

Daniel Hiester

(25 Jun 1747 – 7 Mar 1804)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Pennsylvania and from Maryland; born in Berks County, Pa., June 25, 1747; attended the public schools; engaged in business in Montgomery County; colonel and brigadier general of militia and served in the Revolutionary War; member of the supreme executive council of Pa. 1784-1786; commissioner of the Connecticut land claims in 1787; elected from Pennsylvania to the 1st through 4th Congresses and served from March 4, 1789 to July 1, 1796, when he resigned and moved to Hagerstown, Md., elected from Maryland to the 7th and 8th Congresses and served from March 4, 1801 until his death in Washington, D.C., March 7, 1804; interment in Zion Reformed Graveyard, Hagerstown, Md.

Brother of John Hiester, cousin of Joseph Hiester and uncle of William Hiester, all Representatives (PA).

The National Intelligencer, March 9, 1804

Thursday, March 8

Mr. Nicholson announced to the House, that his colleague (General Daniel Hiester) had, after a long illness, yesterday departed this life; as a tribute of respect due to his memory, he moved that the members of the House wear crape for thirty days; and that the House should, for the purpose of attending his funeral, adjourn at 12 o'clock.

The House immediately entered into resolutions to this effect and instructed the Speaker to notify the Executive of Maryland of the vacancy occasioned by the death of General Hiester.

About 2 o'clock the remains of the deceased were conveyed from his late lodgings, attended by the speaker and members of the House of Representatives.

The body, we understand, will be interred at Hagerstown, the place where the General lately resided.

The Washington Post, April 16, 1954, p. S4

Marker Dedicated At Graveside Rite

A youthful lieutenant of Gen. George Washington was honored at his grave in Congressional Cemetery by the D.C. Daughters of the American Revolution on April 11. He was Brig. Gen. Daniel Hiester.

Under the auspices of the historians committee the local daughters dedicated a marker on the grave of the Pennsylvania Congressman who at 34 served under Washington. Gen. Heister died in Washington in 1804 while serving in Congress.