

Marylanders Who Served the Nation

**A Biographical Dictionary of
Federal Officials
from Maryland**

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Raphael Neale

Born in St. Mary's County

Died October 19, 1833, in St. Mary's County

Family son of Raphael and Mary W. Neale

Married Mary Joseph Smith, February 6, 1827. Children: Raphael T.; and Stephen S. D.

Religion Catholic

Education received some schooling

Military Service member, St. Mary's County militia, 1794

Professional Positions farmer

Political Affiliation Federalist

Maryland Service House, St. Mary's County, 1798-1804, 1810-12, 1814-15; Maryland Senate elector, 1806; judge, Orphans' Court, St. Mary's County, 1802-05; commission of the School Fund, St. Mary's County, 1816; district attorney, 1st District, February 1818 to October 1818 (resigned)

National Service U.S. Representative, 1st District, 16th, 17th, 18th Congresses, served from March 1819 to March 1825

John Nelson

Born June 1, 1794, in Frederick, Frederick County

Died January 8, 1860, in Baltimore; buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore

Family son of **Roger Nelson (1759-1815)** and Mary Brooke (Sim) Nelson

Married Frances Harriet Burrows, November 18, 1816; Matilda Tenant, March 18, 1838. Children: Joseph Story; Tenant; William B.; Mary S.; Anne Cecilia; Rosa; and John L.

Education graduated, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1811; studied law

Professional Positions admitted to the bar, 1813; practiced law, Frederick

Political Affiliation Democrat

Maryland Service Senate, Western Shore, 1826-29, 1830 (did not serve)

National Service U.S. Representative, 4th District, 17th Congress, served from March 1821 to March 1823; charge d'affaires to Two Sicilies, 1831-32; U.S. Attorney General, 1843-45; U.S. Secretary of State ad interim, six days, 1844

Roger Nelson

Born 1759, near Point of Rocks, Frederick County

Died June 17, 1815, in Frederick, Frederick County; buried in All Saints' Parish churchyard; reinterred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick County