

Usher L. Burdick

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Usher Lloyd Burdick (February 21, 1879 – August 19, 1960) was a member of the United States House of Representatives from North Dakota. He was the father of Quentin N. Burdick.

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Early life and career

Born in Owatonna, Minnesota, Burdick moved with his parents to Dakota Territory in 1882. He graduated from the North Dakota State Normal School at Mayville in 1900.

He was deputy superintendent of schools of Benson County from 1900 to 1902. He graduated from University of Minnesota Law School in 1904, teaching school in a business college while attending the university. He was admitted to the North Dakota State Bar in 1904 and commenced practice in Munich, North Dakota.

Politics

He served as member of the North Dakota House of Representatives from 1907 to 1911, serving as speaker in 1909. He moved to Williston in 1910 and continued the practice of law. He was the eighth Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota from 1911 to 1913, state's attorney of Williams County from 1913 to 1915, and served as assistant United States district attorney for North Dakota from 1929 to 1932. Burdick also engaged in livestock breeding and farming and was an author.

Burdick was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination to the 73rd Congress in 1932, but Burdick was elected as a Republican to the 74th Congress and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935 – January 3, 1945). He was not a candidate for renomination in 1944, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator for North Dakota. He was an unsuccessful Independent candidate for election in 1944 to the 79th Congress.

Usher L. Burdick



Burdick (right) with poet Ezra Pound, 1958

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
from North Dakota's at-large district

In office

January 3, 1949 – January 3, 1959

Preceded by Charles R. Robertson

Succeeded by Quentin N. Burdick

In office

January 3, 1935 – January 3, 1945

Preceded by James H. Sinclair

Succeeded by Charles R. Robertson

8th Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota

In office

1911–1913

Governor John Burke

Preceded by Robert S. Lewis

Succeeded by Anton Kraabel

Member of the North Dakota House of
Representatives

In office

1907–1911

Personal details

Born Usher Lloyd Burdick
February 21, 1879
Owatonna, Minnesota, U.S.
Died August 19, 1960 (aged 81)
Washington, D. C., U.S.
Political Republican

Burdick was elected to the 81st Congress and to the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1949 – January 3, 1959). He was not a candidate for renomination in 1958.

Death

On August 19, 1960 Burdick died at age 81 in Washington, D.C. and was interred on his ranch at Williston, North Dakota.

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Relations	Jocelyn Burdick (daughter-in-law)
Children	Quentin N. Burdick
Alma mater	University of Minnesota Law School

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Political offices		
Preceded by Robert S. Lewis	Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota 1911–1913	Succeeded by Anton T. Kraabel
United States House of Representatives		
Preceded by James H. Sinclair	Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from North Dakota's at-large congressional district 1935–1945	Succeeded by Charles R. Robertson
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