Harvard Law School 1971; admitted to District of Columbia bar in 1972 and commenced practice; served in the United States Army 1966-1968, with service in Vietnam; served in the Office of Legal Advisor to Secretary of State 1971-1974; elected as a Republican in 1974 to the Ninety-fourth Congress; reelected to the Ninety-fifth Congress and served from January 3, 1975, to January 3, 1979; was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives, but was elected in 1978 to the United States Senate; reelected in 1984 and again in 1990 and served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1997; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1996; chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation (One Hundred Fourth Congress); admitted to the New York bar in 1997; formed Pressler International, LLC, and serves on five corporate boards of directors; teacher and senior fellow, University of California, Los Angeles, 2001-; partner, Brock Law Firm in New York City; member, Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Advisory Board, 2004-; is a resident of Washington, D.C.

**PRESTON, Francis** (father of William Campbell Preston and uncle of William Ballard Preston and William Preston), a Representative from Virginia; born in Greenfield, Botetourt County, Va., August 2, 1765; was graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., in 1783; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Montgomery and Washington Counties; member of the State house of delegates in 1788 and 1789; elected to the Third Congress and reelected as a Republican to the Fourth Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1797); declined to be a candidate for renomination; settled in Abingdon, Va., and resumed the practice of law; again a member of the State house of delegates 1812-1814; colonel of Volunteers in the War of 1812; served in the State senate 1816-1820; died at the home of his brother, William C. Preston, in Columbia, S.C., May 26, 1836; interment in Aspinvale Cemetery, near Seven Mile Ford, Va.

**PRESTON, Jacob Alexander**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Bel Air, Harford County, Md., March 12, 1796; attended the common schools; was graduated from the medical department of the University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1816; practiced his profession in Harford, Baltimore, and Cecil Counties; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; served with a Maryland regiment as lieutenant in the War of 1812; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); was not a candidate for renomination in 1844; resumed the practice of medicine and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; died in Perryman, Harford County, Md., on August 2, 1868; interment in St. George's Churchyard, Spesutia Island, Md.

**PRESTON, Prince Hulon, Jr.**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Monroe, Walton County, Ga., July 5, 1908;

attended the public schools of Statesboro, Ga.; was graduated from the law department of the University of Georgia at Athens in 1930; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Statesboro, Ga.; member of the State house of representatives 1935-1938; during the Second World War enlisted in September 1942 as a private in the United States Army; was promoted through the ranks to captain, being discharged October 13, 1945; elected judge of the city court of Statesboro in 1946 but did not serve, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Eightieth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1961); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1960; died in Savannah, Ga., February 8, 1961; interment in Eastside Cemetery, Statesboro, Ga.

**PRESTON, William** (nephew of Francis Preston), a Representative from Kentucky; born near Louisville, Ky., October 16, 1816; pursued preparatory studies and was graduated from St. Joseph's College, Kentucky; attended Yale College in 1835; was graduated from the law department of Harvard University in 1838; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Louisville, Ky., in 1839; served as lieutenant colonel of the Fourth Kentucky Volunteers in the war with Mexico 1846-1848; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1849; member of the State house of representatives in 1850; served in the State senate 1851-1853; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-second Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Humphrey Marshall; reelected to the Thirty-third Congress and served from December 6, 1852, to March 3, 1855; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain 1858-1861; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army and attained the rank of major general; appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Confederacy to Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, in 1864; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1868 and 1869; died in Louisville, Ky., September 21, 1887; interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

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**PRESTON, William Ballard** (nephew of Francis Preston), a Representative from Virginia; born in Smithfield, Va., November 25, 1805; graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Va., 1824; studied law and graduated from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in 1826; member of the Virginia state house of delegates, 1830-1832, 1844-1845; member of the Virginia state senate, 1840-1844; elected as a Whig to the Thirtieth Congress (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1849); appointed Secretary of the Navy in the Cabinet of President Zachary Taylor and served from March 8, 1849, to July 22, 1850; delegate to the Virginia state constitutional convention, 1861; served in the Confederate States Congress; died in Smithfield, Va., on November 16, 1862; interment in Preston Cemetery on the former Smithfield Plantation, Blacksburg, Va.

**PRESTON, William Campbell** (son of Francis Preston; uncle of William Campbell Preston Breckinridge), a Senator from South Carolina; born in Philadelphia, Pa., on December 27, 1794; studied under private tutors; attended Washington College (later Washington and Lee University), Lexington, Va., and graduated from South Carolina College (later the University of South Carolina) at Columbia in 1812; traveled and studied in Europe for several years; studied law at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland; returned to the

United States in 1819; admitted to the bar in Virginia in 1820 and practiced; moved to Columbia, S.C., in 1822; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1828 to the Twenty-second Congress; member, State house of representatives 1828-1834; elected in 1833 as a Nullifier to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Stephen D. Miller; reelected as a Whig in 1837 and served from November 26, 1833, until his resignation on November 29, 1842; chairman, Committee on the Library (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Military Affairs (Twenty-seventh Congress); resumed the practice of law in Columbia, S.C.; president of South Carolina College 1845-1851, when he resigned due to ill health; died in Columbia, S.C., on May 22, 1860; interment in the Trinity Episcopal Churchyard, Columbia, S.C.

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**PREYER, Lunsford Richardson**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Greensboro, Guilford County, N.C., January 11, 1919; graduated from Woodberry Forest High School, Woodberry Forest, Va.; A.B., Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., 1941; L.L.B., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., 1949; United States Navy, 1941-1946; city judge, 1953-1954; North Carolina state superior court judge, 1956-1961; United States District Court Judge, 1961-1963; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of North Carolina in 1964; senior vice president, trust officer, city executive of North Carolina National Bank, Greensboro, N.C., 1964-1966; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-first and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1969-January 3, 1981); chairman, Select Committee on Ethics (Ninety-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-seventh Congress in 1980; was a resident of Greensboro, N.C. until his death on April 3, 2001, in Greensboro, N.C.; interment in Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro, N.C.

**PRICE, Andrew**, a Representative from Louisiana; born on Chatsworth plantation, near Franklin, St. Mary Parish, La., April 2, 1854; attended various private schools; was graduated from the law department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1875 and from the law department of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., in 1877; was admitted to the bar and practiced in St. Louis until 1880, when he returned to Louisiana and engaged in sugar planting; was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father-in-law, Hon. Edward J. Gay; reelected to the Fifty-second, Fifty-third, and Fifty-fourth Congresses and served from December 2, 1889, to March 3, 1897; died at Acadia plantation, Lafourche Parish, La., on February 5, 1909; interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tenn.

