Samuel Fenton Cary

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Introduction

Samuel Fenton Cary (1814-1900), a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a prominent leader in the temperance movement of the 19th century. A graduate of Miami University and Cincinnati Law School, Cary retired from the law in 1845 to focus on the anti-slavery and temperance movements. He was an accomplished lecturer and author, and edited a short-lived Cincinnati newspaper, *Ohio Organ of the Temperance Reform*, in the early 1850s. Cary also held several state and national government positions, including U.S. House Representative for Ohio's Second District (1867-1869). In 1875, Cary ran and lost the race for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, and the next year, he was the Greenback Party nominee for Vice President of the United States but lost to fellow Ohioan Rutherford B. Hayes. Retiring from politics, Cary continued to support the temperance movement through his writings until he died at his home in 1900.

Important Dates

- February 18, 1814: Samuel Fenton Cary is born in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1835: Cary graduates from Miami University.
- 1837: Cary graduates from Cincinnati Law School.
- 1844-1849: Cary serves as Paymaster General of Ohio under Governors Mordecai Bartley and William Bebb.
- 1867-1869: Cary serves in Fortieth Congress as U.S. Representative for Ohio's Second District as an Independent Republican.
- 1875: Cary runs for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio and loses to Thomas L. Young.
- 1876: Cary runs for Vice President of the United States, representing the Greenback Party, and loses to Rutherford B. Hayes.
- September 29, 1900: Cary dies at his family's home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search), proximity or as phrases: Samuel Cary, Samuel Fenton Cary, Samuel F. Cary, Sam Cary, temperance, lieutenant governor, speech.
- Limit your search by date to find information about specific events in Cary's life.
- Search newspapers in all states, not just Ohio. Cary traveled all over promoting temperance.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- "Second Congressional District" *Highland Weekly News* (Hillsboro, OH), September 26, 1867, Image 2, col. 2.
- "An Address to Young Men" *Wyandot County Republican* (Upper Sandusky, OH), September 30, 1869, Image 2, col. 5-6.
- "Explanation" *Jackson Standard* (Jackson, OH), July 22, 1875, Image 2, col. 2-3.
- "Gen F.S. Cary..." *Stark County Democrat* (Canton, OH), August 10, 1876, Image 8, col. 2.
- "Ohio Matters" *Cincinnati Daily Star* (Cincinnati, OH), November 7, 1879, Image 6, col. 4.
- "Samuel Fenton Cary" *Indianapolis Journal* (Indianapolis, IN), September 30, 1900, Image 2, col. 4.