

MAHLON DICKERSON.

Statesman, born in Hanover, N. J., April 17, 1770; died in Suckasunny, Morris Co., N. J., October 5, 1853. He was graduated at Princeton in 1789, studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1793, and practised with success in Philadelphia. In 1805-8 he was quartermaster-general of Pennsylvania, and in 1808-10 recorder of the city court of Philadelphia. He returned to New Jersey, became judge of the supreme court and chancellor, and was elected a member of the legislature, 1811-13. In 1815 he was elected Governor of New Jersey, and at the close of his term was sent to the U. S. Senate. He was repeatedly re-elected, serving from December 1, 1817 till March 2, 1833. President Jackson appointed him, June 30, 1834, Secretary of the Navy, in which post he was continued by President Van Buren, serving till June 30, 1838, when he was succeeded by James K. Paulding. He subsequently served for a few months on the bench of the U. S. district court for the district of New Jersey, and was a delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1844. In 1846-8 he was president of the American Institute. He was largely interested in the mining and manufacture of iron in Morris County, and although a states-right democrat, advocated the Protective tariff in Congress. He published "Speeches in Congress, 1826-46.