

**Caldwell, Joseph Pearson** <sup>[2]</sup>

75 Mar. 1808–30 June 1853

Caldwell was educated at Bethany Academy near Statesville and then read law with his brother, Judge Caldwell, afterward becoming an attorney in Statesville. In 1833 he was elected to the North Carolina Senate from Iredell, and from 1838 until 1844 he was member of the House of Commons. In 1849, when [Nathaniel Boyden](#)<sup>[6]</sup> of Salisbury declined to run again for the [U.S. House of Representatives](#)<sup>[7]</sup>, Caldwell allowed his name to be put forward by the Iredell County [Whigs](#)<sup>[8]</sup> for the place and was elected without formal opposition from either party as representative from the Second North Carolina District. In 1851 he was reelected, again without opposition. In 1853 he declined to stand for reelection to a third term; he died in Statesville some two months before his successor was chosen.

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