Nov. 5, 1796

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Nov. 5, 1796, birth of former Missouri and U.S. Sen. Lewis Fields Linn.

He was born near Louisville, KY. Following his parents’ death, Linn was raised by a half-brother. This would lead to him studying medicine.

Linn was elected to the Missouri Senate in 1827. Just five years later, he would be named to the state commission in charge of settling land claims that stemmed from French land grants to the Missouri Territory, as part of becoming a state.

The Missouri Senate would then tab him to serve in the United States Senate, filling the unexpired term of Alexander Buckner. Linn would be chosen again by Missouri senators in 1836 and ’42.

Linn County, as well as the Missouri towns Linneus and Linn, are named for him.

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(Sources: *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress* and *Journal of the Missouri Senate*)