

John Gallagher Montgomery

(27 Jun 1805 – 24 Apr 1857)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pa., June 27, 1805; studied under a private tutor; was graduated from Washington (now Washington & Jefferson College), Washington, Pa. in 1824; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1827 and commenced practice in Danville, Montour County, Pa.; member of the State house of representatives in 1855; elected as a Democrat to the 35th Congress and served from March 4, 1857 until his death which occurred before the assembling of Congress in Danville, Pa., April 24, 1857, presumably from the effects of poison secretly placed in food served at a banquet in Washington, D.C., during the inauguration of President Buchanan; interment in Episcopal Cemetery.