James Gillespie

(- d. 11 Jan 1805)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from North Carolina, born in Kenansville, Dublin County, N.C. pursued classical studies, member of the State constitutional convention in 1776 member of the State house of commons 1779-1783 served in the State senate 1784-1786 elected to the 3rd through 5th Congresses (March 4, 1793 to March 3, 1799) and the 8th Congress and served from March 4, 1803 until his death in Washington D.C. on January 11, 1805. Interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer

Died on Friday morning, Colonel James Gillespie, a representative from North Carolina. The House of Representatives entered on Friday into a resolution to wear crape for 30 days and on Saturday attend his funeral, for the direction of which they had previously appointed a committee.

Ely, Selden Marvin, "The District of Columbia In The American Revolution and Patriots of the Revolutionary Period Who Are Interred in the District or In Arlington," Columbia Historical Society, Vol 21, pp. 128-154

James Gillespie, a member of Congress from North Carolina, passed away January 11, 1805. His patriot record includes membership in the State Convention of 1776, and the State House of Commons 1779-1783. The ashes of this distinguished man were transferred to Congressional Cemetery from the old Presbyterian Cemetery, April 14, 1892, and now lie under a marble monument just south of the superintendent's residence. The only inscription is "James Gillespie, North Carolina, died January 11, 1805."