

“WILLIAM BANKS was a native of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and studied law in the office of his brother, Hon. John Banks, at Mercer, Pa. He commenced the practice of law in Indiana in 1826, and for many years was a leading member of the bar. He was naturally sensitive and diffident, and only commenced to argue cases before the jury when circumstances compelled him. He became a forcible advocate, concise, to the point and sometimes eloquent. He was fond of scientific studies, and was very conversant with the Scriptures. He filled the offices of deputy attorney-general and prothonotary, and was a member of the legislature. After serving in the legislature he totally adjured holding public office. He died on the 10th day of August, 1871, aged seventy-six years.