

Lemuel Jackson Bowden

(– 6 Mar 1903)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Senator from Virginia; born in Williamsburg, James City County, Va., January 16, 1815; was graduated from William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1838 and commenced practice in Williamsburg; member of the State house of delegates 1841-1846; delegate to the Virginia constitutional convention in 1849 and 1851; presidential elector on the Constitutional Union ticket of Bell and Everett in 1860; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1863, until his death in Washington, D.C. on January 2, 1864; interment in Congressional Cemetery.



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Uncle of George Edwin Bowden (Representative from Virginia, 50th and 51st Congresses).

The National Intelligencer, January 2, 1864

Funeral of the Hon. Lemuel J. Bowden, Senator from the State of Virginia

The mourners, pall-bearers and friends will attend at the late residence of the deceased, No. 410 Thirteenth street, between G and H, at 2 o'clock p.m., on Sunday (tomorrow), the 3d inst. at which time the corpse will be removed in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate in the Congressional burying-ground, in the following order:

The Chaplains of Congress

The Physicians who attended the deceased

Pall Bearers

Senator Foot	The	Senator Lane
Davis	Body	Henderson
Howard		Wiley

The family and friends of the deceased

The Senator and Representatives from the State of Virginia as mourners

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate of the United States

Vice President of the United States

Secretary of the Senate

The members of the Senate of the United States

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

Speaker and Clerk of the House

The members of the House of Representatives

The President of the United States (Lincoln)

The Heads of Departments

The Diplomatic Corps

Judge of the United States Courts

Officers of the Executive Departments

Officers of the Army and Navy
The Mayor of Washington
Citizens and Strangers
Ingram T. Brown
Sergeant-at-Arms

Reveille in Washington (1860-1865), Margaret Leech

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"It had been hoped that Mrs. Lincoln would give a grand ball for the Russian officers; but the only entertainment of the White House was a reception given on the even of their departure. The President had been prevented by illness from attending any of the functions in honor of the strangers. He had returned from Gettysburg in poor health. At first, he was thought to be bilious; but, by the time he was ready to submit his congressional message to the Cabinet, he was aware that he was suffering from a mild form of smallpox. His advisers did not flinch from the summons to the White House, but their meeting was a proof of patriotism, for smallpox was epidemic in Washington, and not all the cases were light. The scare spread, while the capital celebrated the holidays with eggnogs and feasting, and thronged shops and theatres and parties. People fled in terror from the streetcars at the sign of a mottled complexion. Many of the sick were carried to Kalorama Hospital, but there was no systematic program of isolation. Delirious Negro's stumbled through the streets, and died on doorsteps and in police stations. Senator Bowden of West Virginia died of smallpox, and Congress grew alarmed. Whispers that one of the House press gallery had paid a visit to the pesthouse caused such excitement in the press gallery that Speaker Colfax asked the man to leave. Physicians offered free vaccination to all who were unable or unwilling to pay for it. The smallpox hospital at the abandoned contraband camp on Twelfth Street was set on fire as a precautionary measure.