

Politicians with Links to Cooper County, Missouri

The following people were politicians with some type of link to Cooper County, Missouri. The information was taken from [The Political Graveyard](#) which I hope you will visit.

- **Benedict, Henry Stanley (1878-1930)** of Los Angeles, Calif. Born in Boonville, Mo., February 20, 1878. Member of California state assembly, 1910-14; U.S. Representative from California 10th District, 1916-17. Died in London, England, July 10, 1930. Interment at [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#), Glendale, Calif. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Ainslie, George (1838-1913)** Born near Boonville, Mo., October 30, 1838. Member of Idaho territorial House of Representatives, 1865-66; Delegate to U.S. Congress from Idaho Territory, 1879-83; defeated, 1882. Died in Oakland, Calif., May 19, 1913. [Cremated](#); ashes originally interred at [Odd Fellows Cemetery](#) (which no longer exists), San Francisco, Calif.; reinterment at [Greenlawn Memorial Park](#), Colma, Calif. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Myers, Henry Lee (1862-1943)** Born near Boonville, Mo., October 9, 1862. Member of Montana state senate, 1899-1903; district judge, 1907-11; U.S. Senator from Montana, 1911-23; justice of Montana state supreme court, 1927-29. Died in Billings, Mont., November 11, 1943. Interment at [Riverview Cemetery](#), Hamilton, Mont. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Barton, David (1783-1837)** Born near Greeneville, Tenn., December 14, 1783. Missouri territory attorney general, 1813; circuit judge, 1815; member of Missouri territorial House of Representatives, 1818; delegate to Missouri state constitutional convention, 1820; U.S. Senator from Missouri, 1821-31; member of Missouri state senate, 1834-35. Died in Boonville, Mo., September 28, 1837. Interment at [Walnut Grove Cemetery](#), Boonville, Mo. [Barton County, Mo.](#) is named for him. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Ashley, William Henry (1778-1838)** of St. Louis County, Mo. Born in Powhatan County, Va. Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, 1820-24; U.S. Representative from Missouri at-large, 1831-37. Died near Boonville, Mo., March 26, 1838. Interment in private or family graveyard. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Dorsey William Shackelford (1853-1936)** Born in Missouri, [August 27, 1853](#). State court judge; [U.S. Representative from Missouri](#) 8th District, 1899-1919. Interment at Walnut Grove Cemetery. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **John Cosgrove (1839-1925)** Born in New York. [U.S. Representative from Missouri](#) 6th District, 1883-85. Interment at Walnut Grove Cemetery. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)

- **Vest, George Graham (1830-1904)** Born in Frankfort, Ky., December 6, 1830. Member of Missouri state house of representatives, 1860; Delegate from Missouri to the Confederate Provisional Congress, 1861-62; Representative from Missouri in the Confederate Congress, 1862-65; Senator from Missouri in the Confederate Congress, 1865; U.S. Senator from Missouri, 1879-1903. Died in Sweet Springs, Mo., August 9, 1904. Interment at [Bellefontaine Cemetery](#), St. Louis, Mo. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Benton, Thomas Hart (1782-1858)** of St. Louis, Mo. Father-in-law of [John Charles Frémont](#). Born near Hillsboro, N.C., March 14, 1782. Member of Tennessee state senate, 1809; U.S. Senator from Missouri, 1821-51; U.S. Representative from Missouri 1st District, 1853-55. Died in Washington, D.C., April 10, 1858. Interment at [Bellefontaine Cemetery](#), St. Louis, Mo. Benton counties in [Ark.](#), [Ind.](#), [Iowa](#), [Minn.](#), [Ore.](#) and [Wash.](#) are named for him. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Stephens, Lawrence Vest 'Lon' (1858-1923)** Born December 21, 1858. Missouri state treasurer, 1890-97; Governor of Missouri, 1897-1901. Died January 10, 1923. [Burial location unknown](#).
- **Nelson, William Lester (1875-1946)** of Columbia, Mo. Born in Missouri. Member of Missouri state legislature; U.S. Representative from Missouri, 1919-21, 1925-33, 1935-43 (8th District 1919-21, 1925-33, 2nd District 1935-43). Interment at [Columbia Cemetery](#), Columbia, Mo. (See also his [congressional biography](#).)
- **Gmelich, Jacob Friedrich (d. 1914)** Missouri state treasurer, 1905-09. Died February 21, 1914. [Burial location unknown](#).
- **Bingham, George Caleb (1811-1879)** Born in Augusta County, Va., March 20, 1811. Member of Missouri state legislature, 1848; Missouri state treasurer, 1862-65. Painter. Died in Kansas City, Mo., July 7, 1879. Interment at [Union Cemetery](#), Kansas City, Mo.