

## Elijah Brigham

(7 Jul 1751 – 22 Feb 1816)

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### Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Massachusetts; born in Westboro (now Northboro), Mass. July 7, 1751; was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH in 1889; studied law but did not practice; engaged in mercantile pursuits at Westboro; member of the State house of representatives 1791-1793; justice of the court of common pleas 1795-1811; served in the State senate in 1796, 1798, 1801-1805 and 1807-1810; State councilor in 1799, 1800 and 1806; elected as a Federalist to the 12th, 13th, and 14th Congresses and served from March 4, 1811 until his death in Washington, D.C., February 22, 1816. Interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

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#### In Senate

...On motion of Mr. Varnum, it was Resolved unanimously, That the Senate will attend the funeral of the Hon. Elijah Brigham, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Massachusetts, tomorrow at twelve o'clock; and as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, they will go into mourning, and wear a black crape, on the left arm, for thirty days. The Senate then adjourned.

#### House of Representatives

... Mr. Pickering rose and announced to the House, the death of the Hon. Elijah Brigham, a Member of this House from the state of Massachusetts. Mr. Pickering then moved resolutions:  
To appoint a committee of arrangement for the funeral of the deceased:  
That the Members of this House wear crape on the left arm, for one month, in testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased:  
That the Members of the House attend the funeral tomorrow, at twelve o'clock:  
That the Senate be invited to join the funeral ceremonies; and  
That when the House adjourned, it should adjourn to Saturday next.  
Which resolutions were severally agreed to, unanimously.  
The House then adjourned.

*The National Intelligencer, Saturday, February 24, 1816*

Died. At his Lodgings in this City, on Thursday morning, the Hon. Elijah Brigham, a Representative in Congress, from the state of Massachusetts. His illness was but short, as he attended the House on Monday. He was considerably advanced in years; and had for many years filled various public offices, Legislative and Executive, in Massachusetts, with the respect of all parties, and the particular approbation of his political friends as a judicious, upright and faithful man. He was yesterday interred with those honors due to his public station and private merit.