

## **Nathaniel Silsbee - US Senator, US Congressman, Jurist**

**SILSBEE, Nathaniel, senator, was born in Essex county, Mass., in 1773; son of Nathaniel Silsbee, a Salem sea captain. He received his education at the local school, became a wealthy merchant in Salem, and was elected to each branch of the General Court of Massachusetts several times and for three years was president of the senate. He was a Democratic representative in the 15th and 16th congresses, 1817–21, refused to serve a third term; was a representative in the general court in 1821; state senator, 1823–26, and was elected U.S. senator in 1826, in place of James Lloyd, resigned, and was re-elected in 1829, serving 1826–35. He was a firm supporter of John Quincy Adams's administration. He died in Salem, Mass., July 1, 1850.**

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**SILSBEE, Nathaniel, a Representative and a Senator from Massachusetts; born in Salem, Mass., on January 14, 1773; attended private schools; was a shipmaster; engaged in mercantile pursuits in 1812; held several local offices; elected as a Democrat to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1821); was not a candidate for renomination; elected to the State house of representatives in 1821; member of the State senate 1823-1825, serving as president; presidential elector in 1824, voting for John Quincy Adams; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Lloyd; reelected in 1829 and served from May 31, 1826, to March 3, 1835; declined to be a candidate for reelection; delegate to the Whig State convention in 1832, serving as president; presidential elector in 1836, voting for Daniel Webster; resumed mercantile pursuits in Salem, Mass., where he died on July 14, 1850; interment in Harmony Grove Cemetery.**

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**SILSBEE, NATHANIEL, merchant, congressman, United States senator, was born in 1773 in Essex county, Mass. He was frequently elected to the Massachusetts state legislature; and was for three years president of the state senate. He served as a representative in congress from 1816 to 1820; and was a senator of the United States from 1826 to 1835. He was a presidential elector in 1837. He died July 1, 1850, in Salem, Mass.**

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**The line of descent of Nathaniel Silsbee from the immigrant Henry Silsbee, is:**

**1 Henry Silsbee 1620 - 1700**  
.. **+Dorothy 1620 - 1676**  
.... **2 Nathaniel Silsbee 1651 - 1717**  
..... **+Deborah Tompkins 1654 -**  
..... **3 Nathaniel Silsbee 1677 - 1769**  
..... **\*2nd Wife of Nathaniel Silsbee:**  
..... **+Martha 1677 -**  
..... **4 William Silsbee 1715 - 1783**  
..... **+Joanna Fowle 1715 -**  
..... **5 Nathaniel Silsbee 1748 -**  
..... **+Sarah Becket 1748 -**  
..... **6 Nathaniel Silsbee 1773 - 1850**  
..... **+Mary Crowninshield 1780 -**