

schools of his native city; employed in a carriage factory 1889-1892; engaged as a traveling salesman 1892-1905, during which time he resided in Jackson, Mich., Rochester, N.Y., and Winchester, Mass.; settled in Bangor, Maine, in 1905 and engaged in the retail sale of carriages and later in the retail sale of automobiles; served as councilman in 1912 and 1913, as alderman in 1913 and 1914, and as mayor of Bangor in 1914 and 1915; chairman of the Maine Motor Vehicle Conference Committee in 1930; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1932; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third Congress (March 4, 1933-January 3, 1935); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1934 to the Seventy-fourth Congress; was appointed a United States marshal for the district of Maine in 1935 and served until his resignation in 1944; resumed the automobile business and was president of the Utterback Corp.; died in Bangor, Maine, July 11, 1955; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

V

VAIL, George, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Morristown, Morris County, N.J., July 21, 1809; completed preparatory studies; attended Morris Academy at Morristown; engaged in the manufacture of telegraph instruments; member of the State general assembly in 1843 and 1844; appointed by the Governor of New Jersey to represent the State at the World's Fair in London, England, in 1851; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1850 to the Thirty-second Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1857); appointed February 3, 1858, by President James Buchanan, as consul to Glasgow, Scotland, and served until August 10, 1861; returned to the United States and settled in Morristown, N.J., where he engaged in literary pursuits; member of the court of pardons; judge of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals 1865-1871; died in Morristown, N.J., May 23, 1875; interment in First Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

VAIL, Henry, a Representative from New York; born near Milbrook, Dutchess County, N.Y., in 1782; received a limited schooling; engaged in the retail mercantile business 1806-1815 and in wholesale mercantile pursuits 1815-1832; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1838 to the Twenty-sixth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits in Troy, Rensselaer County, N.Y., and died there June 25, 1853; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

VAIL, Richard Bernard, a Representative from Illinois; born in Chicago, Cook County, Ill., August 31, 1895; attended the public schools, the School of Commerce, the Chicago Technical College, and the John Marshall Law School; during the First World War served in the United States Army as a lieutenant of Infantry; engaged in the manufacture of steel products; elected as a Republican to the Eightieth Congress (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1949); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1948 to the Eighty-first Congress; elected to the Eighty-second Congress (January 3, 1951-January 3, 1953); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1952 to the Eighty-third Congress and for election in 1954 to the Eighty-fourth Congress; chairman of the board of directors of the Vail Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.; died in Chicago, Ill., July 29, 1955; interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth, Ill.

VAILE, William Newell, a Representative from Colorado; born in Kokomo, Howard County, Ind., June 22, 1876;

moved with his parents to Denver, Colo., in 1881; attended the public schools and was graduated from Yale University in 1898; during the Spanish-American War served as a private in the First Regiment of the Connecticut Volunteer Field Artillery from May 19, 1898, to October 25, 1898; studied law at the University of Colorado and Harvard Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1901 and commenced the practice of law in Denver, Colo.; served on the Mexican border from June 28 to December 1, 1916, as a second lieutenant in the First Separate Battalion, National Guard of Colorado; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-sixth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1919, until his death in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., on July 2, 1927; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Treasury (Sixty-eighth Congress); interment in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Colo.

VALENTINE, Edward Kimble, a Representative from Nebraska; born in Keosauqua, Van Buren County, Iowa, June 1, 1843; attended the common schools; learned the trade of a printer; during the Civil War enlisted in the Union Army and served in the Sixty-seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry; promoted to second lieutenant and honorably discharged; in the spring of 1863 reenlisted as a private in the Seventh Iowa Volunteer Cavalry; promoted to adjutant of the regiment and served until June 1866; settled in Omaha, Nebr., in 1866; appointed register of the United States land office at West Point, Nebr., and served from May 17, 1869, to September 30, 1871; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1869 and commenced practice at West Point, Nebr.; elected judge of the sixth judicial district in 1875; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh, and Forty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1885); chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Forty-seventh Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1884; Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate from June 30, 1890, to August 6, 1893; resumed the practice of law in West Point, Nebr.; moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1908 and lived in retirement until his death April 11, 1916; interment in Union Ridge Cemetery, Norwood Park, Ill.

VALENTINE, Itimous Thaddeus, Jr., (Tim), a Representative from North Carolina; born in Rocky Mount, Nash County, N.C., March 15, 1926; attended public schools in Nashville, N.C.; A.B., The Citadel, Charleston, S.C., 1948; LL.B., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., 1952; served in the United States Air Force, 1944-1946; admitted to the North Carolina bar, 1952 and commenced practice in Nashville; member of North Carolina house of representatives, 1955-1960; chairman, North Carolina Democratic executive committee, 1966-1968; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1968; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 1995); not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

VALK, William Weightman, a Representative from New York; born in Charleston, S.C., October 12, 1806; attended the local school and was graduated from the University of South Carolina at Columbia in 1830; studied medicine and commenced practice in Bridgeport, Conn.; served as assistant surgeon on the U.S. frigate *Constellation*; went to California about 1849 during the gold rush; finally settled in Flushing, Long Island, N.Y., and continued the practice of medicine until elected to Congress; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; during the Civil War was surgeon in the Second Regiment, Maryland Volunteer

Infantry; appointed a clerk in the United States Pension Office at Washington, D.C., in 1867 and served until his death in that city September 20, 1879; interment in Flushing Cemetery, Flushing, Queens County, N.Y.

VALLANDIGHAM, Clement Laird (uncle of John A. McMahon), a Representative from Ohio; born in New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, July 29, 1820; attended a classical school conducted by his father and Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.; moved to Maryland and for two years was a preceptor in Union Academy at Snow Hill; moved to New Lisbon, Ohio, in 1840; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1842 and commenced practice in Dayton, Ohio; member of the State house of representatives in 1845 and 1846; edited the *Western Empire* 1847-1849; was an unsuccessful candidate for election in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress and in 1854 to the Thirty-fourth Congress; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1856, 1864, and 1868; successfully contested as a Democrat the election of Lewis D. Campbell to the Thirty-fifth Congress; reelected to the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses and served from May 25, 1858, to March 3, 1863; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; arrested by the Union military authorities in 1863 for treasonable utterance and banished to the Confederate States; went from Wilmington, N.C., to Bermuda and thence to Canada, where he remained until June 1864; during his exile was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio in 1863; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1869; died in Lebanon, Ohio, June 17, 1871; interment in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio.

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VAN AERNAM, Henry, a Representative from New York; born in Marcellus, Onondaga County, N.Y., March 11, 1819; pursued an academic course; studied medicine at the Geneva and Willoughby Medical Colleges and practiced his profession; member of the State assembly in 1858; served in the Union Army as a surgeon in the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, from September 26, 1862, to November 5, 1864; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1869); appointed as Commissioner of Pensions May 1, 1869, and served until May 31, 1871, when he resigned; elected to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); resumed the practice of medicine in Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., and died there June 1, 1894; interment in Mount Prospect Cemetery.

VAN ALLEN, James Isaac (half brother of Martin Van Buren), a Representative from New York; born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, N.Y., in 1776; attended the common schools; city clerk of Kinderhook 1797-1801; member of the State constitutional conventions in 1801 and 1803; justice of the peace 1801-1804; member of the State assembly in 1804; surrogate of Columbia County 1804-1808 and 1815-1822; elected as a Republican to the Tenth Congress (March 4, 1807-March 3, 1809); died in Newburgh, N.Y., on December 23, 1870; interment in Kinderhook Cemetery, Kinderhook, N.Y.

VAN ALLEN, John Evert, a Representative from New York; born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, N.Y., in 1749; completed preparatory studies; moved to De Freestville in 1778 and engaged in extensive farming operations; surveyed the town of Greenbush in 1790 and conducted a general store there; engaged in civil engineering and surveying; as-

sistant court justice in Rensselaer County in 1791; elected to the Third Congress and reelected as a Federalist to the Fourth and Fifth Congresses and served from March 4, 1793, to March 3, 1799; member of the State assembly in 1800 and 1801; died in March 1807.

VAN ALSTYNE, Thomas Jefferson, a Representative from New York; born in Richmondville, Schoharie County, N.Y., July 25, 1827; attended the common schools, Moravia (N.Y.) Academy, and Hartwick (N.Y.) Seminary, and was graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., in 1848; studied law in Albany, N.Y.; was admitted to the bar in 1849 and commenced practice in that city; served as judge advocate with the rank of major during the Civil War; judge of Albany County 1871-1882; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1884 to the Forty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of law; mayor of Albany, N.Y., 1898-1900; died in Albany, N.Y., October 26, 1903; interment in the Rural Cemetery.

VAN AUKEN, Daniel Myers, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Montague, Sussex County, N.J., January 15, 1826; attended the common schools and Deckertown Academy; was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1852; studied law; was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1855 and commenced the practice of law in Milford, Pa.; served as prosecuting attorney of Pike County 1855-1859; elected as a Democrat to the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1871); was not a candidate for reelection in 1870 to the Forty-second Congress; resumed the practice of law in Milford, Pa.; served as district attorney of Pike County, Pa., 1893-1896 and 1899-1903; continued the practice of law until his death in Milford, Pa., on November 7, 1908; interment in Milford Cemetery.

VAN BUREN, John, a Representative from New York; born in Kingston, Ulster County, N.Y., May 13, 1799; was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., in 1818; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Kingston, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1831; judge of Ulster County 1836-1841; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State (Twenty-seventh Congress); resumed the practice of law; district attorney of Ulster County 1846-1850; died in Kingston, N.Y., January 16, 1855; interment in Old Houghtaling Cemetery.

VAN BUREN, Martin (half brother of James Isaac Van Allen), a Senator from New York, a Vice President and 8th President of the United States; born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, N.Y., December 5, 1782; attended the village schools; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Kinderhook, N.Y., in 1803; moved to Hudson, N.Y., in 1809; surrogate of Columbia County 1808-1813; member, State senate 1813-1820; attorney general of New York 1816-1819; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1821; elected as a Democratic Republican (later Crawford Republican and then Jacksonian) to the United States Senate; reelected in 1827, and served from March 4, 1821, until December 20, 1828, when he resigned, having been elected Governor; chairman, Committee on the Judiciary (Eighteenth through Twentieth Congresses); Governor of New York from January to March 1829, when he resigned to enter the Cabinet; appointed Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Andrew Jackson and served from March 1829, until his resignation, effective May 1831, when

he was commissioned Minister to Great Britain; the Senate rejected his nomination in January 1832, and he returned to the United States; elected, as a Democrat, Vice President of the United States on the ticket with Andrew Jackson and served from March 4, 1833, to March 3, 1837; elected, as a Democrat, President of the United States and served from March 4, 1837, to March 3, 1841; unsuccessful candidate for reelection as President on the Democratic ticket in 1840 and on the Free-Soil ticket in 1848; withdrew from political life and retired to his country home, 'Lindenwald,' in Kinderhook, N.Y., where he died July 24, 1862; interment in Kinderhook Cemetery.

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VAN CORTLANDT, Philip (brother of Pierre Van Cortlandt, Jr.), a Representative from New York; born in New York City August 21, 1749; pursued classical studies; attended Coldenham Academy; engaged as a civil engineer; member of the Provincial Congress in 1775; during the Revolutionary War served as lieutenant colonel and was mustered out of the service with the rank of brigadier general for gallant conduct at the siege of Yorktown under General Lafayette; delegate to the State ratification convention in 1788; served as supervisor of the town of Cortland, and as school commissioner and road master; member of the State assembly 1788-1790; served in the State senate 1791-1793; elected to the Third Congress and reelected as a Republican to the seven succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1809); engaged in agricultural pursuits; was a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati; died at Van Cortlandt Manor, Croton on Hudson, Westchester County, N.Y., on November 21, 1831; interment in Hillside Cemetery, Peekskill, N.Y.

VAN CORTLANDT, Pierre, Jr. (brother of Philip Van Cortlandt), a Representative from New York; born at Van Cortlandt Manor, Croton, Westchester County, N.Y., August 29, 1762; pursued classical studies; was graduated from Queen's College (later Rutgers College), New Brunswick, N.J., in 1783; studied law in the office of Alexander Hamilton; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice; retired from his law practice and devoted his time managing his estate in Westchester County; member of the State assembly in 1811 and 1812; elected as a Republican to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); presidential elector on the Harrison ticket in 1840; founded and was president of the Westchester County Bank at Peekskill, N.Y., from 1833 until his death there July 13, 1848; interment in Hillside Cemetery.

