

Philip Bond Fouke

(23 Jan 1818 – 3 Oct 1876)

Fouke. On the 3rd of October, Hon. Philip B. Fouke, aged 58 years. Funeral will take place Friday, October 6 at 4 o'clock p.m. from St. Mark's Church, Capitol Hill. His friends are invited to attend without further notice.

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Illinois, born in Kaskaskia, Illinois, January 23, 1818; attended the public schools and became a civil engineer; established and published the Belleville Advocate in 1841; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1845 and commenced practice in Belleville; prosecuting attorney for Kaskaskia district (2nd circuit) 1846-1850; member of the State house of representatives in 1851; unsuccessfully contested the election of Lyman Trumbull to the 34th Congress; elected as a Democrat to the 36th and 37th Congresses (March 4, 1859 to March 3, 1863); was not a candidate for renomination in 1862; during the Civil War served as Colonel of the 30th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the Battle of Belmont; engaged in the practice of law in Washington, D.C. and died there October 3, 1876; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, October 7, 1876

Funeral of Ex-Congressman Fouke

The funeral of the late Hon. Philip B. Fouke, took place yesterday at 4 o'clock from St. Mark's church, Capitol Hill, Rev. A.F. Steele officiating. The pall-bearers were, Judge Cuppy, Judge Casey, Hon. R.W. Johnson, Gen. W. McKee Dunn, Col. Pennybacker, Dr. William K. Mohadey, Thomas J. Durrant and E.C. Ingersoll. The plate on the burial casket read as follows: Hon. Philip B. Fouke, died October 3, 1876, aged 58 years.

Belleville Weekly Advocate, October 6, 1876

The papers announce the death of Philip B. Fouke, at Washington, on the 3d inst. Mr. Fouke was a native of Kaskaskia, Ill., and spent most of his life in this city. He was one of the first editors and publishers of the Belleville Advocate in 1840 and subsequent years. From 1859 to 1863 he represented the Belleville district in Congress. He was also State Attorney for the Circuit, then composed of St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, Perry, Washington and Clinton counties. He commanded the 31st regiment of Illinois Volunteers at the battle of Belmont, and has resided since the war principally at Washington, D.C. His age was about 65 years. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and of the most generous impulses. He leaves many friends in Southern Illinois to mourn his loss.

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Fouke, Philip B., lawyer and Congressman was born at Kaskaskia, Ill., Jan. 23, 1818; was chiefly self-educated and began his career as a clerk afterwards acting as a civil engineer; about 1841-42 was associated with the publication of "The Belleville Advocate," later studied law and, after being admitted to the bar, served as Prosecuting Attorney, being re-elected to that office in 1856. Previous to this, however, he had been elected to the lower branch of the Seventeenth General Assembly (1850), and, in 1858 was elected as a Democrat to the Thirty sixth Congress and re-elected two years later. While still

in Congress he assisted in organizing the Thirtieth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, of which he was commissioned Colonel, but resigned on account of ill-health soon after the battle of Shiloh. After leaving the army he removed to New Orleans, where he was appointed Public Administrator and practiced law for some time. He then took up the prosecution of the cotton-claims against the Mexican Government, in which he was engaged some seven years, finally removing to Washington City and making several trips to Europe in the interest of these suits. He won his cases, but died soon after a decision in his favor, largely in consequence of overtaxing his brain in their prosecution. His death occurred in Washington, October 3, 1876, when he was buried in the Congressional Cemetery, President Grant and a number of Senators and Congressmen acting as pall-bearers at his funeral