

James Bell

(13 Nov 1804 - 26 May 1857)

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A Senator from New Hampshire; born in Francistown, Hillsboro County, N.H., November 13, 1804; attended Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and was graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine in 1822; studied law at Litchfield Law School, Litchfield, Conn.; was admitted to the bar in 1825 and commenced practice in Gilmanton, N.H.; moved to Exeter in 1831 and to Gilford in 1846; member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1846 and 1850; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1850; was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New Hampshire in 1854 and 1855; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate for the term beginning March 4, 1855, and served from July 30, 1855, until his death in Laconia, Belknap County, N.H., May 26, 1857; interment in Exeter Cemetery, Exeter, N.H. Son of Samuel Bell, uncle of Samuel Newell Bell, and cousin of Charles Henry Bell.