

CAMPBELL BASCOM SLEMP
1870 - 1943

- Born in Turkey Cove, Lee County, Virginia, on September 4, 1870, the son of Colonel Campbell and Nancey B. Cawood Slep.
- Graduated from V.M.I. in June 1891. Received the Jackson Medal that is awarded annually to the most outstanding student at V.M.I.
- Teacher of Mathematics at V.M.I. from 1900 to 1901.
- Practiced law in Big Stone Gap from 1901 to 1907.
- Elected to Congress to succeed his father, Campbell Slep, in December 1907.
- Served in Congress from 1907 to 1923.
- Secretary to President Coolidge from 1923 to 1925.
- Began law practice in Washington, D.C. in 1925.
- Founded Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia in 1927.
- Served as U.S. Commissioner General to French Colonial Exposition in Paris, and received the French Legion of Honor award in 1931.
- Retired to private life at his Big Stone Gap home in 1932.
- Commenced Janie Slep Newman Museum in 1935. Later gave collection to the state of Virginia to found The Southwest Virginia Museum.
- Died August 7, 1943.
- Buried in the Slep Cemetery located in Turkey Cove, Lee County, Virginia.
- The Slep Foundation was established in 1946 under terms of Mr. Slep's Will.