

Thomas Lyon Hamer

(Jul 1800 – 2 Dec 1846)

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A Representative from Ohio; born in Northumberland County, Pa., in July 1800; attended the public schools; moved to Ohio in 1817 and taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1821 and commenced practice in Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio; member of the State house of representatives in 1825, 1828 and 1829, and served as speaker in 1829; elected as a Democrat to the 23rd through 25th Congresses (March 4, 1833 to March 3, 1839); nominated Ulysses S. Grant to be a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; volunteered as a private for the Mexican War and received, the next day, July 1, 1846; the commission of brigadier general; had been elected to the 30th Congress, but died in the service at Monterey, Mexico December 2, 1846; on March 2, 1847, Congress passed a resolution of sorrow and also an expression of the deep regret presented his nearest male relative with a sword; interment near Monterey, Mexico; reinterment in Georgetown Cemetery, Georgetown, Ohio.

Uncle of Thomas Ray Hamer (Representative from Idaho).