VAN DEERLIN, Lionel, a Representative from California; born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Calif., July 25, 1914; attended the public schools at Oceanside, Calif.; B.A., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif., 1937; studied journalism; United States Army, Field Artillery and Stars and Stripes newspaper and overseas service in the Mediterranean Theater, 1941-1945; journalist; radio and television news editor and analyst, 1952-1961; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1964; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1963-January 3, 1981); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-seventh Congress in 1980; professor emeritus, San Diego State University, San Diego, Calif.; columnist, San Diego Union Tribune; is a resident of San Diego, Calif.

VAN DUZER, Clarence Dunn, a Representative from Nevada; born near Mountain City, Nev., May 4, 1866; at-

tended public and private schools in Nevada and California, and the University of California at Berkeley; was graduated from the State University of Nevada at Reno in 1889, and from the law department of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1893; was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the District of Columbia in 1893; appointed by the Governor of Nevada in 1892 State land agent with residence in Washington, D.C., and served until 1897; served as private secretary to Senator Francis G. Newlands for five years; returned to Nevada and became interested in mining; elected district attorney of Humboldt County in 1898; member of the State house of representatives 1900-1902 and served as speaker; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1907); was not a candidate for renomination in 1906; resumed his mining interests until 1922 when he moved to Passaic, N.J., and engaged in newspaper work; died in Passaic, N.J., September 28, 1947; remains were cremated and the ashes scattered on the Humboldt River near Winnemucca, Nev.

VAN DYKE, Carl Chester, a Representative from Minnesota; born in Alexandria, Douglas County, Minn., February 18, 1881; attended the common and high schools of Alexandria; taught school in Douglas County 1899-1901; during the Spanish-American War served as a private in Company B, Fifteenth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry; was graduated from the St. Paul Law School; was admitted to the bar at St. Paul in 1916, but did not engage in extensive practice; elected commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans September 6, 1918; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, and Sixty-sixth Congresses and served from March 4, 1915, until his death in Washington, D.C., May 20, 1919; interment in a mausoleum in Forest Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.

VAN DYKE, John, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Lamington, Somerset County, N.J., April 3, 1807; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1836 and commenced practice in New Brunswick, N.J.; prosecuting attorney of Middlesex County in 1841; mayor of New Brunswick in 1846 and 1847; president of the Bank of New Jersey at New Brunswick; elected as a Whig to the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Congresses (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1851); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1850; resumed the practice of law; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1856; judge of the New Jersey Supreme Court 1859-1866; moved to Minnesota in 1868 and settled in Wabasha, Wabasha County; member of the State senate in 1872 and 1873; judge of the third judicial district of Minnesota 1873-1878; died in Wabasha, Minn., December 24, 1878; interment in Riverview Cemetery.

VAN DYKE, Nicholas (father of Nicholas Van Dyke [1770-1826]), a Delegate from Delaware; born in New Castle County, Del., September 25, 1738; studied law in Philadelphia, Pa.; admitted to the bar in 1765 and commenced practice in New Castle County; delegate to the State constitutional convention in July 1776; elected a member of the Council of Delaware in 1777, serving as speaker in 1779; appointed judge of admiralty February 21, 1777; Member of the Continental Congress 1777-1781; a signer of the Articles of Confederation; served as President of Delaware from February 1, 1783, to October 27, 1786; died in New Castle County, Del., February 19, 1789; interment in Immanuel Churchyard, New Castle, Del.

VAN DYKE, Nicholas (son of Nicholas Van Dyke [1738-1789]), a Representative and a Senator from Delaware; born

in New Castle, Del., December 20, 1770; graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1788; studied law; was admitted to the bar in New Castle, Del., in 1792 and commenced the practice of law; member, State house of representatives 1799; elected as a Federalist to the Tenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James M. Broom; reelected to the Eleventh Congress, and served from October 6, 1807, to March 3, 1811; member, State senate 1815-1816; elected as a Federalist to the United States Senate in 1817; reelected in 1823, and served from March 4, 1817, until his death in New Castle, Del., on May 21, 1826; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Sixteenth Congress); interment in Immanuel Churchyard.

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VAN EATON, Henry Smith, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, September 14, 1826; was graduated from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., in 1848; moved to Woodville, Miss., in 1848; taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1855 and commenced practice in Woodville, Wilkinson County; elected district attorney in 1857; member of the State house of representatives in 1859; enlisted in the Confederate Army and served throughout the Civil War; resumed the practice of law in Woodville, Miss., in 1865; appointed chancellor of the tenth Mississippi district in 1880; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1887); appointed by President Cleveland a member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1887; member of a commission to examine and report upon the last completed portion of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1888; died in Woodville, Miss., May 30, 1898; interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

VAN GAASBECK, Peter, a Representative from New York; born in Ulster County, N.Y., September 27, 1754; attended the grammar schools and became a man of prominence in the county and State; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Kingston, N.Y.; was a captain and major in the Ulster County Militia during the Revolutionary War; elected to the Third Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1795); died in Kingston, N.Y., in 1797; interment in First Reformed Dutch Churchyard.

VAN HOLLEN, Christopher, a Representative from Maryland; born in Karachi, Pakistan, on January 10, 1959; B.A., Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., 1982; M.P.P., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1985; J.D., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1990; lawyer, private practice; member of the Maryland state house of representatives, 1990-1994; member of the Maryland state senate, 1994-2002; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Eighth Congress (January 3, 2003-present).

VAN HORN, Burt, a Representative from New York; born in Newfane, Niagara County, N.Y., October 28, 1823; was raised on a farm; attended the common schools, Yates Academy in Orleans County, Hamilton College (now Colgate University), Hamilton, N.Y.; engaged in agricultural pursuits in Niagara County, and later in the manufacture of cloth; member of the State assembly 1858-1860; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); elected to the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1869); was not a candidate for renomination in 1868; moved to Lockport, N.Y., in 1867; resumed farming and also engaged in the loaning

of money; collector of internal revenue at Rochester, N.Y., 1877-1882; died in Lockport, N.Y., April 1, 1896; interment in Glenwood Cemetery.

VAN HORN, George, a Representative from New York; born in Otsego, Otsego County, N.Y., February 5, 1850; attended the common schools, the Cooperstown Seminary, and the New Berlin Academy; studied law; was admitted to the bar in February 1871 and practiced in Cooperstown, N.Y.; elected clerk of Otsego County in 1881 and reelected in 1884; elected supervisor of Otsego, and twice reelected; member of the Democratic county committee; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-second Congress (March 4, 1891-March 3, 1893); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress; engaged in banking, and was vice president of the Second National Bank of Cooperstown, N.Y., until his death there on May 3, 1904; interment in Lakewood Cemetery.

VAN HORN, Robert Thompson, a Representative from Missouri; born in East Mahoning, Indiana County, Pa., May 19, 1824; attended the common schools; apprenticed to a printer; moved to Ohio in 1844 and settled in Pomeroy; studied law; was admitted to the bar about 1850 and commenced practice in Pomeroy, Ohio; moved to Kansas City, Mo., in 1855; member of the board of aldermen in 1857; postmaster of Kansas City 1857-1861; established and edited the *Kansas City Journal*; elected mayor of Kansas City in 1861 and again in 1864; enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War and served as lieutenant colonel of the Twenty-fifth Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry; member of the State senate 1862-1864; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Forty-first Congresses (March 4, 1865-March 3, 1871); was not a candidate for renomination in 1870; chairman of the Republican State central committee 1874-1876; collector of internal revenue for the sixth district of Missouri 1875-1881; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1864, 1868, 1872, 1876, 1880, and 1884; member of the Republican National Committee in 1872 and 1884; elected as a Republican to the Forty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1881-March 3, 1883); successfully contested the election of John C. Tarsney to the Fifty-fourth Congress and served from February 27, 1896, to March 3, 1897; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1896; retired from editorship of the *Kansas City Journal* in 1897; died on his estate, "Honeywood," at Evanston Station, near Kansas City, Mo., January 3, 1916; interment in Mount Washington Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo.

VAN HORNE, Archibald, a Representative from Maryland; birth date unknown; appointed adjutant of the Fourteenth Regiment of the Maryland Militia, April 18, 1798; commissioned captain May 26, 1802; member of the State house of delegates 1801-1803 and 1805, and served as speaker in the latter year; resigned November 11, 1805; elected as a Republican to the Tenth and Eleventh Congresses (March 4, 1807-March 3, 1811); chairman, Committee on District of Columbia (Eleventh Congress); again a member of the State house of delegates 1814-1816; elected to the State senate in 1816 and served until his death in Prince Georges County, Md., in 1817.

VAN HORNE, Espy, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Lycoming County, Pa., in 1795; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1829); died in Williamsport, Pa., August 25, 1829.

VAN HORNE, Isaac, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Tollbury Township, Bucks County, Pa., January 13, 1754; apprenticed as a carpenter and cabinetmaker;

elected ensign of a company of militia in 1775; appointed ensign in the Continental Army by the committee of safety and in January 1776 was assigned to Capt. John Beatty's Company in Col. Samuel McGaw's Regiment; held as a prisoner of war from November 1776 to May 1778 when he was exchanged; served as first lieutenant, captain lieutenant, and captain until the close of the Revolutionary War; justice of the peace for Tollbury Township for several years; coroner of Bucks County four years; member of the State house of representatives in 1796 and 1797; declined to be a candidate for reelection; elected as a Republican to the Seventh and Eighth Congresses (March 4, 1801-March 3, 1805); moved to Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1805; receiver of the land office at Zanesville from 1805 to December 1826 when he resigned; died in Zanesville, Ohio, February 2, 1834; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

VAN HOUTEN, Isaac B., a Representative from New York; born in Clarkstown (now New City), Rockland County, N.Y., June 4, 1776; attended the common schools; engaged in milling and agricultural pursuits; member of the State assembly 1833-1835; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1835); resumed his former business pursuits; died in Clarkstown (now New City), N.Y., August 16, 1850; interment in the family burying ground on his estate near Clarkstown.

VAN NESS, John Peter, a Representative from New York; born in Ghent (formerly Claverly), Columbia County, N.Y., in 1770; completed preparatory studies and attended Columbia College in New York City; studied law and was admitted to the bar, but never practiced; elected as a Republican to the Seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Bird and served from October 6, 1801, to January 17, 1803, when his seat was declared forfeited, as he had accepted and exercised the office of major of militia in the District of Columbia bestowed on him by President Jefferson; he then made Washington his home; president of the second council in 1803; promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel commandant of the first legion of militia in 1805, brigadier general in 1811, and major general in 1813; alderman of the city of Washington in 1829; mayor 1830-1834; second vice president of the Washington National Monument Society in 1833; president of the commissioners of the Washington Canal in 1834; president of the branch bank of the United States at Washington, D.C.; first president of the National Metropolitan Bank from 1814 until his death in Washington, D.C., March 7, 1846; interment in a mausoleum at Oak Hill Cemetery.

VAN NUYS, Frederick, a Senator from Indiana; born in Falmouth, Rush County, Ind., April 16, 1874; attended the public schools; graduated from Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., in 1898 and from the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1900; admitted to the bar in 1900 and commenced practice in Shelbyville, Ind., moving shortly afterward to Anderson, Ind.; prosecuting attorney of Madison County, Ind., 1906-1910; member, State senate 1913-1916, serving as president pro tempore in 1915; moved to Indianapolis, Ind., in 1916 and continued the practice of law; United States attorney, district of Indiana 1920-1922; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1932; reelected in 1938, and served from March 4, 1933, until his death on a farm near Vienna, Fairfax County, Va., on January 25, 1944; chairman, Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments (Seventy-sixth Congress), Committee on the Judiciary (Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth Congresses); interment in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, Ind.

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VAN PELT, William Kaiser, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Glenbeulah, Sheboygan County, Wis., March 10, 1905; moved with his parents to Fond du Lac, Wis., and attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1924; owner and operator of City Fuel Co., Fond du Lac, Wis., 1939-1952; chairman of Fond du Lac County Republican Committee 1944-1950; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1944; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1951-January 3, 1965); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1964 to the Eighty-ninth Congress; was a resident of Fond du Lac, Wis., until his death on June 2, 1996.

VAN RENSSELAER, Henry Bell (son of Stephen Van Rensselaer), a Representative from New York; born at the Manor House in Albany, N.Y., May 14, 1810; was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1831; commissioned brevet second lieutenant of the Fifth Regiment, United States Infantry, July 1, 1831, and resigned January 27, 1832; engaged in agricultural pursuits near Ogdensburg, N.Y.; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1841-March 3, 1843); was associated with mining enterprises; upon the outbreak of the Civil War reentered the military service with the rank of brigadier general in the Union Army and was appointed chief of staff under Gen. Winfield Scott; served as inspector general with the rank of colonel from 1862 until his death; died in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 23, 1864; interment in Grace Episcopal Churchyard, Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y.

