

Brookins Campbell

(1808 - 25 Dec 1853)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Tennessee; born in Washington County, Tenn. in 1808; attended the rural schools and was graduated from Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) at Lexington; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced; member of the State house of representative 1835-39, 1841-46 and 1851-53, and served as speaker in 1845; during the Mexican War was appointed by President Polk in 1846 an assistant quartermaster to the Army with the rank of major; elected as a Democrat to the 33rd Congress and served from March 4, 1853 until his death in Washington, D.C., December 25, 1853, without having qualified; interment in Providence Presbyterian Churchyard, Greene County, Tennessee.

The Evening Star, Dec. 28, 1853

Funeral of a Member of Congress

This day, the funeral of the Hon. Brookins Campbell, from Tennessee, took place from the Capitol, the corpse being removed in the morning from the late residence of the deceased, at Mr. Chase's, on Capitol Hill, in charge of the committee of arrangements, to the hall of the House. These latter were attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and on the arrival with the body of the deceased, divine service was performed over the remains. At the conclusion of the above, the funeral cortege moved from the Hall to the southern boat, in which the body of the deceased will be conveyed to its final destination. The procession was headed by the Chaplains of both Houses of Congress, and physicians attendant upon the deceased during his last illness, together with the committee of arrangements. Behind these was borne the corpse, with four pall bearers on each side, members of the House of Representatives, followed by the family and friends of the deceased. The remainder of the procession consisted of the customary array of official personages connected with the Congress and Administration, Departments and Municipality, as well as citizens and strangers.

The Evening Star, Dec. 29, 1853

The Funeral Sermon, yesterday, over the body of the late Hon. Brookins Campbell, of Tennessee, was delivered by the Rev. Wm. H. Millburn, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, and was heard with deep attention by a large assemblage of spectators who filled the galleries -- the body of the hall was reserved for members of Congress, official personages, heads of departments, etc. The steamer left last night with the corpse of the deceased gentleman on board, which is under the charge of the Hon. Messrs. Smith and Churchwell, of Tennessee, Mr. Glossbrenner, (Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives) and Messrs. Charles W. Stuart and M. French, who will accompany it to its final destination in Tennessee, where the deceased formerly resided.