

Charles W. Kendall

(22 Apr 1828 – 25 Jun 1914)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Nevada; born in Searsmont, Waldo County, Maine, April 22, 1828; attended the Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and Yale College, New Haven, Conn.; moved to California in 1849 and engaged in mining; editor and proprietor of the San Jose Tribune 1855-1859; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Sacramento, California; member of the State assembly in 1861 and 1862; moved to Hamilton, Nev., in 1862 and resumed the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the 42nd and 43 Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1875); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1874; moved to Denver, Colorado, and practiced law; assistant librarian in the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. from 1892 until his death in Mount Rainier, Maryland, June 25, 1914; interment in Congressional Cemetery.

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Found Dead on the Floor

Former Representative Kendall of California Expires at Mt. Rainier

Former Representative Charles W. Kendall of California was found dead this morning at the home of T.B. Green, Mount Rainier, Md., with whom he had boarded for the last twenty years. The body was found lying on the floor of his bedroom

So far as is known here, the only relative surviving is a niece in California, who has been notified. An inquest will be held tonight at Mr. Green's home.

Mr. Kendall was about eight-four years old.

Last night he appeared to be in his usual good health. A memorandum written by the deceased but bearing no date was found among his effects, giving directions for the disposition of his body. He directs that his remains be turned over to a Washington undertaker for interment in Congressional cemetery, the expense not to exceed \$150.

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Funeral Services Likely To Be Held in this City

Former Representative Kendall of Nevada Filled Federal Position Here at Time of Death

Funeral services for former Representative Charles West Kendall of Nevada, eighty-six years old, who died at his home in Mount Rainier, Md., yesterday, probably will be held in this city.

Mr. Kendall represented Nevada in the House of Representatives during the 42nd and 43rd Congresses, March 4, 1871 to March 3, 1875. He was born at Searsmont, Maine, April 22, 1828. He received his education at Phillips Exeter Academy and at Yale. He left the latter institution in 1849 to join the gold rush to California.

He grew up in the west, was admitted to the bar at Sacramento, Cal., and was a member of the California legislature in the early years of the civil war. He later removed to Hamilton, Nev., from which state he was elected to Congress.

In Congress he is remembered as an orator of no little ability. He was a lifelong Democrat. After leaving Congress he moved to Colorado when he was appointed in 1892 to a position in the interstate commerce commission, which position he held at the time of his death.