

Asbury Dickins

(- 23 Oct 1861)

The Huntress, November 30, 1839

Officers, Clerks and Messengers in the Capitol of the United States

Senate

Mr. Asbury Dickens, the present Secretary, who was elected to fill the place of Mr. Lowry, is a very different man, and has nothing to do with tracts. He is a man of pleasant, mild manners, and has a countenance every way unlike to black, long, demon visage of his predecessor, who never gave a cent to the poor in his life, to our knowledge.

The National Intelligencer, October 24, 1861

Obituary

The venerable Asbury Dickins, late Secretary of the Senate, died at his residence in this city yesterday morning. Mr. D. was, we believe a native of North Carolina, but removed in early life to Philadelphia. He afterwards spent several years in Europe. Returning to America he filled a post in the Treasury Department under Secretary Crawford with signal usefulness. Subsequently he served with equal credit as chief clerk in the Department of State, under Secretaries Van Buren and Forsyth. In 1836 he was elected Secretary of the Senate of the United States, which respectable and confidential office he filled with great ability and universal approval down to the extra session of the present year. In all the stations which he occupied his faithfulness, talents and gentlemanly bearing won the high respect of his superiors and of all others who knew him.