

Felix Grundy McConnell

(1 Apr 1809 – 10 Sep 1846)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Alabama. Born in Nashville, Tenn., April 1, 1809; moved with his parents to Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tenn., in 1811; received a limited education and became a saddler; moved to Talladega, Talladega County, Ala. in 1834; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1836 and commenced practice in Talladega, Ala.; member of the State house of representatives in 1838; served in the State senate 1839-1843; elected as a Democrat to the 28th and 29th Congresses and served from March 4, 1843 until his death in Washington, DC., September 10, 1846; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer, September 11, 1846

Shocking Act

Mr. F.G. McConnell, a Representative in Congress from Alabama, yesterday in a fit of delirium at the St. Charles Hotel in this city committed suicide by stabbing himself in the abdomen and then cutting his throat. The Clerk of the House of Representatives, Mr. French, has taken charge of the remains of the deceased to give them proper interment.

Diary of John Silva Meehan

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September 11, 1846:

F.G. McConnell, a representative in Congress from Alabama committed suicide early yesterday afternoon, at the St. Charles Hotel. He stabbed himself several times in the side and opened the jugular vein on both sides of his head. He had been for a long time intemperate and remained in this city instead of going home when Congress adjourned on the 10th ultimo. His remains were buried in the Congressional burying ground at 1 o'clock today attended by the usual honors and ceremonies. Poor Mack! Requiescat in pace!