James Wray Williams

(8 Oct 1792 - 2 Dec 1842)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Maryland; born in that State October 8, 1792; completed preparatory studies; member of the State house of delegates; was speaker in 1830; elected as a Democrat to the 27th Congress and served from March 4, 1841, until his death on Prieshford farm, Deer Creek, Harford County, Maryland, December 2, 1842; interment in the family cemetery on Prieshford farm.

The National Intelligencer, Monday, December 5, 1842

Death of a Member of Congress

We regret to learn that the Hon. James W. Williams, A Representative in Congress from the State of Maryland, died at his residence at an early hour on Friday morning last, from the effects of an attack of apoplexy.

Mr. W. had departed from home in his private carriage on his way to this city to attend Congress, and had only proceeded about three miles on his journey when the affliction which terminated his life came upon him. He was alone in the carriage at the time, and the driver knew nothing of his unfortunate situation until he had occasion to stop on the road, when Mr. W. was immediately conveyed back to his residence. He was the Representative from the district composed of Baltimore, Carroll, and Harford counties.