

Franklin H. Elmore

(15 Oct 1799 – 31 May 1850)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative and a Senator from South Carolina; born in Laurens District, South Carolina, October 15, 1799; was graduated from the South Carolina College at Columbia in 1819; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1821 and commenced practice in Walterboro, South Carolina; was solicitor for the southern circuit 1822-36; colonel on the staff of Governor Manning 1824-1826; elected as a State Rights Democrat to the 24th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James H. Hammond; reelected to the 25th Congress and served from December 10, 1836 to March 3, 1839; president of the Bank of the State of South Carolina 1839-50; declined appointment by President Polk as Minister to Great Britain; appointed to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John C. Calhoun and served from April 11, 1850 until his death in Washington D.C., May 28, 1850; interment in First Presbyterian Churchyard, Columbia, South Carolina.

The National Intelligencer, Friday, May 31, 1850

At the opening of the Senate yesterday the death of Mr. Elmore was announced, and, after the adoption of the usual resolutions of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate adjourned without doing any business.

Both Houses will meet today to attend the Funeral. The Committee of Arrangements, Pallbearers, and Mourners will assemble at 11 o'clock at the late residence of Mr. Elmore, on Capitol Hill, and remove the corpse thence, 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 twelve o'clock M. the funeral will move from the Senate Chamber to the place of interment, in the following order:

1. The Chaplains of both Houses of Congress
2. Physicians who attended the deceased
3. Committee of Arrangements:
 - Mr. Yulee Mr. Jones
 - Mr. Clemens Mr. Corwin
 - Mr. Badger Mr. Norris
4. Pall-Bearers
 - Mr. Hunter Mr. Bright
 - Mr. Dawson Mr. Davis of Massachusetts
 - Mr. Downs Mr. Underwood
5. The family and friends of the deceased
6. The Senator and Representatives from the State of South Carolina as mourners
7. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate of the United States
8. The Senate of the United States preceded by the Vice President of the United States and their Secretary
9. The other officers of the Senate
10. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives
11. The House of Representatives preceded by their Speaker and Clerk
12. The other officers of the House of Representatives

13. The President of the United States (Taylor)
14. The Heads of Departments
15. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States and its officers
16. The Diplomatic Corps
17. Judges of the United States
18. Officers of the Executive Departments
19. Officers of the Army and Navy
20. The Mayor of Washington
21. Citizens and Strangers