

James Johnson

(1 Jan 1774 – 14 Aug 1826)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Kentucky; born in Orange County, Va., January 1, 1774; moved with his father to Kentucky in 1779; pursued preparatory studies; a member of the State senate in 1808; served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the War of 1812 and commanded the right wing in the Battle of the Thames; contractor for furnishing supplies to troops on the Western frontier in 1819 and 1820; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Monroe and Tompkins in 1820; elected as a Democrat to the 19th Congress and served from March 4, 1825, until his death in Washington, D.C., August 4, 1825, until his death in Washington, D.C. August 14, 1826; interment in the family cemetery, Great Crossings, Kentucky.

The National Intelligencer, Saturday, August 26, 1826

We have to announce, too soon, the death of another member of Congress. Col. James Johnson, of Kentucky, breathed his last on the 13th instant, as we are informed by letters received yesterday. Col. J. was a new member of Congress, in which capacity he was less known than he was in that of an enterprising and energetic citizen, who had rendered to the Western country important services. During the late war, he was a Patriot Soldier, and served as second in command in the regiment of mounted Infantry, commanded by his brother (now Senator) Col. Richard M. Johnson, and distinguished himself by his gallantry in the field, and his good conduct in the camp. He has left a numerous family to mourn one of the kindest of protectors.