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**30 May 1804–21 Mar. 1872**

Smith Miller, congressman, was born near [Charlotte](#) <sup>[2]</sup> in [Mecklenburg County](#) <sup>[3]</sup>. In 1813 he moved with his parents to Pakota in Gibson County, Ind. After receiving only limited schooling, he engaged primarily in farming.

Active in politics, Miller won a seat in the Indiana State House of Representatives, where he served in 1835–39 and again in 1846. He was a member of the Indiana Senate in 1841–44 and 1847–50 and a delegate to the Indiana state constitutional convention of 1850. Miller moved into national politics with his election as a Democrat to the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Congresses (4 Mar. 1853–3 Mar. 1857). In 1860 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Charleston, S.C. After serving in Congress, Miller returned to his farm in Pakota. He died nearby and was buried in the Robb Cemetery.

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