

Gabriel Holmes

(1769 – 26 Sep 1829)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from North Carolina; born near Clinton, Sampson County, N. Carolina in 1769; attended Zion Parnassus Academy in Rowan County and Harvard University; studied law in Raleigh, N. Carolina; was admitted to the bar in 1790 and commenced practice in Clinton, N. Carolina; served in the State house of commons 1794 and 1795; member of the State senate 1797-1802, 1812 and 1813; Governor of N. Carolina 1821-24; elected to the 19th through 21st Congresses and served from March 4, 1825 until his death near Clinton, Sampson County, N. Carolina, September 26, 1829; interment in the family burial plot on his estate.

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At his residence in Sampson County, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Gen. Gabriel Holmes, in the sixty-first year of his age.

Gen. Holmes was educated at Cambridge, in Massachusetts, and early in life engaged in the practice of law. He was several years elected to represent the County of Sampson in the State Legislature, and was, for a considerable period, a member of the Council of State. In 1821, he was chosen Governor of North Carolina, and served a constitutional term; after his retirement from the executive chair, he was elected to represent the 5th Congressional District in Congress, and at the time of his death, was the member elect from that District.