

George Holcombe

(Mar 1786 – 14 Jan 1828)

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A Representative from New Jersey; born in West Anwell (now Lambertsville), Huntington County, N.J. in March 1786; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from Princeton College in 1805; attended the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania; later studied medicine in Trenton, N.J. and was granted a license by the Medical Society of New Jersey; practiced medicine in Allentown, N.J., 1805-1815; held several local offices; member of the State general assembly in 1815 and 1816; elected as a Democrat to the 17th through 20th Congresses and served from March 4, 1821, until his death in Allentown, N.J., January 14, 1828.

The National Intelligencer, January 21, 1828

At his residence in Allentown, Monmouth County, New Jersey on Monday morning last, of consumption, the Hon. George Holcombe, a member of the House of Representatives, for the State of New Jersey, in the Congress of the United States. Dr. Holcombe was advantageously known to the public as an excellent physician, a man of honor and integrity, a poet, a scholar, and a gentleman. The urbanity of his manners, the general correctness of his conduct, the concinnity of his address, and the amiableness of his temper and disposition, endeared him to a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and challenged the admiration and esteem of society.

He was humane, generous, and benevolent. His heart melted into tenderness at the distresses and sufferings of his fellow men, and his hand was always open for their relief. His private virtues were unostentatious and exemplary, and his charities were as numerous as the occasions that called his noble sympathies into exercise. As a husband, he was kind, as a father, brother, and son, he was tender and affectionate; as a friend, he was faithful; and as a gentleman, he was accomplished.

The citizens of New Jersey will remember his worth and his services, and mingle their tears with those of the worthy family that mourn his loss.

[The large circle of the inhabitants of this city who had the pleasure of Dr. Holcombe's acquaintance, during his service in Congress, will cordially assent to the justness of the character given to him above, and sincerely lament his decease.]