**PRICE, Charles Melvin**, a Representative from Illinois; born in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Ill., January 1, 1905; attended the parochial schools, St. Louis (Mo.) University High School, and St. Louis (Mo.) University; sports editor 1925-1927 and newspaper correspondent 1927-1933; member of the St. Clair County Board of Supervisors 1929-1931; secretary to Congressman Edwin M. Schaefer 1933-1943; enlisted in the United States Army in October 1943 and served in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Va., until elected to Congress in 1944; director, Edgemont Bank and Trust, East St. Louis, Ill.; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth and to the twenty-one succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1945, until his death

in Camp Springs, Md., on April 22, 1988; chairman, Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Ninetieth through Ninety-fourth Congresses), Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Ninety-third Congress), Committee on Armed Services (Ninety-fourth through Ninety-eighth Congresses); was a resident of Belleville, Ill.; interment in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**PRICE, David Eugene**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Erwin, Unicoi County, Tenn., August 17, 1940; graduated from Unicoi County High School, Erwin, Tenn.; attended Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., 1957-1959; B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., 1961; B.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn., 1964; Ph.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn., 1969; legislative aide, United States Senator Edward Lewis Bartlett of Alaska, 1963-1967; professor, Duke University, Durham, N.C., 1973-1986 and 1995-1996; staff director, commission on presidential nomination, Democratic National Committee, 1981-1982; chair, North Carolina Democratic Party, 1983-1984; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundredth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1987-January 3, 1995); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fourth Congress in 1994; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Fifth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

**PRICE, Emory Hilliard**, a Representative from Florida; born in Bostwick, Putnam County, Fla., December 3, 1899; attended the public schools of Duval County, Fla.; was graduated from Jacksonville (Fla.) Law College in 1936; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Jacksonville, Fla.; member of the city council of Jacksonville, Fla., 1929-1932; supervisor of registration of Duval County, Fla., 1932-1942; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-eighth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1949); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1948 to the Eighty-first Congress; resumed the practice of law and real estate pursuits; died in Jacksonville, Fla., February 11, 1976; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery.

**PRICE, Hiram**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Washington County, Pa., January 10, 1814; attended the common schools; was engaged in agricultural pursuits on his father's farm for several years; employed as a bookkeeper for a large commission house near Pittsburgh, Pa., and equipped himself for mercantile life; moved to Davenport, Iowa, in 1844 and engaged in the mercantile business; served as collector, treasurer, and recorder of Scott County, Iowa; was president of the State Bank of Iowa 1859-1866 and became president of the First National Bank of Davenport in 1873; during the early days of the Civil War was appointed by Governor Kirkwood as paymaster general of the Iowa troops, to whom he advanced large sums of money; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1863-March 3, 1869); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Thirty-eighth Congress), Committee on Pacific Railroads (Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1868; president of the Davenport & St. Paul Railroad Co.; elected to the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses in 1880 (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1881); declined to accept a renomination in 1880; appointed chief clerk for the Indian Office on April 13, 1881; appointed United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs during the administration of President Garfield and served from May 6, 1881, to March 27, 1885; lived in Washington, D.C., until his death in that city on May 30, 1901; interment in Oakdale Cemetery, Davenport, Iowa.

**PRICE, Hugh Hiram** (son of William Thompson Price), a Representative from Wisconsin; born at Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wis., December 2, 1859; attended the grade and high schools, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison; engaged in milling and in the lumber business; member of the city council in 1885 and 1886, and of the Jackson County Board of Wisconsin in 1885 and 1886; secretary of the Jackson County Agricultural Society in 1885; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, United States Representative William T. Price (January 18, 1887-March 3, 1887); resumed his former business pursuits; member of the Wisconsin state senate, 1889; moved to Silver City, N.Mex., in 1894 and engaged in silver mining; moved to Phoenix, Ariz., and served as surveyor general of Arizona Territory for two years; moved to Denver, Colo., and lived in retirement until his death on December 25, 1904; interment in Fairmont Cemetery.

**PRICE, Jesse Dashiell**, a Representative from Maryland; born in Whitehaven, Somerset (later Wicomico) County, Md., August 15, 1863; attended the public schools; engaged in mercantile and manufacturing enterprises and in banking; member of the city council of Salisbury in 1903; treasurer of Wicomico County 1903-1907; member of the State senate 1908-1916 and served as president of the senate and ex officio Lieutenant Governor 1912-1916, when he resigned to enter Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. Harry Covington; reelected to the Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth Congresses and served from November 3, 1914, to March 3, 1919; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1918 to the Sixty-sixth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; member of the Maryland State tax commission 1923-1935; died at Ocean City, Md., May 14, 1939; interment in Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury, Md.

**PRICE, Robert Dale**, a Representative from Texas; born in Reading, Lyon County, Kans., September 7, 1927; educated in the public schools of Reading, Kans.; B.S., Oklahoma State University, 1951; United States Air Force, 1951-1955; flew twenty-seven combat missions during the Korean conflict; awarded Air Medal; returned to Texas after honorable discharge in 1955; owned and operated a ranch in Texas; delegate, Texas State Republican conventions, 1964, 1966, and 1968; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1968; elected as a Republican to the Ninetieth and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1967-January 3, 1975); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Ninety-fifth Congress in 1976; member, Texas State senate, 1978-1980; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the One Hundred First Congress in 1988, to the One Hundred Second Congress in 1990 and to the One Hundred Third Congress in 1992; died on August 24, 2004, in Pampa, Tex.; interment in Fairview Cemetery, Midland, Tex.

**PRICE, Rodman McCamley**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Newton, Sussex County, N.J., May 5, 1816; attended the public schools of New York City and the Lawrenceville (N.J.) Academy; pursued classical studies in Princeton College, but did not graduate; studied law; was admitted to the bar; appointed purser in the Navy in 1840 and was stationed in San Francisco; during the Mexican War served as an officer of the Navy; prefect and alcalde of Monterey in 1846 and the first American to exercise judicial functions in California; naval agent 1848-1850; delegate to the first constitutional convention of California; returned to New Jersey; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-second

Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; Governor of New Jersey 1854-1857; father of the public-school system of New Jersey; established a ferry from Weehawken to New York; engaged in the quarrying business and in the reclamation of lands along the Hackensack River; delegate to the peace convention held at Washington, D.C., in 1861 in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; died in Oakland, Bergen County, N.J., June 7, 1894; interment in Reformed Cemetery, Mahwah, N.J.

**PRICE, Samuel**, a Senator from West Virginia; born in Fauquier County, Va., July 28, 1805; moved with his parents to Preston County in 1815; received a preparatory training; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1832 and commenced the practice of his profession in Nicholas and Braxton Counties; county clerk of Nicholas County 1830; prosecuting attorney 1833; member, State house of delegates 1834-1836; moved to Wheeling, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1836 and to Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, in 1838; prosecuting attorney for Braxton County 1836-1850; member, State house of delegates 1847-1850, 1852; delegate to the constitutional conventions in 1850, 1851, and 1861; elected lieutenant governor of Virginia in 1863 and served until the close of the Civil War; delegate to the constitutional convention of West Virginia in 1872 and was its president; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Allen T. Caperton and served from August 26, 1876, to January 26, 1877, when a successor was elected; unsuccessful candidate in 1876 for election to fill the vacancy; died in Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, W.Va., on February 25, 1884; interment in the Stuart Burying Ground at Stuart Manor, near Lewisburg, W.Va.