VAN RENSSELAER, Jeremiah (father of Solomon Van Vechten Van Rensselaer and cousin of Killian Killian Van Rensselaer), a Representative from New York; born in New York on August 27, 1738; completed preparatory studies at the manor house, "Rensselaerswyck," and in private schools in Albany; graduated from Princeton College in 1758; took an active interest in the Revolutionary War; member of the Albany Committee of Safety; elected to the First Congress (March 4, 1789-March 3, 1791); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Second Congress in 1790; member of the New York state assembly in 1789; member of the first board of directors of the Bank of Albany in 1792 and president of that bank 1798-1806; lieutenant governor of New York 1801-1804; curator of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary at Albany in 1804; died on February 19, 1810, in Albany, N.Y.; interment in the Dutch Reformed Cemetery; reinterment in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, N.Y.

VAN RENSSELAER, Killian Killian (cousin of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer and uncle of Solomon Van Vechten Van Rensselaer), a Representative from New York; born in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, N.Y., June 9, 1763; completed preparatory studies and attended Yale College; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1784 and commenced practice in Claverack, N.Y.; private secretary to Gen. Philip Schuyler; elected as a Federalist to the Seventh and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1801-March 3, 1811); resumed the practice of law; died in Albany, N.Y., on June 18, 1845; interment in a private cemetery at Greenbush, N.Y.

VAN RENSSELAER, Solomon Van Vechten (son of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer and nephew of Killian Killian Van Rensselaer), a Representative from New York; born in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, N.Y., August 6, 1774; completed preparatory studies; entered the United States Army; was promoted to captain of a volunteer company, and later, on January 8, 1799, to major; was mustered out in June

1800; adjutant general of State militia in 1801, 1810, and 1813; served in the War of 1812 as lieutenant colonel of New York Volunteers; elected as a Federalist to the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1819, to January 14, 1822, when he resigned; postmaster of Albany, N.Y., 1822-1839 and 1841-1843; delegate from New York at the opening of the Erie Canal November 4, 1825; died near Albany, N.Y., April 23, 1852; interment in North Dutch Church Cemetery, Albany, N.Y.; reinterment in Albany Rural Cemetery.

VAN RENSSELAER, Stephen (father of Henry Bell Van Rensselaer), a Representative from New York; born in New York City November 1, 1764; completed preparatory studies and attended Princeton College; graduated from Harvard University in 1782; major of militia in 1786, colonel in 1788, and major general in 1801; member of the New York state assembly 1789-1791, 1798, and 1818; member of the New York state senate 1791-1796; elected lieutenant governor of New York in 1795; unsuccessful candidate for New York governor in 1801 and 1813; served as major general of Volunteers in the War of 1812; member of the canal commission 1816-1839, and served fourteen years as its president; member of the New York state constitutional convention in 1821; founded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy in 1824; was a supporter of John Quincy Adams; elected to the Seventeenth Congress by special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Solomon Van Vechten Van Rensselaer and reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (February 27, 1822-March 3, 1829); chairman, Committee on Agriculture (Eighteenth through Twentieth Congresses); was not a candidate for reelection; devoted his time to landed interests and to educational and public welfare matters; regent of the University of New York 1819-1839; died on January 26, 1839, in Albany, N.Y.; interment in the family burying ground; reinterment in Albany Rural Cemetery.

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VAN SANT, Joshua, a Representative from Maryland; born in Millington, Kent County, Md., December 31, 1803; moved with his parents to Wilmington, Del., in 1807 and to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1812; attended the common schools; moved to Baltimore, Md.; engaged in hat making in 1817, became journeyman, and continued at that trade until 1835; unsuccessful candidate as a Jackson Democrat to the State house of delegates in 1833 and 1834; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1836; postmaster of Baltimore 1839-1841; member of the State house of delegates in 1845; commissioner of Baltimore finances March 1, 1846, to March 1, 1855; trustee of the city and county almshouse 1847-1853 and in 1861; commissioner of public schools 1852-1854, and served as president in 1854; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Thirty-fourth Congress in 1854; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Breckinridge and Lane in 1860; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1867; director of the Maryland State Penitentiary 1867-1869, serving two years as president; member of the board of trustees of the McDonough Educational Fund and Institute 1867-1871, serving as president in 1871; member and president of the board for Bay View Asylum 1868-1870; mayor of Baltimore 1871-1875; declined to be a candidate for renomination; appointed city comptroller of Baltimore in July 1876 and served until January 1881; was afterward elected to that

office and served until his death in Baltimore, Md., April 8, 1884; interment in Greenmount Cemetery.

VAN SCHAICK, Isaac Whitbeck (uncle of Aaron Van Schaick Cochrane), a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Coxsackie, Greene County, N.Y., December 7, 1817; attended the common schools; engaged extensively in the manufacture of glue; moved to Chicago in 1857, and to Wisconsin in 1861 and engaged in the flour-milling business in Milwaukee; elected to the Milwaukee Common Council in 1871; member of the State assembly 1873-1875; served in the State senate 1877-1882; elected as a Republican to the Forty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1887); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1886; elected to the Fifty-first Congress (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1891); was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; unsuccessful candidate for State senator in 1890; moved to Catonsville, Baltimore County, Md., in 1894, where he lived in retirement until his death there August 22, 1901; interment in Athens Cemetery, Athens, N.Y.

VAN SWEARINGEN, Thomas, a Representative from Virginia; born near Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, Va. (now West Virginia), May 5, 1784; attended the common schools; member of the State house of delegates 1814-1816; elected to the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1819, until his death in Shepherdstown, Va., August 19, 1822; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

VAN TRUMP, Philadelph, a Representative from Ohio; born in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, November 15, 1810; attended the public schools; learned the art of printing and subsequently became editor of the *Gazette and Enquirer* at Lancaster; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Lancaster on May 14, 1838; delegate to the Whig National Convention in 1852; unsuccessful candidate of the American Party for Governor in 1856; delegate to the Bell and Everett State convention in 1860 and served as president; judge of the court of common pleas 1862-1867; unsuccessful candidate for supreme judge of Ohio in 1863, 1864, and 1865; elected as a Democrat to the Fortieth, Forty-first, and Forty-second Congresses (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1873); was not a candidate for renomination in 1872; served as president of the Democratic State convention in 1869; resumed the practice of law in Lancaster, Ohio, and died there on July 31, 1874; interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

VAN VALKENBURGH, Robert Bruce, a Representative from New York; born in Prattsburg, Steuben County, N.Y., September 4, 1821; attended Franklin Academy, Prattsburg, N.Y.; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Bath, N.Y.; member of the State assembly in 1852 and again in 1857 and 1858; was in command of the recruiting depot in Elmira, N.Y., and organized seventeen regiments for the Civil War; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1865); chairman, Committee on Militia (Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses); served as colonel of the One Hundred and Seventh Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and was its commander at the Battle of Antietam; Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1865; appointed Minister Resident to Japan January 18, 1866, and served until November 11, 1869; settled in Florida; appointed associate justice of the State supreme court on May 20, 1874, and served until his death in Suwanee Springs, near Live Oak, Suwanee County, Fla., August 1, 1888; interment in Old St. Nicholas Cemetery, on the south side of the St. Johns River, south of Jacksonville, Fla.

VAN VOORHIS, Henry Clay, a Representative from Ohio; born in Nashport, Muskingum County, Ohio, May 11, 1852; attended the public schools and Denison University, Granville, Ohio; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1874; was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1875 and commenced practice in Zanesville, Ohio, the same year; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1884 and 1916; president of the Citizens' National Bank of Zanesville 1885-1893; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-third and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1905); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1904; again became president of the Citizens' National Bank of Zanesville, Ohio, in 1905; member of the board of trustees of Marietta (Ohio) College; died in Zanesville, Ohio, December 12, 1927; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

VAN VOORHIS, John, a Representative from New York; born in Decatur, Otsego County, N.Y., on October 22, 1826; pursued an academic course; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1851 and commenced practice in Elmira, Chemung County, N.Y.; member of the board of education in 1857; city attorney in 1859; appointed collector of internal revenue for the twenty-eighth district of New York and served from September 1, 1862, to March 31, 1863; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining (Forty-seventh Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Rochester, N.Y.; elected to the Fifty-third Congress (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1895); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1894 to the Fifty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law in Rochester, N.Y., and died there on October 20, 1905; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

VAN VORHES, Nelson Holmes, a Representative from Ohio; born in Washington County, Pa., January 23, 1822; moved to Athens County, Ohio, in 1832 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; apprenticed to a printer for six years; editor and proprietor of the Athens Messenger 1844-1861; member of the State house of representatives 1850-1872 and served four years as speaker; elected probate judge in 1854, but resigned; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1858 to the Thirty-sixth Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1860; entered the Union Army as a private in 1861 and was mustered out as colonel; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; died in Athens, Athens County, Ohio, December 4, 1882; interment in West Union Street Cemetery.

VAN WINKLE, Marshall (grandnephew of Peter G. Van Winkle), a Representative from New Jersey; born in Jersey City, N.J., September 28, 1869; attended the public schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1890 and commenced practice in Hoboken, N.J.; appointed counsel to the county tax board in 1895, holding this position until his resignation to accept an appointment as the assistant prosecutor of the pleas of Hudson County, N.J.; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1900 to the Fifty-seventh Congress; assistant prosecutor of pleas from 1902 to 1905, when he resigned to become a candidate for Congress; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1907); was not a candidate for renomination in 1906; resumed the practice of law in Jersey City, N.J.; advisory master in chancery, matrimonial division, 1933-1939;

wrote and published law reference books; died in Oceanport, N.J., May 10, 1957; interment in Fairview Mausoleum, Fairview, N.J.

VAN WINKLE, Peter Godwin (granduncle of Marshall Van Winkle), a Senator from West Virginia; born in New York City, September 7, 1808; completed preparatory studies; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Parkersburg, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1835; president of the town board of trustees 1844-1850; member of the Virginia State constitutional convention in 1850; treasurer and later president of the Northwestern Virginia Railroad Co. in 1852; member of the Wheeling reorganization convention in 1861; delegate to the State convention which framed the constitution of West Virginia; member, West Virginia house of delegates 1863; upon the admission of West Virginia as a State into the Union was elected as a Unionist to the United States Senate and served from August 4, 1863, to March 3, 1869; chairman, Committee on Pensions (Fortieth Congress); delegate to the Southern Loyalist Convention at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1866; resided in Parkersburg, W.Va., where he died April 15, 1872; interment in River View Cemetery.

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VAN WYCK, Charles Henry, a Representative from New York and a Senator from Nebraska; born in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N.Y., May 10, 1824; completed preparatory studies and graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., in 1843; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1847 and commenced the practice of law; moved to Bloomingburg, Sullivan County, N.Y.; district attorney 1850-1856; elected as a Republican from New York to the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1863); chairman, Committee on Mileage (Thirty-sixth Congress), Committee on Revolutionary Pensions (Thirty-seventh Congress); entered the Union Army as colonel of the Fifty-sixth Regiment, New York Volunteers, and commanded it during the Civil War; brevetted brigadier general for services during the war; elected to the Fortieth Congress (March 4, 1867-March 3, 1869); successfully contested the election of George W. Greene to the Forty-first Congress and served from February 17, 1870, to March 3, 1871; moved to Nebraska in 1874, settled on a farm in Otoe County, and engaged in agricultural pursuits; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1875; elected to the State senate 1877, 1879, 1881; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate from Nebraska and served from March 4, 1881, to March 3, 1887; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on the Mississippi River and Its Tributaries (Forty-seventh Congress), Committee on the Improvement of the Mississippi River and Tributaries (Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses); unsuccessful Populist candidate for governor of Nebraska in 1892; retired from political life and active business pursuits; died in Washington, D.C., October 24, 1895; interment in Milford Cemetery, Milford, Pa.

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VAN WYCK, William William, a Representative from New York; born near Fishkill, Dutchess County, N.Y., August 9, 1777; attended the public schools and Fishkill Academy; engaged in agricultural pursuits; elected to the Seven-

teenth and Eighteenth Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1825); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Eighteenth Congress); moved to Sudley, Fairfax County, Va., and engaged in planting; returned to Dutchess County, N.Y., and died in Fishkill, N.Y., August 27, 1840; interment in the Dutch Reformed Churchyard.

