

Levi Casey

(1749 – 3 Feb 1807)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from South Carolina; born in that State in 1749; served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War; elected Brigadier General of the militia; justice of Newberry County Court in 1785; member of the State senate in 1781, 1782, and 1800-1802; member of the State house of representatives 1786-1788; elected to the 8th and 9th Congresses and served from March 4, 1803 until his death before the close of the 9th Congress in Washington, February 3, 1807. He had been reelected to the 10th Congress. Evidence seems to show that his ashes were placed in Congressional Cemetery by reinterment, August 1, 1832. His gravestone contains no patriot inscription.

The National Intelligencer, February 6, 1807

Died, in this city, on Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, 1st instant of a pulmonic disease, Brigadier General Levi Casey, of South Carolina, in the fifty-ninth year of his age.

The fatal illness of this amiable gentleman was but of short duration; his closing moments were passed with that serenity which arises from the reflection of a well-spent life; his last breath was drawn with a calmness, resulting only from true fortitude and virtue.

Early in the revolutionary war, General Casey received the command of a company, with which, he gallantly assisted at the siege of Savannah, in the attempt made by the Americans and French to storm the British works. He was afterwards distinguished as a brave and prudent officer in the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging rock, Musgroves, King's mountains, Fishdamford, Blackstocks and at the Cowpens, where, he performed very important services to General Morgan. Through the whole war he enjoyed, as a brave and valuable officer, the applause, friendship and confidence of General Sumpter.

During many years after the close of that war, in which his conduct was so important and successful, he represented Newbury district in the state legislature, both in the Senate and House of Representatives, and was, at the time of his death, on the fourth term of service in Congress, a representative from South Carolina.

The friends and family of no man have more cause to lament a loss of this land, than those of General Casey; for in sweetness and equanimity of temper, he was equaled by few; in the tenderness of affection, of domesticities, surpassed by none. He was from the commencement of the revolution, a uniform patriot; he has left behind him, the surest testimony of public confidence and private worth, the universal love of his neighbors. Painful as the regrets of his family must be, they will derive some consolation from the marked respect which was paid to his funeral by the national legislature. In this too, will the old revolutionary soldier participate; because, he will be in it, the memory of the brave is not forgotten.

The following is the order of procession as it moved from the capitol.

1. Marine Corps
2. Chaplains of Congress
3. Ministers
4. Physicians
5. Corpse
6. Pall bearers, (six Generals)
7. Mourners
8. Speaker preceded by the sergeant of arms, and followed by the Clerk

9. Members of the House of Representatives
10. President of the Senate preceded by the sergeant at arms, and followed by the Secretary
11. Members of the Senate
12. Heads of Departments and officers thereof
13. Citizens.

When the procession arrived at Rock creek, it was formed on foot, (two and two) the carriages following behind, and proceeded in that manner to the grave. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Pall-bearers, with white scarves over the right shoulder and white gloves. The chaplains of Congress and other ministers with white scarves over the right shoulder and round the hat, and white gloves. The sergeants at arms, clerk of the House, and Secretary of the Senate, with white scarves over the right shoulder only. The members of the House of Representatives, with black crape on the left arm.

Ely, Selden Marvin, "The District of Columbia In The American Revolution and Patriots of the Revolutionary Period Who Are Interred in the District or In Arlington," Columbia Historical Society, Vol 21, pp. 128-154

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