**PRICE, Sterling**, a Representative from Missouri; was born near Farmville, Prince Edward County, Va., on September 20, 1809; completed preparatory studies and attended Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; moved to Fayette and later to Keytesville, Mo.; member of the State house of representatives 1840-1844 and served as speaker; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-ninth Congress and served from March 4, 1845, to August 12, 1846, when he resigned to participate in the Mexican War; appointed colonel of the Second Regiment, Missouri Infantry, August 12, 1846; promoted to brigadier general of Volunteers July 20, 1847, and was honorably discharged November 25, 1848; returned to Missouri and engaged in agricultural pursuits on the Bowling Green prairie; Governor of Missouri 1853-1857; State bank commissioner 1857-1861; elected presiding officer, Missouri State convention, February 28, 1861; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as a major general; after the war went to Mexico but later returned to Missouri; died in St. Louis, Mo., September 29, 1867; interment in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

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**PRICE, Thomas Lawson**, a Representative from Missouri; born near Danville, Va., on January 19, 1809; attended the country schools; moved to Missouri in 1831 and settled in Jefferson City; conducted stage lines and engaged in manufacturing and mercantile pursuits; first mayor of Jefferson City 1839-1842; unsuccessful candidate for the State senate in 1845; commissioned brevet major general of the Sixth Division of Missouri Militia in 1847; elected Lieutenant Governor in 1849; member of the State house

of representatives 1860-1862; was one of the incorporators of the Capital City Bank and president of the Jefferson Land Co.; actively engaged in the promotion of various railway lines; brigadier general of Volunteers in 1861 and 1862; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the expulsion of John W. Reid and served from January 21, 1862, to March 3, 1863; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1864 and 1868; died in Jefferson City, Mo., July 15, 1870; interment in a private cemetery; reinterment in River-view Cemetery, Jefferson City, Mo., in 1912.

**PRICE, William Pierce**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Dahlonega, Lumpkin County, Ga., January 29, 1835; attended the common schools; was apprenticed to the printer's trade; moved to Greenville, S.C., in 1851; attended Furman University, Greenville, S.C., but left before graduating to take charge of the editorial department of the Southern Enterprise, a Greenville newspaper; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice in Greenville, S.C.; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as orderly sergeant in Kershaw's Second South Carolina Regiment; member of the South Carolina house of representatives 1864-1866; moved to Dahlonega, Ga., in 1866; member of the Georgia house of representatives 1868-1870; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by failure to elect; re-elected to the Forty-second Congress and served from December 22, 1870, to March 3, 1873; was not a candidate for renomination in 1872; again a member of the State house of representatives 1877-1879, of the State senate in 1880 and 1881, and of the State house of representatives in 1894 and 1895; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1880; resumed the practice of law; president of the board of trustees of North Georgia Agricultural College 1870-1908; died in Dahlonega, Ga., November 4, 1908; interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**PRICE, William Thompson** (father of Hugh Hiram Price), a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Huntingdon County, Pa., June 17, 1824; attended the common schools; was a clerk in a store in Hollidaysburg, Pa., and also studied law; moved to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in 1845, and in the following autumn moved to Black River Falls, Wis.; engaged in lumbering and agricultural pursuits; deputy sheriff of Crawford County in 1849; member of the Wisconsin State assembly in 1851 and again in 1882; was admitted to the bar in 1852 and engaged in the practice of law; in 1854 moved to La Crosse, Wis., and operated a stage line between La Crosse and Black River Falls; moved to Black River Falls and continued the practice of law until 1857; judge of Jackson County in 1854 and 1859; under sheriff of Crawford County in 1855; county treasurer in 1856 and 1857; served in the State senate in 1857, 1870, and 1878-1881, and was president of the Senate in 1879; collector of internal revenue 1863-1865; elected as a Republican to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses and served from March 4, 1883, until his death at Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wis., December 6, 1886; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

**PRIDEMORE, Auburn Lorenzo**, a Representative from Virginia; born in Scott County, Va., June 27, 1837; received a limited education; completed preparatory studies; during the Civil War raised a company of volunteer infantry for the Confederate Army and served as its captain until June 1862; promoted to major, lieutenant colonel of Infantry, and to colonel of Cavalry; commanded the Sixty-fourth Virginia

Cavalry until the close of the war; was elected a member of the State house of delegates in 1865 but the war prevented him from taking his seat; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1867 and commenced practice in Jonesville; member of the State senate 1871-1875; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); continued the practice of law in Jonesville, Lee County, Va., until his death there on May 17, 1900; interment in Hill Cemetery.

**PRIEST, James Percy**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Carters Creek, Maury County, Tenn., April 1, 1900; attended the public schools of Maury County, Tenn., Central High School, Columbia, Tenn., State Teachers' College, Murfreesboro, Tenn., George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; taught school in Culleoka, Tenn., 1920-1926; member of the editorial staff of the Nashville Tennessean 1926-1940; elected as an Independent Democrat to the Seventy-seventh Congress and reelected as a Democrat to the seven succeeding Congresses and had been renominated in the 1956 primary election; served from January 3, 1941, until his death in Nashville, Tenn., October 12, 1956; majority whip (Eighty-first and Eighty-second Congresses); chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Eighty-fourth Congress); interment in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

**PRINCE, Charles Henry**, a Representative from Georgia; born in Buckfield, Oxford County, Maine, May 9, 1837; attended local schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits; appointed postmaster in 1861; during the Civil War was captain of Company C, Twenty-third Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, from September 10, 1862, to July 15, 1863; settled in Augusta, Ga., in 1866 and was cashier of a bank; State superintendent of education; delegate to the State constitutional convention; upon the readmission of Georgia to representation was elected as a Republican to the Fortieth Congress and served from July 25, 1868, to March 3, 1869; presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Forty-first Congress but was not permitted to qualify; postmaster of Augusta 1870-1882; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1872, 1876, and 1880; returned to Buckfield, Oxford County, Maine, in 1882 and engaged in mercantile pursuits; also engaged in the insurance business and in the manufacture of brushes; member of the Maine State senate in 1901; died in Buckfield, Maine, April 3, 1912; interment in Buckfield Village Cemetery.

**PRINCE, George Washington**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Tazewell County, Ill., March 4, 1854; attended the public schools; was graduated from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., in 1878; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1880 and commenced practice in Galesburg, Knox County, Ill.; city attorney of Galesburg 1881-1883; chairman of the Republican county central committee of Knox County in 1884; member of the State house of representatives in 1888; reelected in 1890; unsuccessful candidate for attorney general of Illinois on the Republican ticket in 1892; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Philip Sidney Post; reelected to the Fifty-fifth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from December 2, 1895, to March 3, 1913; chairman, Committee on Ventilation and Acoustics (Fifty-sixth Congress), Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River (Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth Congresses), Committee on Claims (Sixty-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1912 to the Sixty-third Congress; moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1913 and continued the

practice of law; retired from active business pursuits in 1917 and resided in Los Angeles, Calif., until his death in that city on September 26, 1939; interment in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Calif.

**PRINCE, Oliver Hillhouse**, a Senator from Georgia; born in Montville, Conn., in 1787; completed preparatory studies; moved to Georgia in 1796 with his parents, who settled in Washington, Wilkes County; engaged in newspaper work; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1806 and commenced practice in Macon, Ga.; one of the five commissioners who laid out the town of Macon in 1824; member, State senate 1824; elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas W. Cobb and served from November 7, 1828, to March 3, 1829; author and editor; presided over the first railroad convention in Georgia and was one of the first stockholders and directors of the Georgia Railroad Co.; abandoned the practice of law to become editor of the Georgia Journal in 1830; retired to Athens, Ga., in 1835; perished in the wreck of the packet ship Home near Ocracoke Inlet, N.C., October 9, 1837, and the remains were never recovered.

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**PRINCE, William**, a Representative from Indiana; born in Ireland in 1772; immigrated to the United States and settled in Indiana; studied law; served in the State senate in 1816; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1816; served as captain in the Battle of Tippecanoe; member of the State house of representatives in 1821 and 1822; was elected to the Eighteenth Congress and served from March 4, 1823, until his death near Princeton, Gibson County, Ind., September 8, 1824; interment in the Old Cemetery, near Princeton, Ind.

**PRINDLE, Elizur H.**, a Representative from New York; born in Newtown, Conn., May 6, 1829; completed preparatory studies; attended the local academy at Homer, N.Y.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1854 and practiced; moved to New York and practiced law in Norwich, Chenango County; was district attorney of Chenango County, N.Y., 1859-1863; member of the State assembly in 1863; 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); resumed the practice of law; died in Norwich, N.Y., October 7, 1890; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**PRINGEY, Joseph Colburn**, a Representative from Oklahoma; born in Somerset, Somerset County, Pa., May 22, 1858; attended the common schools; moved to Missouri in 1870; attended a business college in Sedalia, Mo.; moved to Chandler, Lincoln County, Okla., in 1891; engaged in agricultural pursuits and in the loan and insurance business; member of the Territorial senate in 1893; member of the board of regents of the University of Oklahoma at Norman in 1893 and 1894; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1900; county clerk of Lincoln County, Okla., 1912-1920; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1921-March 3, 1923); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; acting postmaster of Chandler, Okla., in 1923 and 1924; resumed agricultural pursuits; died in Chandler, Okla., on February 11, 1935; interment in Oak Park Cemetery.

**PRINGLE, Benjamin**, a Representative from New York; born in Richfield Springs, Otsego County, N.Y., November

9, 1807; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1830 and practiced for a number of years; president of a bank in Batavia, Genesee County, N.Y.; judge of the Genesee County Court 1841-1846; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1857); chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs (Thirty-fourth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; member of the State assembly in 1863; appointed by President Lincoln in 1863 judge of the court of arbitration in Cape Town, Africa, under the treaty with Great Britain of April 7, 1862, for the suppression of the African slave trade; appointed a member of the board of trustees of the State Institution for the Blind in 1873; died in Hastings, Dakota County, Minn., June 7, 1887; interment in the Old Cemetery, Batavia, N.Y.

**PRITCHARD, George Moore** (son of Jeter Connelly Pritchard), a Representative from North Carolina; born near Mars Hill in Madison County, N.C., January 4, 1886; attended the public schools of Marshall, N.C., and Washington, D.C., Emerson Institute, Washington, D.C., the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the law department of the University of South Carolina at Columbia; was admitted to the bar in 1908 and commenced practice in Greenville, S.C.; moved to Marshall, N.C., in 1910 and continued the practice of law; member of the North Carolina State house of representatives in 1916 and 1917; elected trustee of the University of North Carolina in 1917; solicitor of the nineteenth judicial district 1919-1922; moved to Asheville, N.C., in 1919 and continued the practice of law; chairman of the Buncombe County Republican committee in 1928; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first Congress (March 4, 1929-March 3, 1931); was not a candidate for renomination to the Seventy-second Congress, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1930; resumed the practice of law in Asheville and Marshall, N.C.; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1932; was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of North Carolina in 1948; died in Asheville, N.C., April 24, 1955; interment in Pritchard Cemetery, Marshall, N.C.

**PRITCHARD, Jeter Connelly** (father of George Moore Pritchard), a Senator from North Carolina; born in Jonesboro, Washington County, Tenn., July 12, 1857; apprenticed to the printer's trade; moved to Bakersville, Mitchell County, N.C., in 1873; became joint editor and owner of the Roan Mountain Republican; attended the Martins Creek Academy in Tennessee; presidential elector on the Republican ticket in 1880; elected to the State house of representatives in 1884, 1886, and 1890; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1889 and commenced practice in Marshall, N.C.; unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor in 1888; unsuccessful Republican candidate for United States Senator in 1891; president of the North Carolina Protective Tariff League in 1891; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1894 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Zebulon B. Vance; reelected in 1897 and served from January 23, 1895, to March 3, 1903; chairman, Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment (Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Patents (Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses); justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia 1903-1904; judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Fourth Judicial Circuit from 1904 until his death in Asheville, N.C., on April 10, 1921; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

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**PRITCHARD, Joel McFee**, a Representative from Washington; born in Seattle, King County, Wash., May 5, 1925;

attended the public schools; Marietta College, 1946-1947; served in the United States Army, 1944-1946, with rank of sergeant; employed, Griffin Envelope Co., Seattle, Wash., president, 1948-1971; member, State house of representatives, 1953-1966; member, State senate, 1966-1970; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1956; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1973-January 3, 1985); did not seek reelection to the Ninety-ninth Congress; elected lieutenant governor of Washington in 1988; reelected in 1992 for the four-year term beginning January 13, 1993; died October 9, 1997, in Olympia, Wash.

**PROCTOR, Redfield**, a Senator from Vermont; born in Proctorsville, Windsor County, Vt., June 1, 1831; graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1851 and from the Albany Law School in 1859; admitted to the bar and practiced in Boston, Mass., in 1860 and 1861; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army as a major, promoted to colonel, and was mustered out in 1863; returned to Vermont, engaged in the practice of law, and became interested in the development of the marble industry; member, State house of representatives 1867-1868; member, State senate and president pro tempore 1874-1875; lieutenant governor of the State 1876-1878; Governor of Vermont 1878-1880; member, State house of representatives 1888; appointed Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President Benjamin Harrison in 1889; resigned from the Cabinet in 1891 to become Senator; appointed in 1891 and subsequently elected as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George F. Edmunds; reelected in 1892, 1898 and 1904 and served from November 2, 1891, until his death; chairman, Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (Fifty-fourth through Sixtieth Congresses), Committee on Military Affairs (Fifty-ninth Congress); died in Washington, D.C., on March 4, 1908; interment in the City Cemetery, Proctor, Rutland County, Vt.

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**PROFFIT, George H.**, a Representative from Indiana; born in New Orleans, La., September 4, 1807; completed preparatory studies; moved to Petersburg, Pike County, Ind., in 1828; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Petersburg and Portersville, Ind.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Petersburg, Ind.; member of the State house of representatives in 1831, 1832, and 1836-1838; 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; appointed by President Tyler as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Brazil and served from June 7, 1843, to August 10, 1844, when he returned home, the Senate having refused to confirm his appointment; died in Louisville, Ky., September 7, 1847; interment in Walnut Hills Cemetery, Petersburg, Ind.

**PROKOP, Stanley A.**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Throop, Lackawanna County, Pa., July 29, 1909; attended the public schools of Dickson City and Throop; graduated from Villanova (Pa.) University with B.A. and B.S. degrees; entered the Second World War as a private in the Thirtieth Infantry Division and was discharged as a captain; served as supervisor of Lackawanna, Pa.; member, North Pocono Joint School Board for ten years; commissioned an officer at the Adjutant General's Officer Candidate School, Ft. Washington, Md.; 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; served as a member of Board of Assessment Appeals, Lackawanna County, Pa.; director of veterans' affairs for fourteen years, Lackawanna County; resided in Lake Ariel, Pa., where he died November 11, 1977; interment in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow, Pa.

**PROSSER, William Farrand**, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pa., on March 16, 1834; received a limited schooling; taught school; studied law but never practiced; moved to California in 1854; engaged in mining; returned to Pennsylvania in 1861; entered the Union Army November 30, 1861, promoted through the ranks to colonel, and served throughout the Civil War; after the war settled on a farm near Nashville, Tenn.; elected to the State house of representatives, 1867-1869; 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; postmaster of Nashville 1872-1875; a director of the Tennessee, Edgefield & Kentucky Railroad; appointed in 1872 as one of the State commissioners to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876 and sent on a special mission in 1873 to assist in arranging participation of European countries in the exposition; published the Nashville Republican for several years; appointed by President Hayes in 1879 as special agent of the Interior Department for Oregon, Washington, and Idaho and moved to Washington in the same year; delegate to the first State constitutional convention of Washington; chairman of the State harbor line commission; mayor of North Yakima; city treasurer of Seattle 1908-1910; died in Seattle, Wash., September 23, 1911; interment in Lakeview Cemetery.

**PROUTY, Solomon Francis**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Delaware, Ohio, January 17, 1854; moved with his father to Marion County, Iowa, in 1855; attended the public schools, Central University, Pella, Iowa, 1870-1873, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, 1873-1875, and was graduated from Central University in 1877; professor at Central University 1878-1882; member of the State house of representatives in 1880 and 1881; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1882 and commenced practice in Pella, Marion County, Iowa; moved to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1891 and engaged in the practice of law; judge of the district court in 1899; unsuccessful candidate for election to Congress in 1902, 1904, and 1908; elected as a Republican 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 his profession; trustee of the Central University of Iowa; died in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, July 16, 1927; interment in Glendale Cemetery.

**PROUTY, Winston Lewis**, a Representative and a Senator from Vermont; born in Newport, Orleans County, Vt., September 1, 1906; attended public schools, Bordentown (N.J.) Military Institute, and Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.; mayor of Newport 1938-1941; member, State house of representatives 1941, 1945, 1947, serving as speaker in 1947; chairman of Vermont State Water Conservation Board 1948-1950; officer and director of family-owned lumber and building material enterprises; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second Congress; reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1951-January 3, 1959); was not a candidate for renomination in 1958; elected to the United States Senate in 1958; reelected in 1964 and 1970 and served from January 3, 1959, until his death; died in Boston, Mass., on September 10, 1971; interment in Pine Grove Cemetery, Newport, Vt.

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**PROXMIRE, William**, a Senator from Wisconsin; born in Lake Forest, Lake Forest County, Ill., November 11, 1915; attended the public schools of Lake Forest and the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa.; graduated, Yale University 1938, Harvard Business School 1940, and Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1948; during the Second World War served in the Military Intelligence Service 1941-1946, member, Wisconsin State assembly 1951-1952; businessman; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor of Wisconsin in 1952, 1954 and 1956; elected in a special election on August 28, 1957, as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph R. McCarthy and served from August 28, 1957, to January 3, 1959; reelected in 1958, 1964, 1970, 1976 and 1982 for the term ending January 3, 1989; chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Ninety-fourth, Ninety-fifth, Ninety-sixth, and One Hundredth Congresses); not a candidate for reelection in 1988; is a resident of Washington, D.C.

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**PRUYN, John Van Schaick Lansing**, a Representative from New York; born in Albany, N.Y., June 22, 1811; pursued classical studies and was graduated from the Albany Academy in 1826; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Albany in 1832; held several local offices; appointed a regent of the University of the State of New York in 1844; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Thirty-fourth Congress in 1854; member of the State senate in 1861; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Erastus Corning and served from December 7, 1863, to March 3, 1865; elected to the Fortieth Congress (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1869); was not a candidate for renomination in 1864 and 1868; resumed the practice of law at Albany, N.Y.; chancellor of the University of the State of New York from 1868 until his death in Clifton Springs, Ontario County, N.Y., November 21, 1877; interment in Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany, N.Y.

**PRYCE, Deborah D.**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, July 29, 1951; B.A., Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1973; J.D., Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 1976; lawyer, private practice; administrative law judge, Ohio state department of insurance, 1976-1978; first assistant city prosecutor, senior assistant city attorney, then assistant city manager, Columbus City Attorney's Office, Ohio, 1978-1985; judge, Franklin County, Ohio, Municipal Court, 1989, 1990, and 1992; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-present).

**PRYOR, David Hampton** (father of Mark Pryor), a Representative and a Senator from Arkansas; born in Camden, Ouachita County, Ark., August 29, 1934; attended the public schools of Camden; attended Henderson State Teachers College; graduated, University of Arkansas 1957; graduated, University of Arkansas Law School 1964; admitted to the bar in 1964 and commenced practice in Camden; founder and publisher, Ouachita Citizen 1957-1960; elected State representative in 1960 and reelected in 1962 and 1964; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth Congress, August 9, 1966, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Oren Harris and at the same time elected to the Ninetieth Congress; reelected to the two succeeding Congresses and served from November 8, 1966, to January 3, 1973; was not a candidate for reelection in 1972 to the

House of Representatives, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for the United States Senate; Governor of Arkansas 1975-1979; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1978; reelected in 1984 and 1990 and served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1997; was not a candidate for reelection in 1996; chairman, Special Committee on Aging (One Hundred First through One Hundred Third Congresses); Dean, Clinton School of Public Service, University of Arkansas 2004-; is a resident of Little Rock, Ark.

**PRYOR, Luke**, a Senator and a Representative from Alabama; born in Huntsville, Madison County, Ala., July 5, 1820; moved with his parents to Limestone County in 1824; pursued academic studies; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1841 and commenced practice in Athens, Ala.; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; member, State house of representatives 1855-1856; appointed to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George S. Houston and served from January 7 to November 23, 1880, when a successor was elected; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1884; chairman, Committee on Territories (Forty-eighth Congress); retired to his farm near Athens, Ala., where he died August 5, 1900; interment in the City Cemetery.

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**PRYOR, Mark** (son of David H. Pryor), a Senator from Arkansas; born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on January 10, 1963; B.A., University of Arkansas 1985; J.D., University of Arkansas 1988; Arkansas State house of representatives 1991-1994; Arkansas State attorney general 1999-2002; elected as a Democrat to the U.S. Senate in 2002 for the term ending January 3, 2009.

**PRYOR, Roger Atkinson**, a Representative from Virginia; born near Petersburg, Dinwiddie County, Va., July 19, 1828; was graduated from Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia, in 1845 and from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1848; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1849 and practiced a short time in Petersburg, but abandoned law on account of ill health; engaged on the editorial staff of the Washington Union in 1852 and the Richmond Enquirer in 1854; appointed special United States Minister to Greece in 1854; returned and established The South in 1857; associated himself with the staff of the Washington States; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William O. Goode and served from December 7, 1859, to March 3, 1861; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army as a colonel in 1861 and brigadier general in 1863; later resigned his commission and reenlisted as a private soldier; member of the Virginia Confederate House of Representatives; captured by the Union troops in November 1864 and confined in Fort Lafayette, but soon afterward was released; moved to New York City and practiced law 1866-1890; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1876; judge of the court of common pleas of New York 1890-1894; justice of the New York Supreme Court 1894-1899; retired upon reaching the age limit; appointed official referee by the appellate division of the supreme court April 10, 1912, and served until his death in New York City March 14, 1919; interment in Princeton Cemetery, Princeton, N.J.

