

**HISTORICAL CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
OF TENNESSEE 1796 - PRESENT
TERRITORY SOUTH OF THE RIVER OHIO 1790 - 1796**

SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE

NAME	PARTY	BIRTH & DEATH YEAR	YEARS OF SERVICE
David Wilson		1752 – 1803 or 1804	1794 – 1795
Joseph Hardin		1734 – 1801	1795 – 1796
James Stuart	Anti-Franklinite	1751 – ante 1816	1796 – 1799 & 1803 – 1805
William Dickson	Republican	1770 – 1816	1799 – 1803
Robert Coleman Foster	Whig	1769 - 1844	1805 – 1807
John Tipton	Democrat	1786 - 1939	1807 – 1809
Joseph Dickson	Federalist	1745 – 1825	1809 – 1811
John Cocke	Whig	1772 – 1854	1811 – 1813 & 1837 - 1839
Thomas Clairborne	Democrat	1780 – 1856	1813 – 1815
James Fentress	Democrat	1763 - 1843	1815 – 1817 & 1819 - 1825
Thomas Williamson		1767 – 1825	1817 – 1819
William Brady		? – 1835	1825 – 1827
John H. Camp		1783 – 1829	1827 – 1829
Ephriam H. Foster	Whig	1794 – 1854	1829 – 1831 & 1835 - 1837
Frederick W. Huling			1831 - 1835
Jonas E. Thomas	Democrat	1803 0 1856	1839 – 1841
Burchet Douglass	Whig	1793 – 1849	1841 – 1842
Franklin Buchanan	Democrat Later Whig	c.1813 - 1851	1842 – 1843 & 1847 - 1849

Daniel L. Barringer	Whig Earlier Democrat	1788 – 1852	1843 – 1845
Brookins Campbell	Democrat	1808 - 1853	1845 – 1847
Landon C. Haynes	Democrat	1816 – 1875	1849 – 1851
Jordan Stokes	Whig Later Opposition Party	1817 – 1886	1851 – 1853
William H. Wisener	Whig Later Opposition Party	1812 - 1882	1853 – 1855
Neill S. Brown	Whig Later American Or Know-Nothing Party	1810 – 1886	1855 – 1857
Daniel S. Donelson	Democrat	1801 - 1863	1857 – 1859
Washington C. Whitthorne	Democrat	1825 - 1891	1859 – 1861
Edwin A. Keeble	Confederate	1807 - 1868	1861 – 1862
William Heiskell	Whig Later American Or Know-Nothing	1788 – 1871	1865 – 1867
F. S. Richardson	Radical Republican	? - ?	1867 – 1869
William O’neal Perkins	Whig Later Conservative	1815 – 1895	1869 – 1871
James D. Richerdson	Democrat	1843 – 1914	1871 – 1873
William S. Mcgaughey	Unionist	1821 – 1889	1873 – 1875
Lewis Bond	Democrat	1839 – 1878	1875 – 1877
Edwin T. Taliaferro	Democrat	1849 – 1919	1877 – 1879
Henry P. Fowlkes	Democrat	1843 – 1917	1879 – 1881
Henry B. Ramsey	Republican	1847 – 1897	1881 – 1883
Washington L. Ledgerwood	Democrat	1843 – 1911	1883 – 1885
James A. Manson	Democrat	1842 - 1901	1885 – 1887
Walter L. Clapp	Democrat	1850 – 1901	1887 – 1891
Thomas R. Myers	Democrat	1840 – 1919	1891 – 1893
Ralph Davis	Democrat	1866 – 1952	1893
Julius A. Trousdale	Democrat	1840 – 1899	1893 – 1895

John A. Tipton	Democrat	1858 – 1925	1895 – 1897
Morgan C. Fitzpatrick	Democrat	1868 - 1908	1897 – 1899
Joseph W. Byrns	Democrat	1869 – 1936	1899 – 1901
Edgar B. Wilson	Democrat	1874 – 1953	1901 – 1903
Lawrence Davis Tyson	Democrat	1861 – 1929	1903 – 1905
William K. Abernathy	Democrat	1870 - 1940	1905 – 1907
John T. Cunningham	Democrat	1877 – 1945	1907 – 1909
Matthew Hillsman Taylor	Democrat	1884 - 1965	1909 – 1911
Albert M. Leach	Democrat	1859 - 1926	1911 – 1913
William M. Stanton	Democrat	1890 - 1957	1913 – 1915
William P. Cooper	Democrat	1870 – 1961	1915 – 1917
Clyde Shropshire	Democrat	1866 – 1949	1917 – 1919
Seth. M. Walker	Democrat	1892 – 1951	1919 – 1921
Andrew L. Todd	Democrat	1872 – 1945	1921 – 1923
Frank S. Hall	Democrat	1890 - 1958	1923 – 1925
William F. Barry	Democrat	1900 – 1967	1925 – 1927
Selden Maiden	Democrat	1883 – 1949	1927 – 1929
Charles H. Love	Democrat	1874 – 1950	1929 – 1931
Walter M. Haynes	Democrat	1897 – 1967	1931 – 1933 & 1935 - 1939
Frank W. Moore	Democrat	1905 – 1982	1933 – 1935
John Ed O'dell	Democrat	1906 – 1956	1939 – 1943
James J. Broome	Democrat	1884 – 1952	1943 - 1945
George Woods	Democrat	1913 – 1982	1945 – 1947
William Buford Lewallen	Democrat	1920 -	1947 – 1949

Mcallen Foutch	Democrat	1909 - 1996	1949 – 1953
James L. Bomar	Democrat	1914 – 2001	1953 – 1963
William L. Barry	Democrat	1926 -	1963 – 1967
James Cummings	Democrat	1890 - 1979	1967 – 1969
William L. Jenkins	Republican	1936 -	1969 – 1971
James Mckinney	Democrat	1931 -	1971 – 1973
Ned R. Mcwherter	Democrat	1930 -	1973 – 1987
Charles Ed Murray	Democrat	1928 -	1987 – 1991
James O. Naifeh	Democrat	1939 -	1991 - 2009
Kent Williams	Republican	1949 -	2009 – 2011
Beth Harwell	Republican	1957 -	2011 – Present

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