

James Jones

(1740 – 11 Jan 1801)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Georgia; born in Maryland; moved to Georgia with his uncle, Colonel Marbury, in 1740; attended the academy in Augusta; studied law; was admitted to the bar and practiced in Savannah; first lieutenant of East Company, Chatham County Regiment of Militia, in 1790; member of the State house of representatives 1796-1798; member of the State constitutional convention in May 1798; elected as Republican to the 6th Congress and served from March 4, 1799 until his death in Washington, D.C., January 11, 1801.

The National Intelligencer, January 14, 1801

Died, on Monday, in this city, in his 62d year, James Jones, of Georgia, a member of the House of Representatives of the United States. His loss is great to his family and friends, but greater to his country. Few men possessed so great influence and respect in the state where he lived, and he was among the most respectable in the House of Representatives. His uniform and steady devotion to the principles of our republican constitutions was recommended by such an affability of manners, and disposition to friendship, that he seemed almost to escape the asperity of political party. When the melancholy tidings of his death were announced in Congress, the tear of grief on all sides of the house showed that political animosity was overcome by feelings more honorable to humanity; each one seemed to be sensible that the house had lost an ornament and a friend.

On his death being announced to the House of Representatives, they immediately resolved, by unanimous vote, that each member would wear, for one month, a crape round his left arm.

And this morning his funeral was attended by both houses of Congress.

Ely, Selden Marvin, *"The District of Columbia In The American Revolution and Patriots of the Revolutionary Period Who Are Interred in the District or In Arlington,"* Columbia Historical Society, Vol 21, pp. 128-154

The body of the Honorable James Jones of Georgia rests in Congressional Cemetery. There was a James Jones in Georgia who was a prominent civil patriot, but it has not been possible to make identification. Representative Jones may have been this Georgia state assemblyman, but some facts of residence seem to indicate that he was not.