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**PUCINSKI, Roman Conrad**, a Representative from Illinois; born in Buffalo, Erie County, N.Y., May 13, 1919;



attended the public schools in Chicago, Ill.; attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., 1938-1941; attended John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Ill., 1945-1949; journalist; United States Air Force, 1940-1945; chief investigator, Congressional Special Committee to Conduct an Investigation and Study of the Facts, Evidence, and Circumstances of the Katyn Forest Massacre, 1952; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-sixth Congress and reelected to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1959-January 3, 1973); was not a candidate for reelection to the Ninety-third Congress in 1972, but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate; appointed to the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education, 1974-1982; alderman, Chicago, Ill., 1973-1991; died on September 25, 2002, in Chicago, Ill.

**PUGH, George Ellis**, a Senator from Ohio; born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 28, 1822; attended private schools; graduated from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, in 1840; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1843 and commenced practice the same year in Cincinnati, Ohio; served in the Mexican War as captain of the Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; returned to Cincinnati and resumed the practice of law; member, State house of representatives 1848-1850; city solicitor 1850; State attorney general 1852-1854; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1855, to March 3, 1861; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; resumed the practice of law in Cincinnati; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election in 1863 as lieutenant governor and for election in 1864 to the Thirty-ninth Congress; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1873 but withdrew from its deliberations; retired from public life; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 19, 1876; interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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**PUGH, James Lawrence**, a Representative and a Senator from Alabama; born in Burke County, Ga., December 12, 1820; moved with his parents to Alabama in 1824; pursued an academic course in Alabama and Georgia; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1841 and commenced practice in Eufaula, Ala.; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; Democratic presidential elector in 1848, 1856, and 1876; elected to the Thirty-sixth Congress and served from March 4, 1859, to January 21, 1861, when he withdrew; during the Civil War joined the Eufaula Rifles, First Alabama Regiment, as a private; elected to the Confederate Congress in 1861 and reelected in 1863; after the war resumed the practice of law; member of the convention that framed the State constitution in 1875; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1876; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending March 2, 1885, caused by the death of George S. Houston; reelected in 1884 and 1890 and served from November 24, 1880, to March 3, 1897; was not a candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Fifty-third Congress), Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Fifty-fourth Congress); retired from active business and resided in Washington, D.C., until his death there on March 9, 1907; interment in the Fairview Cemetery, Eufaula, Barbour County, Ala.

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**PUGH, John**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pa., June 2, 1761; attended the common schools; served in the Revolutionary Army as a private, ensign, and captain; engaged in agricultural and mercantile pursuits; justice of the peace; member

of the State house of representatives 1800-1804; elected as a Republican to the Ninth and Tenth Congresses (March 4, 1805-March 3, 1809); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1808 to the Eleventh Congress; register of wills and recorder of deeds of Bucks County 1810-1821; died in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., on July 13, 1842; interment in the Presbyterian Churchyard.

**PUGH, John Howard**, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Unionville, Chester County, Pa., June 23, 1827; attended the common schools and the Friends' School, Westtown, Pa.; taught school in Marietta, Pa., in 1847; was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1852; began the practice of his profession in Bristol, Pa., in 1852; moved to Burlington, Burlington County, N.J., in 1854 and continued the practice of medicine; during the Civil War served as a physician without compensation at the United States general hospital in Beverly, N.J.; president of the Mechanics' National Bank of Burlington for thirty-six years; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of medicine; member of the State board of education; died in Burlington, N.J., April 30, 1905; interment in St. Mary's Churchyard.

**PUGH, Samuel Johnson**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Greenup County, Ky., January 28, 1850; moved with his parents to Lewis County in 1852; attended Chandler's Select School, Rand's Academy, and Centre College, Danville, Ky.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Vanceburg, Lewis County, Ky.; city attorney in 1872 and 1873; master commissioner of the circuit court 1874-1880; county attorney 1878-1886; county judge 1886-1890; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1890 and 1891; member of the State senate in 1893 and 1894; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, and Fifty-sixth Congresses (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1901); resumed the practice of law in Vanceburg, Ky., and died there April 17, 1922; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery.

**PUGSLEY, Cornelius Amory**, a Representative from New York; born in Peekskill, Westchester County, N.Y., July 17, 1850; attended the public schools and was instructed in higher education by a private tutor; clerk and assistant postmaster 1867-1870; engaged in the banking business in 1870; president of the board of trustees of the Peekskill Military Academy; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1901-March 3, 1903); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1902 to the Fifty-eighth Congress; resumed banking in Peekskill; president general of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1906 and 1907; delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1908; president of the New York State Bankers' Association in 1913; president of the Westchester County National Bank, Peekskill, N.Y.; member of the Westchester County Park Commission; died in Peekskill, N.Y., on September 10, 1936; interment in Raymond Hill Cemetery, Carmel, N.Y.

**PUGSLEY, Jacob Joseph**, a Representative from Ohio; born in Dutchess County, N.Y., January 25, 1838; moved to Ohio with his parents in 1839; was graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Dayton, Ohio; moved to Hillsboro and continued the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives 1880-1883; served in the State senate in 1886 and 1887; elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-

March 3, 1891); was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; resided in Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, where he died February 5, 1920; interment in Hillsboro Cemetery.

**PUJO, Arsène Paulin**, a Representative from Louisiana; born near Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La., December 16, 1861; attended public and private schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1886 and commenced practice in Lake Charles, La.; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1898; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1913); chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Sixty-second Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1912; resumed the practice of law in Lake Charles, La.; died in New Orleans, La., December 31, 1939, while on a visit for medical treatment; interment in Orange Grove Cemetery, Lake Charles, La.

**PULITZER, Joseph**, a Representative from New York; born in Makdo, near Budapest, Hungary, April 10, 1847; received his early training from a private tutor; immigrated to the United States in 1864; enlisted as a private in the Union Army at the age of seventeen in the First Regiment, New York (Lincoln) Cavalry, in Kingston, N.Y., September 30, 1864; mustered out in Alexandria, Va., June 5, 1865; resumed civil life in St. Louis, Mo.; studied law and was admitted to practice by the supreme court of Missouri; entered journalism in 1867 as a reporter on the *St. Louis Westliche Post* and became managing editor and part proprietor; elected to the Missouri legislature in 1869; delegate to the Reform Republican Convention at Cincinnati in 1872; member of the State constitutional convention in 1874; founded the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* December 10, 1878, and continued to own and publish it until his death; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1880; moved to New York City in the Spring of 1883 and bought the *New York World*; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth Congress and served from March 4, 1885, until April 10, 1886, when he resigned; died aboard his yacht in the harbor of Charleston, S.C., October 29, 1911; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City.

