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Early Life and Career

William Plumer was born on June 25, 1759, in Epping, New Hampshire. He was the son of Samuel Plumer, a farmer and Revolutionary War veteran, and Sarah Emerson Plumer. Plumer received a limited formal education but was an avid reader and self-taught scholar. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1780.

Plumer began his political career in 1784 when he was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He served in the House for seven terms and was Speaker of the House from 1789 to 1790. In 1791, Plumer was elected to the United States House of Representatives, where he served for three terms.



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Political and Legal Accomplishments

As a member of the House of Representatives, Plumer was a strong supporter of President George Washington's administration. He also played a leading role in the debate over the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798, which he opposed.

In 1802, Plumer was appointed by President Thomas Jefferson as the first United States District Attorney for the District of New Hampshire. He held this position until 1804, when he was elected to the New Hampshire State Senate. Plumer served as President of the Senate from 1805 to 1807.

In 1807, Plumer was appointed by President Jefferson as a judge of the New Hampshire Superior Court. He served on the court for four years, during which time he wrote several important legal opinions.

Later Life and Legacy

In 1811, Plumer resigned from the Superior Court to run for governor of New Hampshire. He was elected by a large majority and served as governor for four terms. During his time as governor, Plumer oversaw the construction of the New Hampshire State Capitol and the establishment of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Plumer retired from public life in 1819 and moved to Epping, where he lived until his death on May 22, 1850. He is buried in the Epping Cemetery.

Plumer was a prominent figure in New Hampshire politics for over four decades. He was a strong advocate for the Democratic-Republican Party and a supporter of President Jefferson. Plumer was also a gifted orator and writer, and his speeches and writings were widely read and respected.

Physical Appearance

Plumer was a tall, slender man with a fair complexion and blue eyes. He had a large head with a prominent forehead, and he wore his hair long and combed back. Plumer was known for his dignified appearance and his courteous demeanor.

Personality

Plumer was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a self-made man who was proud of his accomplishments, but he was also a modest and unassuming person. Plumer was a strong advocate for the common man, but he also had a strong sense of class consciousness. He was a devout Christian, but he was also a rationalist who believed in the power of human reason.

Plumer was a gifted orator and writer, and his speeches and writings were widely read and respected. He was also a skilled politician, and he was able to build a strong following among both the common people and the elite.

Personal Life

Plumer was married twice. His first wife, Abigail Hale, died in 1791. In 1794, he married Hannah Prescott. The couple had four children.

Plumer was a devoted husband and father, and he was deeply involved in the lives of his children. He was also a kind and generous man, and he was always willing to help those in need.

Legacy

Plumer is remembered today as one of the most prominent figures in New Hampshire history. He was a strong advocate for the Democratic-Republican Party, and he played a leading role in the development of New Hampshire's political and legal institutions. Plumer was also a gifted orator and writer, and his speeches and writings continue to be studied and admired today.

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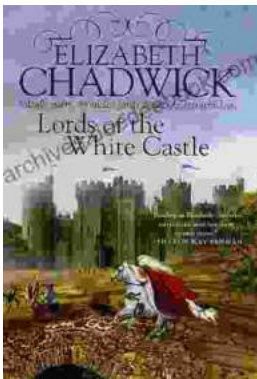
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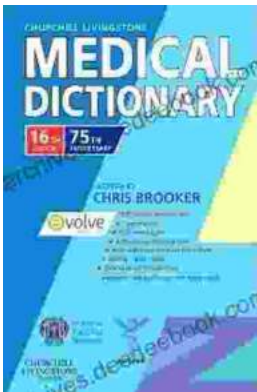
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