

Introduction

The publication of this volume provides the first revision of the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress* since the bicentennial edition of 1989. The present edition includes biographies of each of the nearly 12,000 individuals who have served in the Congress of the United States since 1789 and in the Continental Congresses between 1774 and 1789. In addition to the biographies of Representatives, Senators, Delegates, Resident Commissioners, and Vice Presidents, this volume contains rosters of the state congressional delegations and elected officers in the First through One Hundred Eighth Congresses. The work provides a comprehensive record of the men and women who have served in the Congress of the United States, and its antecedents, over the past 231 years.

I

Predecessor Volumes and Editions

The First Directories. This volume, the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774–2005*, is the sixteenth in a series of such reference works published since 1859. Charles Lanman, author, journalist, and former secretary to Daniel Webster, gathered the first collection of biographies of former and sitting Members of Congress for his *Dictionary of Congress*, published by J. B. Lippincott & Co. in 1859. Lanman intended his *Dictionary of Congress* to serve primarily as a guide for sitting Members of Congress, much as the *Congressional Directory* functions today. The biographical entries reflected Lanman's care not to offend any potential patrons. The *Dictionary* also included information on other branches of the federal government, the states, and foreign emissaries to the United States. Following the private publication of the first edition, Lanman sent complimentary copies to all Senators and Representatives and sought congressional support for subsequent editions.

In 1864 the House of Representatives and the Senate approved the publication of an updated version of Lanman's *Dictionary of Congress* by the recently established Government Printing Office. Two years later a Senate resolution to publish another update of Lanman's publication failed in the House Committee on Printing. The Senate, nevertheless, arranged for publication of this update of the *Dictionary of Congress*, which included for the first time entries on the delegates to the Continental Congresses. After Congress offered Benjamin Perley Poore, a journalist and clerk of the Senate Committee on Printing and Records, the job of preparing a *Congressional Directory* with biographical sketches and the kind of reference information found in the *Dictionary of Congress*, Lanman in 1868 prepared a new edition of his work for private publication by T. Belknap and H. E. Goodwin of Hartford, Connecticut. Poor sales of that volume and a further edition from the same publishers in 1869 induced Lanman to discontinue preparation of the *Dictionary of Congress*.

In anticipation of the centenary of American independence and in search of a market not served by Poore's *Congressional Directory*, Lanman prepared the

Biographical Annals of the Civil Government of the United States, published by James Anglim of Washington in 1876. This volume combined the biographies of the *Dictionary of Congress* with entries for other governmental officials since 1776 and expanded reference tables. Poore offered a competing historical volume in 1878 with his *Political Register and Congressional Directory*, published by Houghton, Osgood and Company of Boston. Although Poore derived much of his biographical information from Lanman's work, he contributed the first references to party affiliation. Joseph M. Morrison's revision of Lanman's *Biographical Annals* (New York, 1887) was the final directory of congressional biography to be prepared and published privately.

Previous Editions of the Directory. In 1903 Congress authorized the publication of *A Biographical Congressional Directory, 1774 to 1903*. Compiled under the direction of O. M. Enyart, this was the first volume prepared by congressional staff who drew on the Lanman and Poore editions as well as biographical information printed in the *Congressional Directory* since the Fortieth Congress. A second *A Biographical Congressional Directory, 1774 to 1911*, published in 1913, reflected the first serious effort to verify the information contained in the nineteenth-century directories. These initial volumes prepared by congressional staff represented an attempt to provide an authoritative historical record as well as a reference source for sitting Members of Congress.

The most thorough and systematic revision of biographical entries attempted prior to the *Bicentennial Edition* was conducted in preparation for the *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774–1927*. Ansel Wold, chief clerk of the Joint Committee on Printing, directed the compilation of this volume published in 1928. In an effort to verify existing data and add pertinent information, the Joint Committee on Printing staff distributed questionnaires through postmasters in the hometowns of former Members, including those from the earliest Congresses. The resulting entries reflected the responses of governmental clerks, descendants, acquaintances of the Members, and local historians. This survey of the 1920s yielded more detailed and consistent biographies than had been found in the nineteenth-century editions or in the earlier volumes compiled by congressional staff. The frequent reliance on family legends and personal recollections, however, introduced dubious information into the volume. Although Congress authorized updates that were published in 1950, 1961, and 1971, the entries from the 1928 edition remained virtually intact in the three subsequent editions.

