

**Bryan, Henry H.** <sup>[1]</sup>

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**d. 7 May 1835**

See also: [Joseph Hunter Bryan](#) <sup>[2]</sup>, brother

Henry H. Bryan, congressman, was born in [Martin County](#) <sup>[3]</sup> and attended local schools before moving to Tennessee. He married Milly Taylor 13 June 1799; they were the parents of a son and a daughter, Henry H. and Mariana T., who married William Dortch. In Tennessee, Bryan held several local offices and on 21 May 1808 was commissioned captain of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, Tennessee Militia (Montgomery County). On 29 Dec. 1808 he was promoted to first major.

Bryan was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from [Montgomery County, Tenn.](#) <sup>[4]</sup>, in 1818 and served in the Sixteenth Congress (1819–21). He was appointed to the Committee on Private Land Claims and is recorded as introducing three petitions: two from constituents seeking compensation and one for a [post road](#) <sup>[5]</sup> in Montgomery County. There is no further record of any action taken by him in Congress. He was reelected to the following session but did not qualify.

Bryan died in Montgomery County, the enslaver of eleven people and owner of an extensive span of property. His sole heir was his daughter, but at a sale of some of his possessions, five different persons named Bryan made purchases.

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