

# *Marylanders Who Served the Nation*

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

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**Henry Winter Davis**

*Born* August 16, 1817, in Annapolis

*Died* December 30, 1865, in Baltimore; buried in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Cemetery, reinterred in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore

*Family* son of Rev. Henry Lyon and Jane Brown (Winter) Davis

*Married* Constance G. Gardiner, October 30, 1845; Nancy Morris, January 26, 1857. Children: two daughters or stepdaughters with wife Nancy

*Religion* Episcopalian

*Education* received private tutoring; attended Wilmington College, 1826-27; St. John's College, Annapolis; Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia; graduated, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, 1837; studied law, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

*Professional Positions* admitted to the Virginia bar; practiced law, Alexandria, Virginia until 1850; Baltimore, from 1850, while also engaged in literary pursuits

*Political Affiliation* American, 1854-1861; Constitutional Unionist, 1861-65; Republican, 1865

*National Service* U.S. Representative, 4th District, 34th, 35th, 36th Congresses, 3rd District, 38th Congress, served from March 1855 to March 1861, and March 1863 to March 1865

**George Robertson Dennis**

*Born* April 8, 1822, Whitehaven, Somerset County

*Died* August 12, 1882, Kingston, Somerset County; buried in St. Andrew's churchyard, Princess Anne, Somerset County

*Family* son of John Upshur and Elizabeth (Dashiell) Dennis

*Married* Ellen R. Johnston, April 16, 1856. Children: John; Ann; Maria; William J.; Rosina Upshur; Margaret; Emily; and James Upshur

*Religion* Episcopalian

*Education* received private tutoring; attended Washington Academy, Princess Anne; graduated, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; attended University of Virginia, Charlottesville; graduated, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, 1843

*Military Service* lieutenant colonel, 1st Regiment, Potomac Brigade Infantry, 1861-62

*Professional Positions* practiced medicine, Kingston, 1843-60; engaged in agricultural pursuits

*Political Affiliation* Whig until 1861; Democrat, 1861-79