

Richard Platt Herrick

(23 Mar 1791 – 20 Jun 1846)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from New York; born in Greenbush (now Rensselaer), Rensselaer County, N.Y. March 23, 1791, member of the State assembly in 1839; elected as a Whig to the 29th Congress and served from March 4, 1845 until his death in Washington, D.C., June 20, 1846; interment in Greenbush Cemetery, Greenbush (now Rensselaer), N.Y.

National Intelligencer, Monday, June 22, 1846

It is with much regret that we announce the death of the Hon. Richard P. Herrick, one of the representatives in Congress from the state of New York who died at his lodgings in this city on Saturday evening, after a brief illness of only 3 days.

National Intelligencer, Wednesday, June 24, 1846

The lamented occurrence of the death and funeral ceremony of the Hon. Richard P. Herrick, a highly respected member of the House of Representatives from the State of New York, has produced a chasm of two days in the present session of Congress. His death was announced on Monday, and both Houses in consequence immediately adjourned without doing any business. His funeral took place yesterday, and both Houses attended it. So that no business was done on either day.

Today both Houses will resume the consideration of their unfinished business; but, if with no better success in the House of Representatives than during the last week, the intermission of the two last days can hardly be considered a loss of time. There is reason to hope better things, however; and there are some who even yet think that Congress might be able to get through its business and adjourn by the 20th of July.

National Intelligencer, June 25, 1846

The funeral of the Hon. R.P. Herrick, we have already said, was attended by both Houses of Congress. The following gentlemen constituted the Committee of Arrangements and the Pall-bearers on the occasion:

Committee of Arrangements

Mr. Carroll, of New York

Mr. Norris, of N.H.

Mr. T. Smith, of Conn.

Mr. Jas. Black, of Pa.

Mr. Pendleton, of Va.

Mr. Simpson, of S.C.

Mr. C.B. Smith, of Ind.

Pall-Bearers

Mr. Dunlap, of Me.

Mr. Dockery, of N.C.

Mr. R. Chapman, Ala.

Mr. Tilden, of Ohio

Mr. Trumbo, of Ky.

Mr. Abbott, of Mass.

Mr. S. Jones, of Geo.

Mr. Edsall, of New Jersey.

A son and daughter of the deceased were the only members of his family who were in the city to attend the Funeral.

Mr. Pendleton, of Va.