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**PURCELL, Graham Boynton, Jr.**, a Representative from Texas; born in Archer City, Archer County, Tex., May 5, 1919; attended the public schools; B.S., Texas A&M College, 1946; LL.B., Baylor University Law School, Waco, Tex., 1949; United States Army, 1941-1946; United States Army Reserves; admitted to the bar; lawyer, private practice; judge of the Eighty-ninth Judicial District Court of Texas in 1955-1962; delegate, Democratic National Conventions, 1960 and 1964; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-seventh Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Frank Ikard, and reelected to the five succeeding Congresses (January 27, 1962-January 3, 1973); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-third Congress in 1972; is a resident of Wichita Falls, Tex.

**PURCELL, William Edward**, a Senator from North Dakota; born in Flemington, Hunterdon County, N.J., August 3, 1856; attended the common schools; studied law; admitted to the bar of New Jersey in 1880 and commenced practice in Flemington, N.J.; moved to Wahpeton, Territory of Dakota, in 1881 and continued the practice of law; was appointed by President Grover Cleveland as United States attorney for the Territory of Dakota in 1888; resigned in 1889, having been elected a member of the constitutional conven-

tion for the new State of North Dakota; district attorney of Richland County, N.Dak., 1889-1891; member, State senate 1907-1909; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Martin N. Johnson and the resignation of Fountain L. Thompson and served from February 1, 1910, to February 1, 1911, when a successor was elected and qualified; unsuccessful candidate for election; continued the practice of law until his death; appointed chairman of the Food Conservation Commission in 1917; died in Wahpeton, Richland County, N.Dak., November 23, 1928; interment in Calvary Cemetery.

**PURDY, Smith Meade**, a Representative from New York; born in North Norwich, Chenango County, N.Y., July 31, 1796; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Sherburne, N.Y., in 1819; moved to Norwich, N.Y., in 1827 and continued the practice of law; appointed judge of the court of common pleas and surrogate of Chenango County in 1833 and served until his resignation in 1837; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); was not a candidate for renomination in 1844; resumed the practice of law; elected judge and surrogate of Chenango County in 1847 and served until 1851; declined a renomination owing to poor health and retired from active pursuits; died in Norwich, N.Y., March 30, 1870; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**PURMAN, William James**, a Representative from Florida; born in Millheim, Centre County, Pa., April 11, 1840; attended the common schools and completed his studies at Aaronsburg Academy, Centre County, Pa.; taught school; studied law at Lock Haven, Pa.; during the Civil War entered the Union Army as a private and served on special duty at the War Department until transferred to Florida in 1865; was admitted to the bar in 1868 and commenced practice in Tallahassee, Fla.; member of the State constitutional convention in 1868; served in the State senate 1869-1872; appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State senate as secretary of state in 1869, but declined; chairman of the Florida Commission in 1869 for entering into negotiations for transfer of West Florida to the State of Alabama, which transfer was not ratified by Alabama; assessor of United States internal revenue for the district of Florida 1870-1872; chairman of the Republican State committee 1870-1872; member of the Republican National Committee 1876-1880; elected as a Republican to the Forty-third Congress and served from March 4, 1873, to January 25, 1875, when he resigned; member of the State house of representatives for one session and resigned when elected to Congress; elected to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; returned in 1878 to Millheim, Pa., and engaged in agricultural pursuits; moved to Boston, Mass., in 1883; moved to Washington, D.C., where he lived in retirement until his death on August 14, 1928; the remains were cremated and the ashes deposited in a vault at Glenwood Cemetery.

**PURNELL, Fred Sampson**, a Representative from Indiana; born on a farm near Veedersburg, Fountain County, Ind., October 25, 1882; attended the common schools and the high school at Veedersburg; was graduated from the law department of Indiana University at Bloomington in 1904; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Attica, Fountain County, Ind.; city attorney of Attica 1910-1914; resumed the practice of his profession; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1914 to the Sixty-fourth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fifth

and to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1933); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress and for election in 1934 to the Seventy-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Attica, Ind.; moved to Washington, D.C., in April 1939 and served as an attorney in the General Accounting Office until his resignation on October 1, 1939; died in Washington, D.C., October 21, 1939; interment in Rockfield Cemetery, near Veedersburg, Ind.

**PURSELL, Carl Duane**, a Representative from Michigan; born in Imlay City, Lapeer County, Mich., December 19, 1932; educated in the public schools of Plymouth, Mich.; graduated from Plymouth High School, 1951; teacher-businessman; served in United States Army, 1957-1959; member, Wayne County (Mich.) Board of Commissioners, 1969-1970; served in Michigan senate, 1971-1977; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-fifth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 1993); was not a candidate for renomination in 1992 to the One Hundred Third Congress; is a resident of Plymouth, Mich.

**PURTELL, William Arthur**, a Senator from Connecticut; born in Hartford, Conn., May 6, 1897; attended the public and parochial schools; during the First World War enlisted in the United States Army in 1918 and was discharged as a corporal in 1919; engaged as a salesman 1919-1929; organizer, president, treasurer, and general manager of the Holo-Krome Screw Corp.; also was director and officer of many other business enterprises; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in 1950; appointed on August 29, 1952, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brien McMahon and served from August 29, 1952, to November 4, 1952, when a successor was duly elected; was not a candidate for election to the vacancy; elected to the United State Senate November 4, 1952, for a full six-year term and served from January 3, 1953, to January 3, 1959; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958; resumed manufacturing interests; resided in West Hartford, Conn., where he died May 31, 1978; interment in Fairview Cemetery.

**PURVIANCE, Samuel Anderson**, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Butler, Pa., January 10, 1809; after receiving a preliminary education, entered college and pursued a partial course and then studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1827 and commenced practice in Butler, Pa.; moved to Warren County and was prosecuting attorney for two years; returned to Butler, where he continued the practice of law; delegate to the State constitutional convention of 1837 and 1838; member of the State house of representatives in 1838 and 1839; delegate to the Whig National Convention in 1844 and to the Republican National Convention in 1856, 1860, 1864, and 1868; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-fourth Congress and reelected as a Republican to the Thirty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1859); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1858; moved to Pittsburgh in 1859 and continued the practice of law; served as attorney general of Pennsylvania in 1861; resumed the practice of his profession in Pittsburgh until 1876, when he retired; member of the National Executive Committee of the Republican Party 1864-1868; member of the State constitutional convention of 1872; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; died in Allegheny (now a part of Pittsburgh), Pa., February 14, 1882; interment in Highwood (formerly Bellevue) Cemetery.

**PURVIANCE, Samuel Dinsmore**, a Representative from North Carolina; born on Masonboro Sound at Castle Fin

House, near Wilmington, New Hanover County, N.C., January 7, 1774; attended a private school; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced at Fayetteville, N.C.; also owned and operated a large plantation; member of the State house of commons in 1798 and 1799; member of the State senate from Cumberland County in 1801; trustee of Fayetteville Academy in 1803; elected as a Federalist to the Eighth Congress (March 4, 1803-March 3, 1805); continued the practice of law in Fayetteville; died on the Red River about 1806, while on an exploring expedition into the West.

