

Elias Kent Kane

(7 Jun 1794 – 12 Dec 1835)

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A Senator from Illinois; born in New York City on June 7, 1794; attended the public schools; was graduated from Yale College in 1813; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Nashville, Tenn.; moved to Kaskaskia, Ill. in 1814; appointed judge of the Territory of Illinois; delegate to the first State constitutional convention in 1818; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1820 to the 17th Congress; appointed the first secretary of the State of Illinois in 1820 and served until 1824; member of the State house of representatives in 1824; elected as a Democrat to the U.S. Senate in 1824; reelected in 1831 and served from March 4, 1825 until his death in Washington, D.C., December 12, 1835; interment in the family cemetery on the old Kane farm, near Fort Gage, Ill.

