

## Nathan Fellows Dixon

(13 Dec 1774 – 29 Jan 1842)

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### Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Senator from Rhode Island; born in Plainfield, Conn., December 13, 1774; attended Plainfield Academy and was graduated from the College of Rhode Island (now Brown University) in 1799; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1801 and commenced practice in New London County, Conn.; moved to Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1802 and continued the practice of law; also engaged in banking, serving as president of the Washington Bank of Westerly from 1829 until his death; member of the State house of representatives 1813-1830; served as a Colonel in the State militia; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1839, until his death in Washington, D.C., January 29, 1842; interment in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, Washington County, Rhode Island.

*National Intelligencer, Monday, January 31, 1842*

We have the painful duty of announcing the decease of the Hon. Nathan F. Dixon, a Senator in Congress from the State of Rhode Island. He expired at his lodgings in this city on Saturday last, of pulmonary disease, after an illness of three or four weeks. The age of the deceased was, we believe, about 65. He was a gentleman of superior intellect, of excellent heart, of sterling integrity, and gentle manners, which qualities obtained for him the strong affection of numerous friends, and the warm esteem of all to whom he was known.

The Senate not having been in Session on the day of his death, order will no doubt be taken this morning for the funeral and appropriate tributes of respect to the memory of the deceased.

*National Intelligencer, Tuesday, February 1, 1842*

### Funeral of Senator Dixon

Order of Procession for the Funeral of the Hon. Nathan F. Dixon, Senator of the United States from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

The Committee of Arrangements, pall-bearers, and mourners, will attend at Mr. Clements', the late residence of the deceased, at eleven o'clock a.m. tomorrow; at which time the corpse will be removed, in charge of the Committee of Arrangements, attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, to the Senate Chamber, where Divine service will be performed at precisely 12 o'clock p.m.

At half-past twelve o'clock the funeral will move from the Senate Chamber to the Railroad Depot, on Pennsylvania avenue, where the body will be delivered to the relatives of the deceased, at their special request, to be transported for interment to the place of his late residence, in the State of Rhode Island, in the following order:

The Chaplains of both Houses

Physicians who attended the deceased

Committee of Arrangements

Mr. Woodbridge      Mr. Mangum

Mr. Huntington      Mr. Buchanad

Mr. Wright

Pall-Bearers

Mr. Clay              Mr. King

Mr. Clayton                      Mr. Berrien  
Mr. Sturgeon                      Mr. Prentiss  
The Family and Friends of the deceased  
The Senator and Representatives from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, as  
    mourners  
The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate of the United States  
The Senate of the United States, preceded by the President pro tempore, and their Secretary  
The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives  
The House of Representatives, preceded by their Speaker and Clerk  
The President of the United States  
The Heads of Departments  
Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and its officers  
Foreign Ministers  
Citizens and Strangers.

*National Intelligencer, Wednesday, February 2, 1842*

The Funeral ceremonies were performed over the remains of the late Senator Dixon, of Rhode Island, in the Senate Chamber, in presence of both Houses of Congress, the President of the United States, Heads of Departments, and others, by the Chaplains to Congress, yesterday. After which the remains of the honored dead were escorted, in procession, from the Capitol to the Railroad depot, where they were deposited in one of the Cars appropriated for that purpose, and, with the evening train, were conveyed to Baltimore, on their way to Rhode Island for interment.

In consequence of the Funeral of the deceased Senator, neither House of Congress sat yesterday.