The creation of the Senate Historical Office in 1975 and the Office for the Bicentennial in the House of Representatives in 1983 provided the first opportunity for professional historians to revise and update the *Biographical Directory*. A print resolution for a bicentennial edition, approved by the Ninety-ninth Congress in December 1985, directed the Joint Committee on Printing to print an edition for which the two historical office staffs would prepare updated entries. The *Congressional Directory* staff of the Joint Committee on Printing prepared updated rosters for Congresses since 1971. The Joint Committee also provided the Senate and House offices with drafts of biographical entries compiled since the printing of the 1971 edition.

Whereas earlier editions of the *Biographical Directory* and their nineteenth-century predecessors offered little information on congressional careers other than

terms of service, the bicentennial edition provided a more complete record of the individual Members' years in office. For the first time, entries included all standing committee chairs, and all formal leadership positions. The editors also took advantage of the publication of Kenneth C. Martis's *The Historical Atlas of Political Parties in the United States Congress, 1789–1989* (Macmillan, 1988), which provided an authoritative determination of party affiliations for all Members. To guide readers to more biographical information than could be contained in brief entries, the bicentennial edition included bibliographical citations for all Members who have been the subject of scholarly publications. To bring consistency and accuracy to the new edition, the editors devised more uniform categories of information in the biographical entries, created a more consistent and logical sequence to the data presented, and attempted to standardize phrasing.

The Online Edition. The development and growing use of the Internet in the 1990s led to the creation of Websites for the House of Representatives and the Senate. Ray Strong, Assistant to the Clerk of the House, advocated the idea of publishing the entries from the *Biographical Directory* on the Internet. Through the efforts of Joe Carmel, Cindy S. Leach, and Gary Hahn of Legislative Computer Systems under the Clerk of the House, and Cheri Allen of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the entries of the *Biographical Directory* became available online during the week of November 9, 1998, at <http://bioguide.congress.gov/> under the auspices of the House Legislative Resource Center and the Senate Historical Office. Internet technology has allowed the editors to update entries of the *Biographical Directory* on a daily basis. Besides the biographies, the online database includes extensive bibliographies and a guide to all available research collections for Senate and House entries. The online version, accessible to the public, also has benefited from updated information provided to the House Office of History and Preservation and the Senate Historical Office from scholars, librarians, genealogists, and family members. Senate entries are accompanied by an image of the Senator, when available. Online House entries include images for women Members and Speakers with official oil portraits.

II

The Sixteenth Edition

The One Hundred Eighth Congress approved on May 8, 2003, H. Con. Res. 138, authorizing the printing of the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774–2005* as a House document. The House Office of History and Preservation and the Senate Historical Office began the process of preparing materials for the new edition. The online edition allowed for the daily update of individual Member entries as new information became known. The staff compiling the *Congressional Directory* has maintained an updated chart of the “Apportionment of Representatives” that has been used for this edition.

Three sections of the *Biographical Directory* were not in updated or electronic format, however, and therefore were scanned from the bicentennial edition. These sections were “Executive Officers 1789–2005,” “The Continental Congress” (meeting information, presiding officers, and delegates), and “The Congress of the United States 1789–2005,” which lists officers and Members by Congress and state. The House Office of History and Preservation took primary responsibility

for editing “The Continental Congress” sections while the Senate Historical Office took the lead in editing “Executive Officers.”

The list of Congresses and their Members, which extends to more than 500 pages, was reconstructed through the efforts of other staff. The House Legislative Computer Systems created an initial set of files listing the information from the First through the 100th Congresses. The House Office of Publications Services provided much of the basic information needed for Representatives, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners for the 101st through the 108th Congresses, and the Senate Historical Office did likewise for Senators and Vice Presidents. These efforts provided the foundation upon which the editors of this edition completed this section of the *Biographical Directory*.

To assist in compiling accurate information for the many living former Members of the House of Representatives, the United States Association of Former Members of Congress provided a mailing list of Association members and of former Members on file to the House Office of History and Preservation. The Senate Historical Office maintains a mailing list of former living Senators. A questionnaire was sent to the individuals on both mailing lists.

III

A User’s Guide to the *Biographical Directory*

To assist the users of the *Biographical Directory*, this section identifies the various features associated with this, and in many cases with previous, editions. Each section is discussed in the order found in the Table of Contents.

Executive Officers 1789–2005. Since Lanman’s original *Directory of Congress* in 1859, the various biographical directories of Congress have included a list of executive cabinet officers. Each roster is presented by President and by term in office. The President and Vice President are followed by the heads of the Cabinet Departments in order of agency seniority. In cases where the Vice President becomes President, prior to the adoption of the 25th Amendment in 1967, the officer next in line in presidential succession is listed. The Department Secretaries are identified, along with their home state, and dates of service. This information has been updated through the 108th Congress.