VAN ZANDT, James Edward, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Altoona, Blair County, Pa., December 18, 1898; attended the public schools and the Pennsylvania Railroad Apprentice School, Altoona, Pa.; served in various departments until 1938, when he became district passenger agent; during the First World War enlisted as an apprentice seaman in the United States Navy on April 30, 1917, and served two years overseas; member of the United States Naval Reserve 1919-1943 with rank of lieutenant; national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 1934-1936; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth, Seventy-seventh, and Seventy-eighth Congresses and served from January 3, 1939, until his resignation September 24, 1943; while a Member of Congress was called to active duty in September 1941 and served until January 1942 with the Pacific Fleet and in escort convoy duty in the North Atlantic; reenlisted the service in September 1943 as a lieutenant commander and was assigned to the Pacific area until discharged as a captain, January 25, 1946, and retired as rear admiral, United States Naval Reserve, January 1, 1959; elected to the Eightieth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1947-January 3, 1963); was not a candidate for renomination in 1962 to the Eighty-eighth Congress, but was an unsuccessful candidate for United States Senator; special representative of the governor of Pennsylvania until 1971; resided in Arlington, Va., where he died January 6, 1986; interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

VANCE, John Luther, a Representative from Ohio; born in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, July 19, 1839; attended the public schools and Gallia Academy, Ohio; was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in April 1861, and was admitted to the bar the same year; enlisted in April 1861 in the Union Army and served successively as captain, major, and lieutenant colonel in the Fourth Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Infantry; mustered out in December 1864; established and published the Gallipolis Bulletin in 1867; commenced the practice of law in Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1870; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1872; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1877); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1876 to the Forty-fifth Congress; resumed his former newspaper pursuits; president of the Ohio River Improvement Association from shortly after 1877 until his death; died in Gallipolis, Ohio, on June 10, 1921; interment in Pine Street Cemetery.

VANCE, Joseph, a Representative from Ohio; born in Catfish (now Washington), Washington County, Pa., March 21, 1786; moved with his father to Vanceburg, Ky., in 1788 and to Urbana, Ohio, in 1805; engaged in agricultural pursuits; captain of a rifle company in 1811 and 1812; during the War of 1812 served successively as major, colonel, brigadier general, and major general of Ohio Militia; member of the State house of representatives in 1812, 1813, 1815, 1816, 1818, and 1819; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1820; engaged in mercantile pursuits at Urbana and Perrysburg, Ohio; laid out the city of Findlay in Hancock County; elected to the Seventeenth Congress; reelected to the Eighteenth through Twenty-second Congresses and reelected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1835); chairman,

Committee on Military Affairs (Nineteenth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1834 to the Twenty-fourth Congress; Governor of Ohio 1836-1838; member of the State senate 1840-1841; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1847); chairman, Committee on Claims (Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Congresses), Committee on Manufactures (Twenty-ninth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1846; delegate to the Whig National Convention in 1848; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1851; died near Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, August 24, 1852; interment in Oak Dale Cemetery.

VANCE, Robert Brank (uncle of Robert Brank Vance [1828-1899] and Zebulon Baird Vance), a Representative from North Carolina; born on Reems Creek, near Asheville, Buncombe County, N.C., in 1793; attended the common schools and Newton Academy, Asheville, N.C.; studied medicine at the medical school of Dr. Charles Harris in Cabarrus County, N.C.; commenced the practice of medicine in Asheville, N.C., in 1818; held several local offices; elected to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1824 to the Nineteenth Congress and for election in 1826 to the Twentieth Congress; was mortally wounded by Hon. Samuel P. Carson, the successful candidate, who challenged him to a duel, fought at Saluda Gap, N.C., because of a derogatory remark made during the campaign of 1826, to the effect that the latter's father had turned Tory during the Revolutionary War; died the following day near Saluda Gap, N.C., 1827; interment in the family burial ground on Reems Creek, near Asheville, N.C.

VANCE, Robert Brank (nephew of Robert Brank Vance [1793-1827] and brother of Zebulon Baird Vance), a Representative from North Carolina; born on Reems Creek, near Asheville, Buncombe County, N.C., April 24, 1828; attended the common schools; engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits; clerk of the court of pleas and quarter sessions 1848-1856; during the Civil War was elected captain of a company in the Confederate Army; twice elected colonel of the Twenty-ninth North Carolina Regiment; appointed brigadier general in 1863; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-third and to the five succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1885); chairman, Committee on Patents (Forty-fourth through Forty-sixth and Forty-eighth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1884 to the Forty-ninth Congress; United States Assistant Commissioner of Patents from April 11, 1885, to April 4, 1889, when he resigned; returned to North Carolina and settled in Alexander; member of the State house of representatives 1894-1896; died in Alexander, near Asheville, N.C., November 28, 1899; interment in Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, N.C.

VANCE, Robert Johnstone, a Representative from Connecticut; born in New York City, March 15, 1854; attended the common schools; moved to New Britain, Conn., in 1870; attended the high school; city clerk of New Britain from 1878 until his resignation in 1887, having been elected a Representative; became editor and publisher of the New Britain Herald in 1881; member of the State house of representatives in 1886; elected as a Democrat to the Fiftieth Congress (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1889); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1888 to the Fifty-first Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; labor commissioner of Connecticut 1893-1895; mayor of New Britain, Conn., in 1896 and 1897; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1902; died in Montreat, N.C., June 15, 1902; interment in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain, Conn.

VANCE, Zebulon Baird (nephew of Robert Brank Vance [1793-1827] and brother of Robert Brank Vance [1828-1899]), a Representative and a Senator from North Carolina; born on Reems Creek, near Asheville, Buncombe County, N.C., May 13, 1830; attended the common schools of Buncombe County, and Washington (Tenn.) College; studied law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; admitted to the bar in 1852 and commenced practice in Asheville, N.C.; elected prosecuting attorney of Buncombe County in 1852; member, State house of commons 1854; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-fifth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas L. Clingman; reelected to the Thirty-sixth Congress and served from December 7, 1858, to March 3, 1861; during the Civil War entered the Confederate Army as a captain and was promoted to the rank of colonel; elected Governor of North Carolina in 1862, and reelected in 1864; removed from office in 1865 when he was arrested and imprisoned in Washington, D.C. for Confederate activities; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in November 1870, but did not present his credentials; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1872; Governor of North Carolina 1876-1878; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1879; reelected in 1884 and 1890, and served from March 4, 1879, until his death; chairman, Committee on Enrolled Bills (Forty-sixth Congress), Committee on Privileges and Elections (Fifty-third Congress); died in Washington, D.C., April 14, 1894; funeral services were held in the Chamber of the United States Senate; interment in Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, N.C.

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VANDENBERG, Arthur Hendrick, a Senator from Michigan; born in Grand Rapids, Mich., March 22, 1884; attended the public schools and studied law at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; editor and publisher of the *Grand Rapids Herald* 1906-1928; author; appointed on March 31, 1928, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Woodbridge N. Ferris; was elected on November 6, 1928, to fill this vacancy and also for the term ending January 3, 1935; reelected in 1934, 1940 and 1946 and served from March 31, 1928, until his death; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Eightieth Congress; chairman, Committee on Enrolled Bills (Seventy-second Congress), Republican Conference (Seventy-ninth Congress), Committee on Foreign Relations (Eightieth Congress); delegate to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in 1945; delegate to the United Nations General Assembly at London and New York in 1946; United States adviser to the Council of Foreign Ministers at London, Paris, and New York in 1946; delegate to Pan American Conference at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1947; died in Grand Rapids, Mich., April 18, 1951; interment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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VANDER JAGT, Guy Adrian, a Representative from Michigan; born in Cadillac, Wexford County, Mich., August 26, 1931; graduated from Cadillac High School, Cadillac, Mich., 1949; B.A., Hope College, Holland, Mich., 1953; B.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn., 1955; Bonn University, Rotary Fellowship, 1956; J.D., University of Michigan, 1960;

lawyer, private practice; member of the Michigan state senate, 1965-1966; elected simultaneously as a Republican to the Eighty-ninth and to the Ninetieth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Robert P. Griffin, and reelected to the twelve succeeding Congresses (November 8, 1966-January 3, 1993); unsuccessful candidate for renomination to the One Hundred Third Congress in 1992; is a resident of Luther, Mich.

VANDER VEEN, Richard Franklin, a Representative from Michigan; born in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Mich., November 26, 1922; attended the public schools; graduated from Muskegon High School, Muskegon, Mich., 1940; B.S., University of South Carolina, Columbia, 1946; LL.B., Harvard Law School, 1949; enlisted in the United States Navy January 1941, served until 1946, with active duty in the South Pacific Theater; also served in the Korean Conflict, lieutenant (jg.), 1950-1952; admitted to the Michigan bar in 1949 and commenced practice in Grand Rapids; chairman, Michigan Fifth District Democratic Party, 1959; delegate, Michigan State Democratic conventions, 1962, 1964; chairman, Michigan State Democratic convention, 1960; president, Vander Veen, Freihofer & Cook, P.C.; elected to East Grand Rapids Board of Education, 1969-1974; served on the Michigan State Mental Health Commission, 1958-1963, and Michigan State Highway Commission, 1964-1969; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-third Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Gerald R. Ford, and reelected to the Ninety-fourth Congress (February 18, 1974-January 3, 1977); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fifth Congress in 1978; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the United States Senate in 1978; member, Michigan State Waterways commission, 1984 to present; president, Resource Energy Company; is a resident of Grand Rapids, Mich.

VANDERGRIF, Tommy (Tom) Joe, a Representative from Texas; born in Carrollton, Dallas County, Tex., January 29, 1926; attended public schools of Carrollton and Arlington, Tex.; B.A., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 1947; automobile dealer; insurance agency owner; elected, mayor of Arlington, Tex., 1951-1977; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-eighth Congress (January 3, 1983-January 3, 1985); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-ninth Congress; resumed his automobile business; is a resident of Arlington, Tex.

VANDERPOEL, Aaron, a Representative from New York; born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, N.Y., February 5, 1799; pursued classical studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1820 and commenced practice in Kinderhook, N.Y.; member of the State assembly 1826-1830; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1836 to the Twenty-fifth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1841); retired from Congress and settled in New York City; judge of the superior court 1842-1850; died in New York City July 18, 1870; interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

VANDERVEER, Abraham, a Representative from New York; born in Kings County, N.Y., in 1781; attended the common schools; county clerk of Kings County 1816-1821 and 1822-1837; upon its organization was elected treasurer of the Brooklyn Savings Bank; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1837-March 3, 1839); was not a candidate for renomination in 1838; died in Brook-

lyn, N.Y., July 21, 1839; interment in Reformed Dutch Cemetery.

VANDEVER, William, a Representative from Iowa and from California; born in Baltimore, Md., March 31, 1817; attended the common schools and pursued an academic course; moved to Illinois in 1839 and to Iowa in 1851; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1852 and commenced practice in Dubuque, Iowa; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses and served from March 4, 1859, to September 24, 1861, when he was mustered into the Union Army as colonel of the Ninth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, never having resigned his seat in Congress; promoted to brigadier general of Volunteers in 1862 and brevetted a major general in 1865; member of the peace convention of 1861 held in Washington, D.C., in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; resumed the practice of law in Dubuque, Iowa; appointed United States Indian inspector by President Grant in 1873, and served until 1877; moved to San Buenaventura, Calif., in 1884; elected as a Republican from California to the Fiftyeth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1891); was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; died in Ventura, Calif., July 23, 1893; interment in Ventura Cemetery.

VANDIVER, Willard Duncan, a Representative from Missouri; born near Moorefield, Hardy County, Va. (now West Virginia), March 30, 1854; moved to Missouri with his parents, who settled on a farm in Boone County in 1857, and to Fayette in 1872; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Central College, Fayette, Mo., in 1877; studied law; professor of natural science in Bellevue Institute, Caledonia, Mo., 1877-1880, and served as its president 1880-1889; accepted the chair of science in the State normal school at Cape Girardeau, Mo., in 1889, and became its president in 1893 and served until 1897; delegate to the Democratic State conventions in 1896, 1898, 1918, and 1920 and served as chairman in 1918; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-fifth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1905); was not a candidate for renomination in 1904; chairman of the State executive committee in 1904; State insurance commissioner of Missouri 1905-1909; vice president of the Central States Life Insurance Co. 1910-1912; Assistant Treasurer of the United States 1913-1921; settled on a farm near Columbia, Mo., and engaged in agricultural pursuits and lecturing; is credited with the authorship of the famous expression "I'm from Missouri, you've got to show me"; died in Columbia, Mo., May 30, 1932; interment in the Columbia Cemetery.

VANIK, Charles Albert, a Representative from Ohio; born in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, April 7, 1913; attended the public schools; was graduated from Adelbert College of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1933, and from Western Reserve University Law School in 1936; was admitted to the bar in 1936 and commenced the practice of law in Cleveland, Ohio; member of Cleveland City Council in 1938 and 1939; served in the State senate 1940-1942; member of the Cleveland Board of Education in 1941 and 1942; enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve as an ensign in 1942 and served with amphibious forces of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets; released from active duty as a lieutenant in December 1945; appointed a member of the Cleveland Library Board in January 1946; elected judge of Cleveland Municipal Court in 1947 and reelected in 1949 for a six-year term, but resigned in March 1954 to campaign for Congress; served as referee with Ohio Industrial Commission; legal adviser to the Ohio highway di-

rector; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-fourth and to the twelve succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1955-January 3, 1981); was not a candidate for reelection in 1980 to the Ninety-seventh Congress; resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C.; is a resident of Arlington, Va.

