April 17, 1802

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was April 17, 1802, the day former lawmaker John Bullock Clark, Sr., was born.

He was born in Kentucky, and moved to Missouri in 1824 to establish a law practice in Fayette. Clark would then serve as a Howard County court clerk for a decade.

It was during this time he was picked to lead state forces during the Missouri Mormon War. This led to Clark’s promotion to Missouri militia major general in 1848.

He would spend 1850 and ’51 in the Missouri House of Representatives, only to be appointed to fill a congressional vacancy. Clark would see re-election several times, and then expelled from Congress in 1861 for taking up arms against the Union.

He would then serve in the Confederate Congress and as brigadier general in the Missouri State Guard before returning to private law practice until his death in 1865.

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(Sources: *More Generals in Gray, Civil War High Commands,* Clark’s congressional biography)