

Ezra Darby

(7 Jun 1768 – 28 Jan 1808)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from New Jersey. Born in Scotch Plains, N.J., June 7, 1768; attended the common schools; engaged in agricultural pursuits; held offices as chosen freeholder, assessor, and justice of the peace from 1800 to 1804; member of the State house of assembly 1802-04; elected as a Democrat to the 9th and 10th Congresses and served from March 4, 1805 until his death in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 1808. Interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer, Friday, January 29, 1808

Died. In this city, about four o'clock yesterday morning, of a consumptive complaint, the Hon. Ezra Darby, Member of the House of Representatives from the state of New Jersey, in the fortieth year of his age.

Both in his public and private walks, Mr. Darby was an ornament to society. He was a true patriot, a real philanthropist, a tender husband, a kind neighbor, a faithful friend. But more than all these, he was a sincere Christian. He firmly believed in the doctrine of the gospel, and for several years was a public professor of the religion of Jesus Christ, which proved the sweetest consolation of his declining moments. Malignity could not impeach his character, nor death blast his hopes. He sleeps in Jesus, and shall awake in his likeness. He has left a tender consort, and a numerous train of friends and relatives to lament his loss.

The National Intelligencer, February 1, 1808

On Friday the remains of Ezra Darby, a member of the House of Representatives, were interred in the Burial Ground on the Eastern Branch. The procession moved from the Capitol at 12 o'clock, and proceeded to the Lodgings of Mr. Darby, whence it moved to the Grave Yard, agreeably to the following:

ARRANGEMENT:

1. Clergy
2. Corpse
3. Pall-Bearers
4. New Jersey Delegation, as chief mourners
5. Committee of Arrangement
6. Sergeant at Arms, of the House of Representatives
7. Speaker of the House of Representatives
8. Clerk of the House of Representatives
9. Members of the House of Representatives
10. Sergeant of Arms of the Senate
11. Vice President (George Clinton)
12. Secretary of Senate
13. Members of Senate
14. Heads of Departments
15. Citizens