VANMETER, John Inskeep, a Representative from Ohio; born near Moorefield, Hardy County, Va. (now West Virginia), in February 1798; attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., and was graduated from Princeton College in 1821; studied law at the school of Judge Gould in Litchfield, Conn.; was admitted to the bar of Virginia in 1822 and commenced practice in Moorefield, Va.; member of the Virginia house of delegates in 1824; retired from practice; moved to Pike County, Ohio, in 1826 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; member of the State house of representatives in 1836; served in the State senate in 1838; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1844 to the Twenty-ninth Congress; affiliated with the Democratic Party in 1856; moved to Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, in 1855, where he resided until his death August 3, 1875; interment in Grand View Cemetery.

VARDAMAN, James Kimble, a Senator from Mississippi; born near Edna, Jackson County, Tex., July 26, 1861; moved to Mississippi in 1868 with his parents, who settled in Yalobusha County; attended the public schools; studied law in Carrollton, Miss.; admitted to the bar in 1881 and commenced practice in Winona, Miss.; became editor of the Winona Advance; moved to Greenwood, Miss., where he continued the practice of law and also engaged in the newspaper business; member, State house of representatives 1890-1896, and served as speaker 1894; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Mississippi in 1895 and again in 1899; served in Cuba during the Spanish-American War; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1892 and 1896; publisher of the Greenwood Commonwealth 1896-1903 and the Issue 1908-1912; Governor of Mississippi 1904-1908; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1907 and 1910; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1912 and served from March 4, 1913, to March 3, 1919; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1918 and for election in 1922; chairman, Committee on the Conservation of Natural Resources (Sixty-third through Sixty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Sixty-third Congress), Committee on Manufacturers (Sixty-fifth Congress); retired from active business pursuits in 1922 and moved to Birmingham, Ala., where he died June 25, 1930; interment in Lakewood Memorial Park, Jackson, Miss.

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VARE, William Scott, a Representative and a Senator from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., December 24, 1867; attended the public schools; at the age of fifteen entered the mercantile business and became a general contractor in 1893; member of the select council of Philadelphia 1898-1901; recorder of deeds for Philadelphia 1902-1912; elected to the State senate in 1912, and at the same time was elected as a Republican to the Sixty-second Congress, on May 24, 1912, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry H. Bingham; reelected to the Sixty-third and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from May 24, 1912, until January 2, 1923, when he resigned; member, State senate 1923; elected to the Sixty-eighth and Sixty-

ninth Congresses (March 4, 1923-March 3, 1927); was not a candidate for reelection in 1926, having become a candidate for United States Senator; presented credentials as a Republican Senator-elect to the United States Senate for the term beginning March 4, 1927, but was not permitted to qualify, eventually being unseated on December 6, 1929, due to charges of corruption and fraud concerning his election; resumed his former business and political activities; died in Atlantic City, N.J., August 7, 1934; interment in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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VARNUM, James Mitchell (brother of Joseph Bradley Varnum), a Delegate from Rhode Island; born in Dracut, Middlesex County, Mass., December 17, 1748; was graduated from the College of Rhode Island, Warren, R.I. (later Brown University, Providence, R.I.), in 1769; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1771 and commenced practice in East Greenwich, R.I.; served in the Revolutionary Army, and was colonel of the "Kentish Guards" in 1774 and of Varnum's Rhode Island Regiment in 1775; commissioned colonel of the Ninth Continental Infantry in 1776; brigadier general of State troops December 12, 1776; brigadier general in the Continental Army February 21, 1777, and was honorably discharged March 5, 1779; appointed major general of State militia in May 1779; resumed the practice of law in East Greenwich, R.I.; Member of the Continental Congress 1780-1781, and 1787; appointed a judge of the United States Court in the Northwest Territory in 1787; moved to Marietta, Ohio, in 1788, and died there January 10, 1789; interment in Mound Cemetery.

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VARNUM, John, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Dracut, Middlesex County, Mass., June 25, 1778; was graduated from Harvard University in 1798; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Haverhill, Mass., in 1802; was elected as a Federalist to the State senate in 1811; moved to Lowell, Mass.; elected to the Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty-first Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1831); returned to Lowell, Mass., and later moved to Niles, Berrien County, Mich., where he died July 23, 1836; interment in Silverbrook Cemetery.

VARNUM, Joseph Bradley (brother of James Mitchell Varnum), a Representative and a Senator from Massachusetts; born in Dracut, Middlesex County, Mass., January 29, 1750 or 1751; largely self-taught; farmer; served in the Revolutionary Army; member, State house of representatives 1780-1785; member, State senate 1786-1795; delegate to the State convention that ratified the Federal Constitution in 1788; justice of the court of common pleas; chief justice of the court of general sessions; elected to the Fourth and to the eight succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1795, to June 29, 1811, when he resigned, having been elected Senator; Speaker of the House during the Tenth and Eleventh Congresses; chairman, Committee on Elections (Fifth Congress); elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate in 1811 to fill the vacancy in the term commencing March 4, 1811, and served from June 29, 1811, to March 3, 1817; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Thirteenth Congress; chairman, Committee on Militia (Fourteenth Congress); delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1820; member, State senate 1817-1821; died in Dracut, Mass., September 21, 1821; interment in Varnum Cemetery.

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VAUGHAN, Horace Worth, a Representative from Texas; born near Jefferson, Marion County, Tex., December 2, 1867; attended the common schools of Linden, Cass County, Tex.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1885 and commenced practice in Texarkana, Tex., in 1886; city attorney of Texarkana 1890-1898; prosecuting attorney of Bowie County 1898-1906; district attorney for the fifth judicial district of Texas 1906-1910; member of the State senate in 1910; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1915); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1914 to the Sixty-fourth Congress; appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as United States district attorney at Honolulu, Hawaii, and served from December 22, 1915, to March 22, 1916; United States district judge in Hawaii from May 15, 1916, to April 4, 1922; died in Honolulu, Hawaii, November 10, 1922; interment in Nuuanu Cemetery.

VAUGHAN, William Wirt, a Representative from Tennessee; born in LaGuardo (now Martha), Wilson County, Tenn., July 2, 1831; attended the common schools and was graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1860 and commenced practice in Brownsville, Tenn.; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second Congress (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1873); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; resumed the practice of law in Brownsville; one of the prime movers in the building of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad branch from Brownsville to Newbern, and was president of the system at the time of his death; became a candidate for election in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress, but died in Crockett Mills, near Alamo, Crockett County, Tenn., August 19, 1878, while canvassing the district; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Brownsville, Tenn.

VAUGHN, Albert Clinton, Sr., a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in West Catasauqua, Lehigh County, Pa., October 9, 1894; attended the public schools in Whitehall Township; was graduated from Whitehall High School in 1910 and from Allentown (Pa.) Business College in 1911; also completed an extension course in business administration; during the First World War served as a yeoman in the United States Navy; for twenty-five years engaged in private industry, including engineering, administrative, and sales positions; elected a school director in Whitehall Township in 1929 for a six-year term; executive assistant to the late Representative Charles L. Gerlach in 1945 and to former Representative Franklin H. Lichtenwalter in 1947 and served until taking his seat in Congress; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second Congress and served from January 3, 1951, until his death in Fullerton, Lehigh County, Pa., September 1, 1951; interment in Fairview Cemetery, West Catasauqua, Pa.

VAUX, Richard, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Philadelphia, Pa., December 19, 1816; educated by private tutors at the Friends Select School in Philadelphia and Bolmar's French School, Westchester, Pa.; studied law and was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia in 1837; secretary of legation under Andrew Stevenson, United States Minister to Great Britain, for one year; returned to Philadelphia in 1839; member of the State house of representatives in 1839; delegate to the Democratic State convention in 1840; commenced the practice of law in Philadelphia in 1840; recorder of deeds of Philadelphia 1842-1849; appointed by the State supreme court as inspector of the State penitentiary for the eastern district of Pennsylvania in 1842, and served as secretary and later as president of the board of

inspectors until his death; unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Philadelphia in 1842, 1845, and 1854; elected mayor of Philadelphia in 1856; member of the board of city trusts 1859-1866, serving as president 1863-1865; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel J. Randall and served from May 20, 1890, to March 3, 1891; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; died in Philadelphia, Pa., March 22, 1895; interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

VEEDER, William Davis, a Representative from New York; born in Guilderland, Albany County, N.Y., May 19, 1835; completed preparatory studies; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1858; served in the State assembly in 1865 and 1866; delegate to the Democratic State conventions in 1875 and 1877; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867 and 1868; surrogate of Kings County, N.Y., 1867-1877; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1877-March 3, 1879); was not a candidate for renomination in 1878; resumed the practice of law in Brooklyn; member of the State constitutional convention in 1887 and 1888; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., December 2, 1910; interment in Voorheesville Cemetery, Voorheesville, N.Y.

VEHSLAGE, John Herman George, a Representative from New York; born in New York City December 20, 1842; attended the public schools; left school to become a clerk in the retail grocery business; engaged in the coal and wood business; joined the Third Cavalry, New York National Guard, in 1863 and was commissioned a captain by Gov. Horatio Seymour on February 15, 1864; appointed inspector of rifle practice with the rank of captain and continued in service until 1880, when the regiment was mustered out by order of Governor Cornell; remained as supernumerary until November 12, 1883, when he received an honorable discharge from Gov. Grover Cleveland; member of the State assembly 1894-1896; elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1899); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1898 to the Fifty-sixth Congress; died in New York City on July 21, 1904; interment in the Lutheran Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VELÁZQUEZ, Nydia Margarita, a Representative from New York; born in Yabucoa, P.R., March 28, 1953; B.A., University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, 1974; M.A., New York University, New York, N.Y., 1976; faculty, University of Puerto Rico, Humacao, P.R., 1976-1981; adjunct professor, Hunter College, City University of New York, N.Y., 1981-1983; staff for United States Representative Edolphus Towns of New York, 1983; member, New York, N.Y., city council, 1984; national director, Migration Division Office, Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources, 1986-1989; director, Department of Puerto Rican Community Affairs in the United States for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 1989-1992; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Third and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1993-present).

VELDE, Harold Himmel, a Representative from Illinois; born on a farm near Parkland, Tazewell County, Ill., April 1, 1910; attended rural grade and high schools; student at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., 1927-1929; was graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1931 and from the University of Illinois Law School at Champaign in 1937; athletic coach and teacher of Hillside (Ill.) Community High School 1931-1935; was admitted to the bar in 1937 and commenced the practice of law in Pekin, Ill.;

served as a private in the Signal Corps of the United States Army in 1942 and 1943; special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in sabotage and counter-espionage division 1943-1946; elected county judge of Tazewell County in 1946 and served until 1949; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1949-January 3, 1957); chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities (Eighty-third Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1956; engaged in the practice of law in Urbana, Ill., and Washington, D.C., until May 5, 1969; became regional counsel, General Services Administration, Lansing, Ill., in 1969; was a resident of Sun City, Ariz., from 1974 until his death there September 1, 1985; cremated; ashes interred, Pekin, Ill.

VENABLE, Abraham Bedford (uncle of Abraham Watkins Venable), a Representative and a Senator from Virginia; born on 'State Hill' farm, near Prince Edward Court House (now Worsham), Prince Edward County, Va., November 20, 1758; attended Hampden-Sidney (Va.) College and graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1780; engaged as a planter in his native county; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1784 and commenced practice at Prince Edward Court House; elected to the Second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1791-March 3, 1799); was not a candidate for renomination in 1798; chairman, Committee on Elections (Fourth Congress); elected as a Democratic Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stevens T. Mason and served from December 7, 1803, to June 7, 1804, when he resigned to become president of the first national bank organized in Virginia; perished at the burning of a theater in Richmond, Va., December 26, 1811; interment of ashes, with those of other fire victims, under a stone in front of the altar in Monumental Church, Richmond, Va.

VENABLE, Abraham Watkins (nephew of Abraham Bedford Venable), a Representative from North Carolina; born in Springfield, Prince Edward County, Va., October 17, 1799; was graduated from Hampden-Sidney (Va.) College in 1816; studied medicine for two years; was graduated from Princeton College in 1819; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1821 and commenced practice in Prince Edward and Mecklenburg Counties, Va.; moved to North Carolina in 1829; elected as a Democrat to the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1847-March 3, 1853); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1852 to the Thirty-third Congress; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Breckinridge and Lane in 1860; delegate from the State of North Carolina to the Provisional Confederate Congress in 1861; member of the house of representatives of the Confederate Congress 1862-1864; died in Oxford, N.C., on February 24, 1876; interment in the Shiloh Presbyterian Churchyard, Granville County, N.C.

