

Philip Doddridge

(17 May 1773 – 19 Nov 1832)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Virginia; born in Bedford County, Va.,; May 17, 1773; reared on a farm; moved to Brooke County, Va. (now W. Va.); attended school in Wellesburg (then Charleston), Va. (now W. Va.); studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1797; member of the House of Delegates of Virginia in 1815, 1816, 1822, 1823, 1828 and 1829; delegate to the Virginia constitutional convention in 1829; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1822 to the 18th Congress and in 1824 to the 19th Congress, elected to the 21st and 22nd Congresses and served from March 4, 1829 until his death in Washington, D.C., November 19, 1832. Interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer, November 20, 1832

Last evening, suddenly, at Brown's Hotel in this city, the Hon. Philip Doddridge, a Representative in Congress from the State of Virginia, aged about sixty years. In intellectual powers, and useful qualities, he has left hardly a superior in the body of which he was a member. In his death his State has sustained the loss of a most able and faithful Representative, and the citizens of this District have especial cause to lament his death, as it has deprived them of a zealous and efficient friend on the floor of Congress.

The National Intelligencer, November 21, 1832

The funeral of the Hon. Philip Doddridge, a Member of Congress from Virginia, is announced to take place from Brown's Hotel, at ten o'clock this morning. His effective exertions in Congress in behalf of the interests of this District, merit from us every testimony which it is in our power to pay to his memory. That the last tribute of regret may be duly paid, it is respectfully requested that the Corporate Authorities of the City of Washington attend the funeral, at the hour and place above named. The like request is extended to our citizens generally.

John P. Van Ness, Mayor

The National Intelligencer, Friday, November 23, 1832

In our notice yesterday of the funeral of the late Mr. Doddridge, we would have mentioned, had we been earlier apprised of the circumstance, that the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased adjourned their meeting, and attended the funeral.

It will be gratifying to the people of the District, and to the friends of the deceased generally, to learn that, at the instance of several of our citizens, an accurate cast was taken of his face the day after his decease, which will enable the city to possess itself of a faithful likeness, in sculpture of one to whose friendship it is so largely indebted, and whose memory will always be held in grateful respect by its citizens.

In relation to the funeral of our deceased friend, we copy from the Alexandria Gazette of yesterday, the following paragraph:

"We had anticipated some public demonstration of the respectful regard in which the deceased was held, in the several towns of this District; and we speak with confidence when we say, that the public authorities of our town would have deemed it a sacred duty to have united in any such testimonial, had they been advised in due season. It was, therefore, with great regret we learned, after our paper had

gone to press, that 3 o'clock of Tuesday had been fixed on as the hour of burial, and supposed, until yesterday's *Intelligencer* came to hand, that the melancholy rites of interment had been completed. Our citizens feel deeply the disappointment, that our public authorities have been debarred, by these circumstances, from the performance of the melancholy duty of attending the funeral of one who, by the zeal and devotedness with which he supported the interests of their town, had merited the lasting gratitude of its people."

It has been determined to inter the body on Tuesday evening. But to allow an opportunity to take the cast, mentioned above, and for a general attendance of the funeral, it was subsequently deferred to Wednesday.

The National Intelligencer, Thursday, November 22, 1832

The funeral of the Hon Philip Doddridge took place yesterday from Brown's Hotel. It was attended by almost all the officers of the government residing here, by Ex-President Adams, all the other members of Congress now in the city, the corporate authorities, and a large number of citizens.

The procession was formed under the superintendence of the Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, as follows:

Chaplain and Attending Physicians
Pall Bearers
Members of Congress now in the City
President of the United States (Jackson)
Heads of Departments
Mayor (Van Ness), and Corporate Authorities of Washington
Citizens and Strangers.