

Samuel Brenton

(22 Nov 1810 – 29 Mar 1857)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Indiana; born in Gallatin County, Ky., November 22, 1810; attended the public schools; was ordained to the Methodist ministry in 1830 and served as a minister; located at Danville, Ind. in 1834 because of ill health, and studied law; member of the State house of representatives 1838-41; in 1841, upon the restoration of his health, returned to the ministry and served at Crawfordsville, Perryville, Lafayette and finally at Fort Wayne, where he suffered a paralytic stroke in 1848 and was compelled to abandon his ministerial duties; appointed register of the land office at Fort Wayne, Ind. on May 2, 1849, and served until July 31, 1851 when he resigned; elected as a Whig to the 32nd Congress (March 4, 1851 to March 3, 1853); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1852 to the 33rd Congress, elected as a Republican to the 34th and 35th Congresses and served from March 4, 1855 until his death in Fort Wayne, Ind., March 29, 1857; interment in Lindenwood Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer, April 4, 1857

Death of the Hon. Samuel Brenton

We have the painful duty of announcing the death of another Member of the last House of Representative, the Hon. Samuel Brenton, of Indiana, who died at his residence at Fort Wayne on the 29th of March. Mr. Brenton was a gentleman of fine abilities, but modest and unobtrusive in his deportment. He enjoyed in a large degree the respect and esteem of his fellow members.