Chester Pierce Butler

(12 Mar 1798 - 5 Oct 1850)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pa., March 21, 1798; attended Wilkes-Barre Academy and was graduated from Princeton College in 1817; trustee of Wilkes-Barre Academy 1818-1838 and served as secretary; studied law at Litchfield Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1820 and commenced practice in Wilkes-Barre; register and recorder of Luzerne County 1821-24; member of the State house of representative in 1832, 1838, 1839 and again in 1843; elected as a Whig to the 30th and 31st Congresses and served from March 4, 1847, until his death in Philadelphia, Pa., October 5, 1850; interment in Hollenbeck Cemetery, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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We learn with great regret the death of the Hon. Chester Butler a worthy and valuable member of Congress representing the 11th district of Pennsylvania. He died on Saturday last in Philadelphia where he had arrived on his way home from Washington.