VENABLE, Edward Carrington, a Representative from Virginia; born near Farmville, Prince Edward County, Va., January 31, 1853; attended the local school, McCabe's University High School, Petersburg, Va., and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; taught school for three years; moved to Petersburg, Va., in 1876 and engaged in mercantile pursuits; delegate to the Democratic State convention in 1886; presented credentials as a Democratic Member-elect to the Fifty-first Congress and served from March 4, 1889, to September 23, 1890, when he was succeeded by John M. Langston, who successfully contested his election; resumed his former business pursuits; died in Baltimore, Md., December 8, 1908; interment in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va.

VENABLE, William Webb, a Representative from Mississippi; born in Clinton, Hinds County, Miss., September 25, 1880; moved with his parents to Memphis, Tenn., returned to Clinton, Miss., in 1891; attended public and private schools; was graduated from Mississippi College at Clinton in 1898, from the University of Mississippi at Oxford in 1899, and from the law department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1905; was admitted to the bar in 1905 and commenced practice in Meridian, Miss.; prosecuting attorney of Lauderdale County from April to October 1910, when he was appointed district attorney; served in the latter capacity until January 1, 1915, when he resigned; judge of the tenth judicial district of Mississippi from 1915 until his resignation in December 1916; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel A. Witherspoon; reelected to the Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth Congresses and served from January 4, 1916, to March 3, 1921; unsuccessful for renomination; practiced law Clarksdale, Miss.; died in New Orleans, La., August 2, 1948; interment in Magnolia Cemetery, Meridian, Miss.

VENTO, Bruce Frank, a Representative from Minnesota; born in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minn., October 7, 1940; attended the public schools of St. Paul; attended St. Thomas College, St. Paul, 1958-1959; A.A., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1961; B.S., Wisconsin State University, River Falls, 1965; graduate studies, University of Minnesota, 1966; taught in Minneapolis, Minn., public schools, 1965-1976; served in Minnesota house of representatives, 1971-1976; elected as a Democrat-Farmer-Labor candidate to the Ninety-fifth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses; was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Seventh Congress; served from January 3, 1977, until his death in St. Paul, Minn., on October 10, 2000.

VERPLANCK, Daniel Crommelin (father of Gulian Crommelin Verplanck), a Representative from New York; born in New York City March 19, 1762; was educated under private tutors; was graduated from Columbia College (now Columbia University), New York City, in 1788; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New York City in 1789; also engaged in banking; elected as a Republican to the Eighth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Isaac Bloom; reelected to the Ninth and Tenth Congresses and served from October 17, 1803, to March 3, 1809; was not a candidate for renomination in 1808; resumed the practice of law; judge of the court of common pleas of Dutchess County 1828-1830; died at his home, "Mount Gulian," near Fishkill, Dutchess County, N.Y., March 29, 1834; interment in Trinity Church Cemetery, Fishkill, N.Y.

VERPLANCK, Gulian Crommelin (son of Daniel Crommelin Verplanck), a Representative from New York; born in New York City August 6, 1786; pursued classical studies, and was graduated from Columbia College (now Columbia University), New York City, in 1801; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1807; member of the State assembly 1820-1823; professor at General Theological Seminary, New York City, 1821-1824; elected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses and elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Congresses (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1833); chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (Twenty-second Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1832; unsuccessful Whig candidate for mayor of New York City in 1834; member of the State senate 1838-1841; governor of the city hospital 1823-1865; regent of the State university 1826-1870 and vice chancellor

1858-1870; president of the board of commissioners of immigration 1846-1870; member of the State constitutional convention in 1867 and 1868; died in New York City on March 18, 1870; interment in Trinity Churchyard, Fishkill, Dutchess County, N.Y.

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VERREE, John Paul, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born at "Verree Mills," on Pennypack Creek, near what is now Fox Chase Station, Philadelphia, Pa., March 9, 1817; completed preparatory studies; engaged in the manufacture of iron and subsequently was a dealer in edged tools and also in iron and steel; member of the select council of Philadelphia 1851-1857, serving as president 1853-1857; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1863); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1862; resumed his former manufacturing pursuits; also interested in life insurance and served as president of a company; president of the Philadelphia Union League in 1875 and 1876; retired from active business pursuits; died at "Verree Mills," Philadelphia, Pa., June 27, 1889; interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Frankford (now a part of Philadelphia), Pa.

VEST, George Graham, a Senator from Missouri; born in Frankfort, Franklin County, Ky., December 6, 1830; graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1848 and from the law department of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1853; admitted to the bar in 1853 and commenced practice in Georgetown, Mo.; moved to Boonville, Mo., in 1856; Democratic presidential elector in 1860; member, State house of representatives 1860-1861; judge advocate with the Confederate forces in Missouri in 1862; served in the house of representatives of the Confederate Congress from February 1862 to January 1865, when he resigned, having been appointed to fill a vacancy in the Confederate Senate; resumed the practice of law in Sedalia, Mo., in 1865; moved to Kansas City in 1877; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate; reelected in 1885, 1891 and 1897 and served from March 4, 1879, to March 3, 1903; chairman, Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds (Fifty-third Congress), Committee on Epidemic Diseases (Fifty-fourth Congress), Committee on Public Health and National Quarantine (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-seventh Congresses); due to ill health, retired from public life and resided at Sweet Springs, Saline County, Mo., until his death on August 9, 1904; interment in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

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VESTAL, Albert Henry, a Representative from Indiana; born on a farm near Frankton, Madison County, Ind., January 18, 1875; attended the common schools; worked in steel mills and factories; attended the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute; taught school for several years; was graduated from the law department of the Valparaiso (Ind.) University in 1896; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Anderson, Ind.; prosecuting attorney of the fiftieth judicial circuit 1900-1906; unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in 1908; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1914 to the Sixty-fourth Congress; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fifth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1917, until his death; chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures (Sixty-sixth through Sixty-eighth Congresses), Committee on Patents (Sixty-ninth

through Seventy-first Congresses); majority whip (Sixty-eighth through Seventy-first Congresses); died in Washington, D.C., April 1, 1932; interment in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, Ind.

VEYSEY, Victor Vincent, a Representative from California; born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Calif., April 14, 1915; B.S., California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, 1936; M.B.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1938; graduate work, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.; professor at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, 1938-1940, 1941-1946; professor at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., 1940-1941; member of the Brawley, Calif., School District Board, 1955-1962; member of the Imperial Valley College Board, Imperial, Calif., 1960-1962; advisory commission, United States Department of Agriculture, 1959-1963; member of the California state assembly, 1963-1971; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1972; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-second and to the Ninety-third Congresses (January 3, 1971-January 3, 1975); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fourth Congress in 1974; Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, United States Army, 1975-1977; secretary for industrial relations, State of California, 1983; died on February 13, 2001, in Hemet, Calif.; interment at Riverview Cemetery, Brawley, Calif.

VIBBARD, Chauncey, a Representative from New York; born in Galway, Saratoga County, N.Y., November 11, 1811; attended the common schools and was graduated from Mott's Academy for Boys, Albany, N.Y.; clerk in a wholesale grocery store in Albany, N.Y.; moved to New York City, and in 1834 went to Montgomery, Ala.; returned to New York and settled in Schenectady; was appointed chief clerk of the Utica & Schenectady Railroad Co. in 1836; became a railroad freight and ticket agent in 1848; consolidated the many little railroads of western New York into the New York Central Railroad Co., serving as its first general superintendent 1853-1865; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-seventh Congress (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1863); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1862; during the Civil War served as director and superintendent of military railroads in 1862; first president of the Family Fund Insurance Co. 1864-1867; moved to New York City in 1865 and became involved in the business of steamship lines and elevated railroads; interested in the development of southern railroads and South and Central American enterprises at the time of his retirement in 1889; died in Macon, Ga., June 5, 1891; interment in Riverside Cemetery.

VICKERS, George, a Senator from Maryland; born in Chestertown, Kent County, Md., November 19, 1801; pursued an academic course; employed in the county clerk's office for several years; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1832 and commenced practice in Chestertown, Md.; major general of the State militia in 1861; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1864; vice president of the Union National Convention of Conservatives in Philadelphia in 1866; member, State senate 1866-1867; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the action of the Senate in declining to permit Philip F. Thomas to qualify, and served from March 7, 1868, to March 3, 1873; resumed the practice of law in Chestertown, Md., and died there October 8, 1879; interment in Chester Cemetery.

VIDAL, Michel, a Representative from Louisiana; born in the city of Carcassonne, Languedoc, France, October 1, 1824; attended college; immigrated to the Republic of Texas;

moved to Louisiana when Texas was annexed to the United States; engaged in literary and scientific pursuits; engaged as associate editor with several American and French papers of this country and Canada; moved to Opelousas, La., in 1867; founded and became editor of the *St. Landry Progress*; editor of the *New York Courier des États-Unis* and the *New Orleans Picayune*; at the close of the Civil War was appointed by General Sheridan a registrar for the city of New Orleans; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1867 and 1868; upon the readmission of the State of Louisiana to representation was elected as a Republican to the Fortieth Congress (July 18, 1868-March 3, 1869); appointed a United States commissioner under the convention concluded with Peru in 1868 for the adjustment of claims of citizens of either country; appointed by President Grant as United States consul at Tripoli, April 5, 1870-October 12, 1876; death date unknown.

VIELE, Egbert Ludoricus, a Representative from New York; born in Waterford, Saratoga County, N.Y., June 17, 1825; attended Albany (N.Y.) Academy; was graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., July 1, 1847; commissioned brevet second lieutenant in the Second United States Infantry; served in the Mexican War in 1847 and 1848; promoted to second lieutenant, First United States Infantry, September 8, 1847; promoted to first lieutenant in 1850; resigned in 1853; became a civil and military engineer; appointed State engineer of New Jersey in 1855; appointed engineer in chief of Central Park, New York City, in 1856; appointed engineer of Prospect Park, Brooklyn, in 1860; appointed captain of the Engineer Corps of the Seventh New York Regiment in 1860; appointed brigadier general of United States Volunteers in 1861; military governor of Norfolk, Va., in 1862; resigned October 20, 1863; engaged in civil engineering; appointed president of the department of public parks in New York City in 1884; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1887); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; resumed his former business pursuits and also engaged in literary work; died in New York City April 22, 1902; interment in Post Cemetery, West Point, Orange County, N.Y.

VIGORITO, Joseph Phillip, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, November 10, 1918; graduated from Strong Vincent High School, Erie, Pa., 1938; B.S., Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., 1947; M.B.A., University of Denver, Denver, Colo., 1949; United States Army, 1942-1945, awarded the Purple Heart; certified public accountant; faculty, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa., 1949-1964; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1977); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Ninety-fifth Congress in 1976; faculty, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1977-1978; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Ninety-sixth Congress in 1978; died on February 5, 2003, in Washington, D.C.

VILAS, William Freeman, a Senator from Wisconsin; born in Chelsea, Orange County, Vt., July 9, 1840; moved with his parents to Madison, Dane County, Wis., in 1851; attended the common schools; graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1858 and from the law department of the University of Albany, New York, in 1860; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Madison, Wis., in 1860; enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War; captain of Company A, Twenty-third Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and afterward major and lieutenant

colonel of the regiment; professor of law at the University of Wisconsin; regent of the university 1880-1885; one of three revisers appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1875 to prepare a revised body of the statute law; member, State assembly 1885; Postmaster General of the United States in the Cabinet of President Grover Cleveland 1885-1888, when he became Secretary of the Interior of the United States, and served until March 1889; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1891, and served from March 4, 1891, to March 3, 1897; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1896; chairman, Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Fifty-third Congress); regent of the University of Wisconsin 1898-1905; resumed the practice of law; member of the commission to provide for the construction of the State capitol in 1907; died in Madison, Wis., August 27, 1908; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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VINCENT, Beverly Mills, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Brownsville, Edmonson County, Ky., March 28, 1890; attended the public schools, Western Kentucky State Teachers College at Bowling Green, and the law department of the University of Kentucky at Lexington; was admitted to the bar in 1915 and commenced practice in Brownsville, Ky.; county judge of Edmonson County, Ky., 1916-1918; during the First World War served as a private in Battery A, Seventy-second Field Artillery, from August 27, 1918, to January 9, 1919; assistant attorney general of Kentucky in 1919 and 1920; member of the State senate 1929-1933; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1932; attorney general of Kentucky from 1936 until his resignation in March 1937; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Glover H. Cary, and reelected to the three succeeding Congresses (March 2, 1937-January 3, 1945); was not a candidate for renomination for the Seventy-ninth Congress in 1944; pursued agricultural interests, and resumed the practice of law; was a resident of Brownsville, Ky., until his death there on August 15, 1980.

