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LEVI WOODBURY.

Jurist, born in Francestown, N.H., December 22, 1789; died in Portsmouth, N.H., September 4, 1851. He was descended from John Woodbury, of Somersetshire, England, who settled first at Cape Ann in 1624, and at Naumkeag (now Salem) in 1626. After graduation with the highest honors at Dartmouth in 1809, Levi entered the Litchfield, Conn., law-school. He was admitted to the bar in 1812, and practised in his native town until 1816 when he was chosen clerk of the state senate. In 1817 he was appointed a judge of the supreme court of the state, and in 1819 removed to Portsmouth, where he practised law after serving as governor of New Hampshire in 1823-4. He was speaker of the state house of representatives in 1825, and was elected to the U.S. Senate as a Democrat, serving from December 5, 1825 till March 3, 1831, when he was appointed Secretary of the Navy, and held that office until 1834, when he was made secretary of the treasury, serving until 1841.

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