

## **Simeon H. Anderson** (2 Mar 1802 - 11 Aug 1840)

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### **Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989**

A Representative from Kentucky; born near Lancaster, Garrard County, Kentucky, March 2, 1802; pursued preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1823 and commenced practice in Lancaster, Ky.; member of the State house of representatives 1828, 1829, 1832 and 1836-1838; elected as a Whig to the 26th Congress and served from March 4, 1839 until his death near Lancaster, Garrard County, Ky., August 11, 1840; interment in the Anderson family cemetery.

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### **Death of Mr. Anderson (of Kentucky)**

Mr. Thompson, of Kentucky, rose and announced to the House that Simeon H. Anderson, his predecessor in this Congress from the Fifth District in Kentucky, had departed this life, at his residence in Garrard county, since the last session. Mr. T. remarked that his death was a public calamity, because the country, in the morning of his life, and as his career of usefulness upon a new theater had just commenced, had been deprived of one of her most promising sons. In the councils of his native State, he had rendered service to that State, and achieved for himself an enviable reputation; without opposition, and by the undivided suffrage of his district, he had been returned a member for the Congress. His bearing as a gentleman was a true evidence of the moral worth and integrity of purpose that characterized the man. His brief services here had not fully manifested to this body the rich attainments and high order of intellect that combined with his private virtues, had secured to him not only public confidence at home, but also that respect of attachment which all the better sympathies of social life ever accord to merit and worth. The bar of which he was a member and an ornament, in his native State regret his untimely death; his district feels the loss. Allied with the best blood of the State, he has left a young family to mourn the sad bereavement of a kind parent and an affectionate husband. Mr. T. presented the following resolutions as a token of condolence to that family, and as the last kind office and tribute of respect we can pay to the memory of one who yet lives in the cherished remembrances and affections of his friends, his relatives, and of the State of which he was a favorite child, and on whom she rested high and proud hopes of future usefulness and eminence. There is allotted to but few a better and brighter fortune than seemed to await him. The sentiment that "they whom the Gods love die young" was a tender delusion of heathen superstition, in this instance, he trusted, but exemplified and adopted by a wise and mysterious dispensation of the Christian's Providence. The malediction, "May you die from home," was an imprecation he had no enemy malevolent enough to utter, and he now reposes as he lived and died, surrounded by his household and friends.

Resolved. That this House with deep regret have heard the announcement of the death of Simeon L. Anderson, of Kentucky, late a member of this Congress.

Resolved, That to testify their regard for the deceased, as an evidence of the sympathy they feel, and hereby tender to his surviving relatives, they will wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved, As a further testimony of respect for the deceased, that when this House adjourn today, it adjourn to tomorrow.