VINCENT, Bird J., a Representative from Michigan; born near Clarkston, Oakland County, Mich., March 6, 1880; attended the public schools of Oakland and Midland Counties and Ferris Institute; was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1905; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Saginaw; assistant prosecuting attorney of Saginaw County 1909-1914 and prosecuting attorney from 1915 to 1917, when he resigned to enter the Army; during the First World War served ten months in France as first lieutenant of the Sixth Train Headquarters and in the Three Hundred and Second Train Headquarters; city attorney of Saginaw 1919-1923; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1923, until his death July 18, 1931, on board the transport *Henderson*, while en route to the United States from Honolulu, Hawaii; chairman, Committee on Elections No. 2 (Sixty-ninth through Seventy-first Congresses); interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Saginaw, Mich.

VINCENT, Earl W., a Representative from Iowa; born in Washington County, near Keota, Iowa, March 27, 1886; attended the rural schools; was graduated from Keota High School in 1904, from Monmouth (Ill.) College in 1909, and from the law department of the University of Iowa at Iowa

City in 1912; was admitted to the bar in 1912 and commenced practice in Guthrie Center, Iowa; prosecuting attorney of Guthrie County 1919-1922; member of the Iowa house of representatives 1923-1927; elected as a Republican to the Seventieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William R. Green and served from June 4, 1928, to March 3, 1929; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1928; resumed the practice of law in Guthrie Center, Iowa; delegate to the Republican State convention in 1930; appointed judge of the fifth judicial district of Iowa in February 1945, and served until his death in Guthrie Center, Iowa, May 22, 1953; interment in Union Cemetery.

VINCENT, William Davis, a Representative from Kansas; born near Dresden, Weakley County, Tenn., October 11, 1852; moved with his parents to Riley County, Kans., in 1858 and to Manhattan, Kans., in 1864; attended the public schools and the State agricultural college in Manhattan, Kans.; engaged in business in Manhattan 1872-1876; moved to Clay Center, Kans., in 1878 and engaged in mercantile pursuits; elected as a member of the city council in 1880; member of the State board of railroad commissioners in 1893 and 1894; elected as a Populist to the Fifty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1899); engaged in the hardware business in Clay Center, Clay County, Kans., until his death in St. Louis, Mo., February 28, 1922; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, Kans.

VINING, John, a Delegate, a Representative, and a Senator from Delaware; born in Dover, Kent County, Del., December 23, 1758; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1782 and commenced practice in New Castle County; Member of the Continental Congress 1784-1785; member, State house of representatives 1787-1788; elected to the First and Second Congresses (March 4, 1789-March 3, 1793); was not a candidate for renomination in 1792; member, State senate 1793; elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1793, to January 19, 1798, when he resigned; died in Dover, Del., in February 1802; interment in Episcopal Cemetery.

VINSON, Carl (grand-uncle of Samuel Augustus Nunn), a Representative from Georgia; born in Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Ga., November 18, 1883; attended the Georgia Military College at Milledgeville, and was graduated from Mercer University Law School, Macon, Ga., in 1902; was admitted to the bar in 1902 and commenced practice in Milledgeville; prosecuting attorney of Baldwin County, Ga., 1906-1909; member of the State house of representatives 1909-1912, serving as speaker pro tempore in 1911 and 1912; appointed judge of the county court of Baldwin County and served from October 3, 1912, to November 2, 1914, when he resigned, having been elected to Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas W. Hardwick; reelected to the Sixty-fourth and to the twenty-four succeeding Congresses and served from November 3, 1914, to January 3, 1965; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Seventy-second through Seventy-ninth Congresses), Committee on Armed Services (Eighty-first, Eighty-second and Eighty-fourth through Eighty-eighth Congresses); was not a candidate for renomination to the Eighty-ninth Congress; resided in Milledgeville, Ga., where he died June 1, 1981; interment in Memory Hill Cemetery.

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VINSON, Frederick Moore, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Louisa, Lawrence County, Ky., January 22, 1890; attended the public schools; was graduated from the

law department of Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1911; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Louisa; city attorney of Louisa in 1914 and 1915; served in the United States Army during the First World War; Commonwealth attorney for the thirty-second judicial district of Kentucky 1921-1924; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative William J. Fields, and reelected to the two succeeding Congresses (January 24, 1924-March 3, 1929); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Seventy-first Congress in 1928; resumed the practice of law in Kentucky; elected as Democrat to the Seventy-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1931-May 12, 1938); appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt an associate justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1938 and subsequently designated by Chief Justice Stone on March 2, 1942, as chief judge of the United States Emergency Court of Appeals; served in each capacity until his resignation May 27, 1943, to become Director of the Office of Economic Stabilization, in which capacity he served until March 5, 1945; Federal Loan Administrator from March 6 to April 3, 1945; director of War Mobilization and Reconversion from April 4 to July 22, 1945; appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Harry S. Truman and served from July 23, 1945, to June 23, 1946; appointed and took the oath of office as Chief Justice of the United States on June 24, 1946, and served until his death in Washington, D.C., September 8, 1953; interment in Pinehill Cemetery, Louisa, Ky.

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VINTON, Samuel Finley, a Representative from Ohio; born in South Hadley, Mass., September 25, 1792; was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1814; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1816 and commenced practice in Gallipolis, Ohio; held several local offices; elected to the Eighteenth through Twenty-second Congresses, elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress, and elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1837); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1836; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1851); chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (Thirtieth Congress); was not a candidate for renomination in 1850; unsuccessful candidate for election as Governor of Ohio in 1851; appointed by President Lincoln in 1862 to appraise the slaves emancipated in the District of Columbia; died in Washington, D.C., May 11, 1862; interment in Pine Street Cemetery, Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio.

VISCLOSKEY, Peter, a Representative from Indiana; born in Gary, Lake County, Ind., August 13, 1949; graduated from Adrean High School; B.S., Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Ind., 1970; J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Ind., 1973; LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., 1982; lawyer, private practice; staff, United States House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations, 1977-1980, and Committee on the Budget, 1980-1982; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-ninth and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1985-present).

VITTER, David, a Representative from Louisiana; born in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, La., May 3, 1961; A.B.,

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1983; Rhodes Scholar; B.A., Oxford University, Oxford, England, 1985; J.D., Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, La., 1988; member of the Louisiana state house of representatives, 1992-1999; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Sixth Congress by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Robert L. Livingston, Jr.; reelected to the two succeeding Congresses (May 29, 1999-January 3, 2005); was not a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives, but was a successful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 2004.

VIVIAN, Weston Edward, a Representative from Michigan; born in Newfoundland, Canada, October 25, 1924; moved to the United States with parents September 5, 1929, and settled in Cranston, R.I.; attended the Cranston schools; served in the United States Navy as an enlisted man and officer, 1943-1946; B.S., Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., 1945; M.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., 1949; Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1959; candidate for city council, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1958-1959; research engineer and lecturer at the University of Michigan 1951-1959; chairman of Ann Arbor City Democratic Committee in 1959-1960; electronics engineer and consultant for various firms and institutions; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-ninth Congress (January 3, 1965-January 3, 1967); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1966 to the Ninetieth Congress; vice president, Vicom Industries, Inc., Ann Arbor, Mich.; lecturer, Institute of Public Policy Studies, University of Michigan; telecommunications consultant; is a resident of Ann Arbor, Mich.

VOIGT, Edward, a Representative from Wisconsin; born in Bremen, Germany, December 1, 1873; in 1883 immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled in Milwaukee, Wis.; attended the public schools; employed in law and insurance office for several years; was graduated from law department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1899; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced practice in Sheboygan, Wis.; district attorney of Sheboygan County 1905-1911; city attorney for Sheboygan 1913-1917; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-fifth and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1917-March 3, 1927); was not a candidate for reelection in 1926 to the Seventieth Congress; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1924; resumed the practice of law in Sheboygan, Wis.; elected in 1928 as a judge of the fourth judicial circuit of Wisconsin; reelected in 1934, and served from January 1929 until his death at his summer home at Crystal Lake, near Sheboygan, Wis., August 26, 1934; interment in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wis.

VOINOVICH, George Victor, a Senator from Ohio; born in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 15, 1936; B.A. in government, Ohio University 1958; J.D., Ohio State University College of Law 1961; assistant attorney general of Ohio 1963; Ohio state representative 1967-71; lieutenant governor of Ohio 1979; mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, 1979-89; governor of Ohio 1991-1998; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1998; reelected in 2004 for the term ending January 3, 2011.

VOLK, Lester David, a Representative from New York; born in Brooklyn, N.Y., September 17, 1884; attended the public and high schools; was graduated from Long Island Medical School in 1906 and from St. Lawrence University Law School in 1911; in 1906 engaged in the practice of medicine; editor of the *Medical Economist*; was admitted

to the bar in 1913 and engaged in the practice of law; elected as a Progressive to the New York Assembly in 1912; declined to be a candidate for renomination; coroner's physician in 1914; during the First World War served as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps with the American Expeditionary Forces in 1918 and 1919; was largely instrumental in securing the soldiers' bonus granted by the State of New York; judge advocate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the State of New York in 1922; delegate to the Republican State conventions in 1920, 1924, 1942, and 1946; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Reuben L. Haskell; re-elected to the Sixty-seventh Congress and served from November 2, 1920, to March 3, 1923; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; member from New York City on the American Waterways Commission in 1924; assistant attorney general of New York State from March 1, 1943, to January 15, 1958; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., April 30, 1962; interment in Bayside Cemetery, Ozone Park, N.Y.

VOLKMER, Harold Lee, a Representative from Missouri; born in Jefferson City, Cole County, Mo., April 4, 1931; graduated from St. Peter's Catholic schools in Jefferson City; attended Jefferson City Junior College and St. Louis (Mo.) University; LL.B., University of Missouri, School of Law, Columbia, 1955; admitted to the Missouri bar in 1955; served in the United States Army, 1955-1957; served as assistant attorney general of Missouri, 1955; in 1958, commenced private practice of law in Hannibal, Mo.; prosecuting attorney, Marion County, Mo., 1960-1966; served in Missouri house of representatives, 1967-1976; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1977-January 3, 1997); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

VOLLMER, Henry, a Representative from Iowa; born in Davenport, Iowa, July 28, 1867; attended the public and high schools of Davenport; distributing clerk of the Fiftieth Congress in 1887 and 1888; studied law at the University of Iowa at Iowa City and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; was admitted to the bar in 1889 and commenced practice in Davenport, Iowa; member of the board of aldermen of Davenport in 1889; served as mayor of Davenport from 1893 to 1897; member of the board of education 1898-1901; corporation counsel in 1913 and 1914; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Irvin S. Pepper and served from February 10, 1914, to March 3, 1915; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1914 to the Sixty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Piedmont, Calif., August 25, 1930; the remains were cremated and the ashes placed in a crypt in the California Crematorium.

VOLSTEAD, Andrew John, a Representative from Minnesota; born near Kenyon, Goodhue County, Minn., October 31, 1860; attended the public schools of the district and St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn.; was graduated from Decorah Institute, Decorah, Iowa, in 1881; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1883 and commenced practice in Lac qui Parle County, Minn.; moved to Grantsburg, Wis., in 1885, and in the following year to Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine County, Minn.; member of the board of education and served as president; city attorney of Granite Falls; prosecuting attorney of Yellow Medicine County 1886-1902; mayor of Granite Falls 1900-1902; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-eighth and to the nine succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1903-March 3, 1923); chairman, Committee on

the Judiciary (Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses); introduced the National Prohibition Act, passed in October 1919; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1922 to the Sixty-eighth Congress; resumed the practice of law, and resided in Granite Falls, Minn., until his death there January 20, 1947; interment in City Cemetery.