**PURYEAR, Richard Clauselle**, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Mecklenburg County, Va., February 9, 1801; moved with his parents to Surry County, N.C.; pursued classical studies; engaged in planting near Huntsville, N.C.; colonel of militia; magistrate of Surry County; served in the State house of commons in 1838, 1844, 1846, and in 1852; member of the State senate; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third Congress and reelected as an American Party candidate to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1857); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; was a delegate to the Confederate Provisional Congress which assembled at Richmond in 1861; delegate to the peace congress held in Philadelphia after the Civil War; resumed agricultural pursuits; died on his plantation, "Shallow Ford," in Yadkin County, N.C., July 30, 1867; interment in the family burial ground.

**PUSEY, William Henry Mills**, a Representative from Iowa; born in Washington County, Pa., on July 29, 1826; attended the Washington and Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1847; studied law and was admitted to the bar but did not engage in extensive practice; moved to Iowa and engaged in banking; member of the State senate 1858-1862; 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; resumed banking activities; died in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, November 15, 1900; interment in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

**PUTNAM, Adam**, a Representative from Florida; born in Bartow, Polk County, Fla., July 31, 1974; B.S., University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., 1995; farmer; rancher; member of the Florida state house of representatives, 1996-2001; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Seventh and to the succeeding Congress (January 3, 2001-present).

**PUTNAM, Harvey**, a Representative from New York; born in Brattleboro, Vt., January 5, 1793; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1816 and commenced practice in Attica, N.Y., in 1817; held several local offices; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Patterson and served from November 7, 1838, to March 3, 1839; appointed surrogate of Genessee County in 1840, which office he held until the division of the county, when he was appointed surrogate of Wyoming County, serving until 1842; member of the State senate 1843-1846; elected as a Whig to the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Congresses (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1851); was not a candidate for renomination in 1850; resumed the practice of law; died in Attica, Wyoming County, N.Y., September 20, 1855; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

**PYLE, Gladys**, a Senator from South Dakota; born in Huron, Beadle County, S.Dak., October 4, 1890; attended the public schools; graduated from Huron (S.Dak.) College in 1911; taught in the public high schools at Miller, Wessington, and Huron, S.Dak., 1912-1918; first woman

member of the State house of representatives 1923-1927; served as secretary of State of South Dakota 1927-1931; unsuccessful candidate for Republican nomination for governor 1930; member of the State securities commission 1931-1933; engaged in the life insurance business; elected on November 8, 1938, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Peter Norbeck and served from November 9, 1938, to January 3, 1939; was not a candidate for election in 1938 to the full term; resumed the life insurance business and also engaged in farm management; member of the South Dakota Board of Charities and Corrections 1943-1957; agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. 1950-1986; died in Huron, S.Dak., March 14, 1989; cremated, ashes interred in Riverside Cemetery.

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**QUACKENBUSH, John Adam**, a Representative from New York; born in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, N.Y., October 15, 1828; attended the district schools and the local academy in Stillwater, N.Y.; engaged in agricultural pursuits and was also interested in the lumber business; supervisor of Schaghticoke 1860-1862; chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Rensselaer County in 1862; member of the State assembly in 1862; sheriff of Rensselaer County 1873-1876; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congresses (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1893); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; resumed agricultural pursuits; died in Schaghticoke, N.Y., May 11, 1908; interment in the City Cemetery.

**QUARLES, James Minor**, a Representative from Tennessee; born near Louisa Court House, Louisa County, Va., February 8, 1823; attended the common schools; in 1833 moved to Kentucky with his father who settled in Christian County; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1845 and commenced practice in Clarksville, Tenn.; elected attorney general for the tenth judicial circuit in 1853 and served until 1859, when he resigned, having been elected to Congress; elected as an Opposition Party candidate to the Thirty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1861); resumed the practice of law; during the Civil War served in the Confederate Army in the brigade of his brother, Brig. Gen. W.A. Quarles, until the close of the war; moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1872 and continued the practice of law; elected judge of the criminal court in 1878 and served until 1882, when he resigned; resumed the practice of law; died in Nashville, Tenn., March 3, 1901; interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**QUARLES, Joseph Very**, a Senator from Wisconsin; born in Southport (now Kenosha), Kenosha County, Wis., December 16, 1843; attended the common schools and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; during the Civil War served in the Union Army in the Thirty-ninth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers, and was mustered out as first lieutenant; graduated from the University of Michigan in 1866 and from its law department in 1867; admitted to the bar in 1868 and commenced practice in Kenosha; district attorney for Kenosha County 1870-1876; mayor of Kenosha 1876; member, State assembly 1879; member, State senate 1880-1882; moved to Racine, Wis., and six years later made Mil-

waukee his home; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1899, to March 3, 1905; was not a candidate for reelection in 1905; chairman, Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard (Fifty-sixth Congress), Committee on the Census (Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Congresses); appointed United States district judge for the eastern district of Wisconsin by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905, and served until his death in Milwaukee, Wis., October 7, 1911; interment in the City Cemetery, Kenosha, Wis.

**QUARLES, Julian Minor**, a Representative from Virginia; born near Ruther Glen, Caroline County, Va., September 25, 1848; attended the primary schools in Caroline and Augusta Counties and Pine Hill and Aspen Hill Academies, Louisa County, Va.; taught school three years and then attended the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Staunton, Augusta County, Va., in September 1874; judge of the county court of Augusta County, Va., from January 1880 to June 1883, when he resigned; moved to Minneapolis, Minn., and practiced his profession for two years; returned to Staunton, Va., and continued the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1901); was not a candidate for renomination in 1900; member of the State constitutional convention in 1901; resumed the practice of law in Staunton, Va., until 1924; died in Staunton, Va., November 18, 1929; interment in Thornrose Cemetery.

**QUARLES, Tunstall**, a Representative from Kentucky; born in King William County, Va., about 1770; attended the local schools; moved with his parents to Woodford County, Ky., about 1790; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State house of representatives in 1796; moved to Somerset, Pulaski County, Ky.; member of the State house of representatives in 1811 and 1812; during the War of 1812, at his own expense, armed and equipped a company of the Second Regiment, Kentucky Militia, which he commanded; appointed circuit judge by the Governor; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1817, until his resignation effective June 15, 1820; appointed receiver of public moneys for the Cape Girardeau land district, with offices at Jackson, Mo., and served from May 1821 to July 1824; returned to Somerset, Ky., and engaged in agricultural pursuits and the practice of law; member and speaker of the State house of representatives in 1828; served in the State senate in 1840; died in Somerset, Ky., January 7, 1855; interment in the old Baptist Cemetery.

**QUAY, Matthew Stanley**, a Senator from Pennsylvania; born in Dillsburg, York County, Pa., on September 30, 1833; attended Beaver and Indiana Academies and graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in 1850; taught school; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1854 and commenced practice in Beaver, Pa.; prothonotary of Beaver County 1856-1860; during the Civil War, served as a colonel of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, lieutenant colonel, assistant commissary general, military State agent at Washington, private secretary to the Governor, and major and chief of transportation and telegraphs; awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1888 for voluntarily resuming duty, although out of active service, on the eve of the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862; member, State house of representatives 1865-1867; owned and edited the Beaver Radical 1867-1872; secretary of the Commonwealth 1872-1878, 1879-1882; recorder of the city of Philadelphia; State treasurer 1885-1887; elect-