

Timothy Jarvis Carter

(18 Aug 1800 – 14 Mar 1838)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Maine; born in Bethel, in the Maine district of Massachusetts, August 18, 1800; attended the town schools of Bethel; studied law at Northampton, Mass., was admitted to the bar in 1826 and commenced practice in Rumford, Oxford County, Maine; moved to Paris, Oxford County, Maine in 1827 and continued the practice of law; secretary of the State senate of Maine in 1833; county attorney 1833-1837; elected as a Democrat to the 25th Congress and served from September 4, 1837 until his death in Washington, D.C., March 14, 1838. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer, March 16, 1838

We deeply regret the necessity of announcing the decease of another member of Congress, the honorable Timothy J. Carter, a Representative from the State of Maine. We had not ourselves the advantage of knowing him, but the eloquent and feeling tributes to his memory from his colleagues are calculated to deepen our regret that one so deserving should have been enacted by death from the midst of us.

The usual honors were yesterday decreed in both Houses to the memory of the deceased. The funeral ceremonies take place tomorrow (Saturday) and this melancholy occurrence will prevent the transaction of any business in Congress until Monday next.

The National Intelligencer, Monday, March 19, 1838

The funeral of the late Hon. T.J. Carter, Representative in Congress from the State of Maine, took place from the Capitol on Saturday last. The day was inclement and dreary, and a number of members having taken advantage of the vacation from Thursday to Monday to make short trips out of the city, the attendance was rather thin. Everything was, however, conducted with great order, (under the direction of the committee of which Mr. Evans was chairman,) and with becoming solemnity.

The funeral service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Hawley, and an appropriate address was delivered on the occasion by the Rev. Mr. Reese, one of the chaplains to Congress.

The funeral was attended by the President of the United States and several of the Heads of Departments, as well as by the presiding officers and other officers and members of both Houses of Congress.