

Grant, John Gaston ^[1]

Grant, John Gaston

by C. Sylvester Green ^[2], 1986

1 Jan. 1858–21 June 1923

John Gaston Grant, farmer and congressman, was born in Edneyville Township, rural Henderson County ^[3], the son of William C. and Elizabeth Grant. He attended local schools for a few months and afterwards was self-educated. From his early years he was engaged in farming in Henderson County, where he also worked as a blacksmith. He was a successful Republican ^[4] candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives but served only one term (1889–91), declining renomination. One year later he was elected sheriff ^[5] of Henderson County and served from 1892 until 1896. He would not accept nomination for another term. Upon the termination of his duties as sheriff he was a presidential elector on the Republican ticket that put William McKinley in the White House and elected Garret A. Hobart vice-president. Grant was elected in 1908 from the Tenth North Carolina District to the United States House of Representatives and served from 1909 to 1911; he was unsuccessful in his bid for reelection. Resuming his agricultural pursuits in his native county, he was not a candidate for public office again.

Grant and his wife, Zura Edney, whom he married on 30 Mar. 1876, were the parents of four children: sons V. Echols and L. Grant, and daughters Alda and Elizabeth. He was buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Hendersonville.

References:

Asheville Citizen, 22 June 1923.

Biog. Dir. Am. Cong. (1961). ^[6]

Biographical Sketches of the Members and Officers of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 1889 (1889).

John L. Cheney, Jr., ed., *North Carolina Government, 1585–1974* (1975).

North Carolina Manual, 1911 (1911). ^[7]

Who Was Who in America, vol. 4 (1968).

Additional Resources:

"Grant, John Gaston, (1858 - 1923)." *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*. Washington, D.C.: The Congress. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=G000383> ^[8] (accessed March 19, 2014).

Subjects:

Biographies ^[9]

Farmers ^[10]

Public officials ^[11]

Authors:

Green, C. Sylvester ^[12]

Origin - location:

Henderson County ^[13]

From:

Dictionary of North Carolina Biography, University of North Carolina Press. ^[14]

1 January 1986 | Green, C. Sylvester

Source URL: <https://ncpedia.org/biography/grant-john-gaston>

Links

^[1] <https://ncpedia.org/biography/grant-john-gaston> ^[2] <https://ncpedia.org/biography/green-charles-sylvester> ^[3] <https://ncpedia.org/geography/henderson> ^[4] <https://ncpedia.org/republican-party> ^[5] <https://ncpedia.org/sheriff> ^[6] <https://archive.org/stream/officialcongres05hgoog#page/n114/mode/2up> ^[7] <https://archive.org/stream/pocketmanualofno1911nort#page/250/mode/2up> ^[8] <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=G000383> ^[9] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/biography-term> ^[10] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/farmers> ^[11] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/public-officials> ^[12] <https://ncpedia.org/category/authors/green-c-sylvester> ^[13] <https://ncpedia.org/category/origin-location/mountain-7> ^[14] <https://ncpedia.org/category/entry-source/dictionary-no>