April 11, 1811

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was April 11, 1811, the day Charles Daniel Drake was born. The one-time state lawmaker is best-known for his action during the Civil War.

He was born in Ohio, but moved to St. Louis in 1834 to practice law here.

It would be during the Civil war when Drake would become leader of a movement very much opposed to slavery. His political faction would soon put together plans aimed at Confederate sympathizers.

By 1865, Drake would help lead the state constitutional convention, which became known as the “Drake constitution,” several parts of which were tossed by the U.S. Supreme Court as “too radical.”

Following one term as a state representative, Drake would then serve a partial appointment to the U.S. Senate, thanks to his selection by the Missouri Senate.

He retired from that position to take on the job of U.S. Claims Court chief justice, from 1870 to 1885.

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(Source: Drake congressional biography)