The Continental Congress. This section lists the places and dates of all sessions of the Continental Congress between 1774 and 1789. Presidents of the Continental Congress are listed with their home state and the date of their election. The table of Delegates lists the names of all Members elected in each state delegation and distinguishes between those who attended and those who declined to attend.

Apportionment of Representatives. The table of apportionment of Representatives indicates the number of House seats granted each state under the constitutional apportionment of 1787 and subsequent reapportionments that reflected each decennial census. This table also indicates the total number of seats in the House of Representatives at any given time. This is the same table that appears in the annual editions of the *Congressional Directory*, published under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

The Congress of the United States 1789–2005. In this section each Senator, Representative, Delegate, and Resident Commissioner is listed by State, Territory, Commonwealth, and District delegation in the rosters of the First through One Hundred Eighth Congresses. The extensive footnotes provide information about the Member during a particular Congress and about the status of the State or Territory involved. Senators' names appear within each delegation in order of seniority.

For the first 39 Congresses, House Members are listed in the order that their names appear in the House *Journal*. After that, from the Fortieth through One Hundred Eighth Congresses, Representatives' names appear by numerical order of their congressional districts within the state delegation. These rosters also note the method of representation used in the House. When Members represent specific districts, the delegation's members are listed as "Representatives." Where Members represent the entire state (whether or not there is more than one Representative), the delegation is labeled "Representatives At Large." In delegations where the State has Representatives from both district and at-large seats, the at-large Representatives are so designated and follow the list of district-based Members.

The appearance of Representatives' names has been changed in this edition. Rather than listing Members by their full name, the state delegation rosters now use the form the Members used in the *Congressional Directory* and the House *Journal*. This change has been made both to reflect more accurately the personal style of a Member's name used during the time of service, and to indicate how the name appeared on contemporary House documents. Only a few Members have used nicknames or initials, and in five cases the names of Members have changed during their service. In these cases, footnotes indicate their full name in order to allow users of the *Directory* to get to the appropriate biographical entry.

Biographies. Each entry begins with the individual's full name printed in bold type, followed by any nickname. The first reference is to the congressional office or offices held and the state or territory represented. Kinship to other Members of Congress is next noted in parentheses. Biographical data begin with the date and place of birth followed by a brief record of education, military service, and career before entering Congress, including occupation and previous political offices. Entries for Representatives include party affiliation, the Congresses to which they were elected, and dates of service. Senators' entries list party affiliation and dates of service. Dates of election are noted only in cases of special elections. Following the dates of service are leadership positions and committee chairmanships, with Congresses or dates of service for these positions listed in parentheses. Disciplinary actions such as censure and expulsion or other formal, congressional action concerning the Member appear next. The section regarding congressional service closes with an indication of unsuccessful bids for reelection, candidacy for another office, or retirement. Subsequent political offices and career positions are listed in chronological order. In keeping with the form established in the *Biographical Directory* in 1928, the date and place of death are followed by the place of interment. The city of interment is included only if it differs from the place of death. Whenever possible an appropriate bibliography is cited at the close of each entry.

This edition has made changes to the dates of service for those Representatives elected to fill unexpired terms in the House since 1901. Previous editions of the *Biographical Directory* would list the start of a Member's term either as the swearing-in date or the date of the special election. The Speaker of the House, acting upon a House Judiciary Committee report of February 4, 1901 (No. 2656, 56th Cong.), determined that the start of a Member's term for those Representatives elected to Congress to fill an unexpired term was the date of the special election (see *Hinds' Precedents* §500). In 1914 this ruling was codified into law (2 USC §37, July 16, 1914; 38 Stat. 458). As a result, for those Representatives elected by special election since the 56th Congress, their term of service has been changed to the date of the special election. This change has also been made to the information presented in the previous section of the *Biographical Directory*, "The Congresses of the United States 1789–2005."

Whenever appropriate, a Member's entry also includes a brief bibliography. The Senate Historical Office has provided bibliographical citations for Senate entries whenever possible, including notation of inclusion in the *Dictionary of American Biography*, *American National Biography*, or *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*. In cases where individuals had lengthy bibliographies due to long and wide-ranging careers, citations were chosen to focus on Senate service. The House Office of History and Preservation has concentrated on those citations covering a Member's House service. In both cases, the online edition of the *Biographical Directory* at <http://bioguide.congress.gov/> provides links to more complete lists of works about individual Members and to Research Collections of Members' personal papers and oral histories.

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through the 108th Federal Congress. Since new information is always becoming available and the Congress is a living institution, this edition and the online publication will always be works in progress. The public is invited to participate in this project, and we welcome any information that will make this publication more accurate and complete.

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