

John Fairchild

(30 Jan 1797 – 24 Dec 1847)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative and a Senator from Maine; born in Saco, York County, Me., January 30, 1797; attended the Saco schools, Thornton Academy and Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.; engaged in trade; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1826 and commenced practice in Biddleford and Saco, Me.; trustee of the Thornton Academy in 1826; appointed reporter of the State supreme court in 1832; elected as a Democrat to the 24th and 25th Congresses and served from March 4, 1835 to December 24, 1838 when he resigned, having been elected Governor; served as Governor of Maine from 1839-1843 when he resigned having been elected Senator; elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Reuel Williams; reelected and served from March 3, 1843 until his death; President of the Thornton board of trustees 1845-1847; died in Washington, D.C. December 24, 1847; interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco, Maine.