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| **Joel Holleman** | |
| **20th** [**Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speaker_of_the_Virginia_House_of_Delegates) | |
| **In office** 1842 – 1844 | |
| **Preceded by** | [Valentine W. Southall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine_W._Southall) |
| **Succeeded by** | Valentine W. Southall |
| **Member of the** [**Virginia House of Delegates**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_House_of_Delegates) | |
| **In office** 1841 – 1844 | |
| **In office** 1832 – 1836 | |
| **Member of the** [**U.S. House of Representatives**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_House_of_Representatives) **from** [**Virginia**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia)**'s** [**1st**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia%27s_1st_congressional_district) **district** | |
| **In office** March 4, 1839 – December 1, 1840 | |
| **Preceded by** | [Francis Mallory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Mallory) |
| **Succeeded by** | Francis Mallory |
| **Member of the** [**Virginia Senate**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_Senate) | |
| **In office** 1836 – 1839 | |
| **Personal details** | |
| **Born** | (1799-10-01)October 1, 1799 [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isle_of_Wight_County,_Virginia) |
| **Died** | August 5, 1844(1844-08-05) (aged 44) [Smithfield, Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smithfield,_Virginia) |
| **Political party** | [Democratic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States)) |
| **Spouse(s)** | Caroline Carroll (1822 – 1844) Emily W. Carroll (1844 – his death) |
| [**Alma mater**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alma_mater) | [University of North Carolina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_North_Carolina) |
| **Profession** | [lawyer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawyer) |

**Joel Holleman** (October 1, 1799 – August 5, 1844) was an [American politician](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_politician) and [lawyer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawyer) from [Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia). A [Democrat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States)), he served in the [United States House of Representatives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_House_of_Representatives) and as [Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speaker_of_the_Virginia_House_of_Delegates).

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**Personal life[**[**edit**](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Joel_Holleman&action=edit&section=1)**]**

Holleman was born in [Isle of Wight County, Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isle_of_Wight_County,_Virginia) to John Holleman and Nancy Thomas Holleman. He graduated from the [University of North Carolina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_North_Carolina) and attended law school there.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Holleman#cite_note-Jamerson-1)[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Holleman#cite_note-Poore-2) He was a teacher for some time before his admission to the bar. He eventually set up a law practice at Burwell Bay, Virginia, in Isle of Wight County. "[A]s a criminal lawyer, [he] had few equals and no superiors in lower Virginia."[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Holleman#cite_note-Jamerson-1)

On November 22, 1828, Holleman married Caroline Carroll of Isle of Wight County. She died in 1842. On April 3, 1844, a few months before his death, he married his erstwhile sister-in-law, Emily W. Carroll.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Holleman#cite_note-Jamerson-1)

**Political career[**[**edit**](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Joel_Holleman&action=edit&section=2)**]**

Holleman was first elected to the [Virginia House of Delegates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_House_of_Delegates) in 1832. He moved to the [Senate of Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senate_of_Virginia) in 1836.

Holleman was elected to the [Twenty-sixth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/26th_United_States_Congress) Congress, taking office in 1839. At the time of his election, he made a public statement that he would resign his seat if the [Whigs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whig_Party_(United_States)) won his district in the 1840 presidential election. After [William Henry Harrison](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Henry_Harrison) did so, Holleman resigned.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Holleman#cite_note-Jamerson-1)

He was reelected to the House of Delegates in 1841 and became Speaker the following year.

He died in [Smithfield, Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smithfield,_Virginia), August 5, 1844. He was interred in [Ivy Hill Cemetery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivy_Hill_Cemetery_(Smithfield,_Virginia)).[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Holleman#cite_note-3)

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| Preceded by | **Member of the** [**Virginia State Senate**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_State_Senate) 1836–1839 | Succeeded by |
| [**United States House of Representatives**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_House_of_Representatives) | | |
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