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VOORHEES, Charles Stewart (son of Daniel Wolsey Voorhees), a Delegate from the Territory of Washington; born in Covington, Fountain County, Ind., June 4, 1853; attended Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., and was graduated from Georgetown College, Washington, D.C., June 26, 1873; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1875 and commenced practice in Terre Haute, Ind.; moved to the Territory of Washington in 1882 and settled in Colfax; prosecuting attorney for Whitman County 1882-1885; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses (March 4, 1885-March 3, 1889); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1888; resumed the practice of law in Colfax, Wash.; moved to Spokane, Wash., and continued the practice of law until his death there December 26, 1909; interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

VOORHEES, Daniel Wolsey (father of Charles Stewart Voorhees), a Representative and a Senator from Indiana; born in Liberty Township, Butler County, Ohio, September 26, 1827; moved with his parents to Indiana in early childhood; attended the common schools of Veedersburg, Ind.; graduated from Indiana Asbury (now De Pauw) University at Greencastle in 1849; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1851 and commenced practice in Covington, Ind.; moved to Terre Haute and continued the practice of law; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1856 to the Thirty-fifth Congress; United States district attorney for Indiana 1858-1861; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Congresses (March 4, 1861-March 3, 1865); presented credentials as a Member-elect to the Thirty-ninth Congress and served from March 4, 1865, to February 23, 1866, when he was succeeded by Henry D. Washburn, who contested the election; elected to the Forty-first and Forty-second Congresses (March 4, 1869-March 3, 1873); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1872 to the Forty-third Congress; appointed and subsequently elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Oliver H.P.T. Morton; reelected in 1885 and again in 1891, and served from November 6, 1877, to March 3, 1897; unsuccessful candidate for reelection; chairman, Committee on the Library (Forty-sixth Congress), Committee on Finance (Fifty-third Congress); died in Washington, D.C., April 10, 1897; interment in Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Ind.

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VOORHIS, Charles Henry, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Spring Valley, Bergen County, N.J., March 13, 1833; attended the district schools; was graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., in 1853; moved to Jersey City; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice in Jersey City, N.J.; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864; presiding judge of Bergen County, N.J., in 1868 and 1869; one of the organizers of the Hackensack Improvement Commission in 1869 and also of the Hackensack Academy; organized and served as first president of the Hackensack Water Co. in 1873;

became interested in banking; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); was not a candidate for reelection in 1880 to the Forty-seventh Congress; resumed his former business pursuits; died in Jersey City, N.J., April 15, 1896; interment in New York Cemetery, Hackensack, Bergen County, N.J.

VOORHIS, Horace Jeremiah (Jerry), a Representative from California; born in Ottawa, Franklin County, Kans., April 6, 1901; attended the public schools in Ottawa, Kans., Oklahoma City, Okla., Peoria, Ill., and Pontiac, Mich.; was graduated from Yale University in 1923 and from Claremont (Calif.) College in 1928; worked in a factory, handled freight on the railroads, and worked as a cowboy in Wyoming; traveling representative for Y.M.C.A. in Germany in 1923 and 1924; worked in an automobile assembling plant in Charlotte, N.C., in 1924 and 1925; teacher in Allendale Farm School, Lake Villa, Ill., in 1925 and 1926 and Dray Cottage Home for Boys, Laramie, Wyo., in 1926 and 1927; headmaster and trustee of Voorhis School for Boys, San Dimas, Calif., 1928-1938; lecturer at Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., 1930-1935; unsuccessful candidate for the State assembly in 1934; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fifth and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1937-January 3, 1947); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; author; executive director of the Cooperative League of the United States of America, 1947-1967; became secretary, Group Health Association of America, in 1947; resided in Claremont, Calif., until his death there, September 11, 1984; interment in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena, Calif.

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VORYS, John Martin, a Representative from Ohio; born in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, June 16, 1896; attended the public schools in Lancaster and Columbus, Ohio; during the First World War served overseas as a pilot in the United States Naval Air Service, retiring to inactive service in 1919 with rank of lieutenant; was graduated from Yale University in 1919 and from Ohio State University Law School at Columbus in 1923; teacher in the College of Yale, Changsha, China, in 1919 and 1920; assistant secretary, American delegation, Conference on Limitation of Armament, Washington, D.C., in 1921 and 1922; was admitted to the bar in 1923 and commenced practice in Columbus, Ohio; member of the State house of representatives in 1923 and 1924; served in the State senate in 1925 and 1926; director of aeronautics of Ohio in 1929 and 1930; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth and to the nine succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1939-January 3, 1959); did not seek renomination in 1958; delegate to the United Nations Assembly in 1951; regent of Smithsonian Institution 1949-1959; resumed the practice of law; died in Columbus, Ohio, August 25, 1968; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery.

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VOSE, Roger, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Milton, Norfolk County, Mass., February 24, 1763; moved to New Hampshire in 1766 with his parents, who settled near Walpole, Cheshire County; was graduated from Harvard University in 1790; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1793 and commenced practice in Walpole, N.H.; member of the State senate in 1809, 1810, and 1812; elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses (March 4, 1813-March 3, 1817); member of the State house of representatives in 1818; chief justice of the court of com-

mon pleas 1818-1820; chief justice of the court of sessions 1820-1825; resumed the practice of law; died in Walpole, N.H., October 26, 1841; interment in the Village Cemetery.

VREELAND, Albert Lincoln, a Representative from New Jersey; born in East Orange, Essex County, N.J., July 2, 1901; attended the public schools; served as ambulance driver for the American Red Cross in 1918 and 1919; was graduated from the New York Electrical School in New York City in 1919, the Peddie School, Hightstown, N.J., in 1922, and the New Jersey Law School at Newark in 1925; was admitted to the bar in 1927 and commenced practice in East Orange, N.J.; assistant city counsel and city prosecutor of East Orange 1929-1934; judge of the recorder's court of East Orange 1934-1938; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses (January 3, 1939-January 3, 1943); was a captain in the United States Army Reserve and on December 9, 1941, was granted leave of absence from the House of Representatives to go on active duty and assigned to the Military Intelligence Section of the War Department; transferred to the Seventy-sixth Infantry Division in April 1942; commissioned a major in Infantry on July 17, 1942, and on July 18, 1942, by Presidential directive, was ordered back to the House of Representatives; was not a candidate for renomination in 1942 to the Seventy-eighth Congress; reentered the Army on January 4, 1943, and served two years in Australia and New Guinea; commissioned a lieutenant colonel on August 27, 1944, and ordered to inactive duty August 27, 1945; colonel, A.I., USAR (retired); police commissioner of East Orange, N.J., 1945-1951; public relations officer for the Celanese Corporation of America 1945-1946; resumed the practice of law; died in Orange, N.J., May 3, 1975; interment in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, N.J.

VREELAND, Edward Butterfield, a Representative from New York; born in Cuba, Allegany County, N.Y., December 7, 1856; was graduated from Friendship Academy in 1877; moved to Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., in 1869; superintendent of the public schools at Salamanca, N.Y., 1877-1882; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1881, but did not engage in active practice; engaged in banking and in the oil and insurance business; became president of the Salamanca Trust Co. in 1891, served as postmaster of Salamanca 1889-1893; was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Warren B. Hooker; reelected to the Fifty-seventh and to the five succeeding Congresses and served from November 7, 1899, to March 3, 1913; chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency (Sixty-first Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1912; appointed a member of the National Monetary Commission, serving as vice chairman 1909-1912; resumed former business pursuits in Salamanca, N.Y., until January 1, 1936, when he retired from active business; died in Salamanca, N.Y., May 8, 1936; interment in Wildwood Cemetery.

VROOM, Peter Dumont, a Representative from New Jersey; born in Hillsboro, Somerset County, N.J., December 12, 1791; attended the common schools and the Somerville (N.J.) Academy; was graduated from Columbia College, New York City, in 1808; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1813 and commenced practice in Hillsboro; moved to Somerville in 1821; member of the State general assembly in 1826, 1827, and 1829; became a sergeant at law in 1828; elected Governor of New Jersey as a Jacksonian in 1829, 1830, and 1831; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1832, but again elected in 1833, 1834, 1835, and 1836; on account of ill health declined to become a candidate for

renomination; was appointed a commissioner to adjust the claims of the Choctaw Indians in 1837; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1841); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1840 to the Twenty-seventh Congress; moved to Trenton, N.J., and resumed the practice of law; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1844; appointed chief justice of the supreme court of New Jersey in 1853, but declined; appointed Minister to Prussia on May 24, 1853, and served until August 10, 1857; again resumed the practice of law; delegate to the peace convention held in Washington, D.C., in 1861 in an effort to devise means to prevent the impending war; reporter of the supreme court of New Jersey 1862-1872; commissioner of the sinking fund of New Jersey from 1864 until his death; died in Trenton, N.J., November 18, 1873; interment in the cemetery of the First Reformed Dutch Church, Somerville, N.J.

VUCANOVICH, Barbara Farrell, a Representative from Nevada; born Barbara Farrell in Camp Dix, New Jersey, June 22, 1921; attended Miss Quinn's School, Albany, N.Y.; graduated from Albany Academy for Girls, Albany, N.Y., 1938; attended, Manhattan College of Sacred Heart, New York, N.Y., 1938-1939; businesswoman; staff, United States Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, 1974-1982; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1976 and 1980; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-eighth and to the six succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1983-January 3, 1997); not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Fifth Congress in 1996; member of the White House Commission to Select White House Fellows, 2002.

VURSELL, Charles Wesley (cousin of Carl Bert Albert), a Representative from Illinois; born in Salem, Marion County, Ill., February 8, 1881; attended the public schools of Marion County, Ill.; hardware merchant in 1904; sheriff of Marion County 1910-1914; member of the State house of representatives 1914-1916; owner and publisher of the Salem Republican 1916-1948; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-eighth and to the seven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1943-January 3, 1959); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1958 to the Eighty-sixth Congress; retired and resided in Salem, Ill., where he died September 21, 1974; interment in East Lawn Cemetery.

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WACHTER, Frank Charles, a Representative from Maryland; born in Baltimore, Md., September 16, 1861; attended private schools and St. Paul's Evangelical School at Baltimore, Md.; learned the trade of clothing cutter and in 1892 engaged in the cloth-shrinking business; member of the jail board of Baltimore 1896-1898; unsuccessful candidate for police commissioner of Baltimore in 1898; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-sixth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1899-March 3, 1907); was not a candidate for renomination in 1906; resumed his former business pursuits in Baltimore; member of the board of managers of Maryland Penitentiary from 1909 until his death in Baltimore, Md., on July 1, 1910; interment in Loudon Park Cemetery.

WADDELL, Alfred Moore, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Hillsboro, Orange County, N.C., September 16, 1834; attended Bingham's School and Caldwell Institute in Hillsboro; was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1853; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1855 and began practice in Wilmington, New

Hanover County, N.C.; clerk of a court of equity 1858-1861; delegate to the Constitutional Union National Convention at Baltimore in 1860; engaged in newspaper work; edited the Wilmington Daily Herald in 1860 and 1861; served as lieutenant colonel of the Third Cavalry, Forty-first North Carolina Regiment, during the Civil War; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-second and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1879); chairman, Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Forty-fifth Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of law and also engaged in literary pursuits; editor of the Charlotte Journal-Observer in 1881 and 1882; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1880 and 1896; mayor of Wilmington 1898-1904; died in Wilmington, N.C., March 17, 1912; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

WADDILL, Edmund, Jr., a Representative from Virginia; born in Charles City County, Va., May 22, 1855; educated by private tutors and attended Norwood Academy; deputy clerk of the courts of Charles City, New Kent, Hanover, and Henrico Counties and of the circuit court of the city of Richmond; studied law privately and in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; was admitted to the bar in 1877 and commenced the practice of law in Richmond in 1878; judge of the Henrico County Court in 1880; resigned in 1883 to accept the position of United States attorney for the eastern district of Virginia, which position he held until 1885; member of the State house of delegates from 1886 to March 4, 1889, when he resigned; unsuccessful Republican candidate for election in 1886 to the Fiftieth Congress; successfully contested as a Republican the election of George D. Wise to the Fifty-first Congress and served from April 12, 1890, to March 3, 1891; was not a candidate for renomination in 1890; resumed the practice of law in Richmond, Va.; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1892 and 1896; appointed judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia March 22, 1908, and served until June 2, 1921, when he was appointed as judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit and was presiding judge at the time of his death in Richmond, Va., April 9, 1931; interment in Hollywood Cemetery.

WADDILL, James Richard, a Representative from Missouri; born in Springfield, Greene County, Mo., November 22, 1842; attended private schools and Springfield College; during the Civil War enlisted as a private in the Union Army and served from 1861 to 1863, when he resigned, having attained the rank of first lieutenant; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1864 and commenced practice in Springfield, Mo.; prosecuting attorney of Greene County 1874-1876; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1881); resumed the practice of law and also engaged in mining operations near Joplin, Mo.; died in Deming, Luna County, N.Mex., June 14, 1917; interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

WADE, Benjamin Franklin (brother of Edward Wade), a Senator from Ohio; born in Feeding Hills, near Springfield, Hampden County, Mass., October 27, 1800; received his early education from his mother; moved with his parents to Andover, Ohio, in 1821; taught school; studied medicine in Albany, N.Y., 1823-1825; returned to Ohio; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1828 and commenced practice in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio; prosecuting attorney of Ashtabula County 1835-1837; member, State senate 1837-1838, 1841-1842; judge of the third judicial court of Ohio 1847-1851; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate