

Isaac Samuel Pennybacker

(3 Sep 1805 – 12 Jan 1847)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative and a Senator from Virginia; born at Pine Forge, near Newmarket, Shenandoah County, Va., September 3, 1805; attended the "old field" school and the Winchester Law School; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Va.; elected as a Democrat to the 25th Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia by appointment of President Van Buren 1839-1845; declined the office of United States Attorney General offered him by President Van Buren and subsequently that of justice of the supreme court of Virginia; elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1845, caused by the failure of the legislature to elect and served from December 3, 1845, until his death; member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution from August 10, 1846; died in Washington, D.C., January 12, 1847; interment in Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, Va.

Note: Cousin of Green Berry Samuel.