

William Upham

(5 Aug 1792 – 14 Jan 1853)

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Death of Senator Upham

We have the melancholy duty of announcing the decease of the Honorable William Upham, a Senator in Congress from the State of Vermont. For a year or two past he had been in delicate health, which declined rapidly since he came on to attend the present session of Congress, and he expired yesterday at his lodgings at the Irving Hotel in this city, aged about fifty-six years. The deceased was a man of strong mind and of very decided opinions, though he was of a retiring disposition, and seldom mingled in debate. He was a faithful representative of his State, and as assiduous in the discharge of his legislative duties as his infirm health would permit. The information of his death reached the Senate yesterday after that body had decided to adjourn over to Monday, but they immediately revoked that decision, and meet today to take order for paying proper respect to the remains of their deceased colleague.

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Senator from Vermont; born in Leicester, Mass., August 5, 1792; moved with his father to Montpelier, Vermont in 1802; attended the district schools, the Montpelier Academy, and was privately tutored; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1811 and commenced practice in Montpelier, Vt., in 1812; served in the State house of representatives in 1827 and 1828; State's attorney for Washington County in 1829; again a member of the State house of representatives in 1830; elected as a Whig to the U.S. Senate in 1843; reelected in 1849 and served from March 4, 1843 until his death in Washington, D.C., January 14, 1853; interment in Congressional Cemetery.