

# Job Durfee

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[note: his mother was Judith Borden and his uncles were Simeon Borden and Nathaniel B Borden]

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**Job Durfee** ([September 20, 1790](#) - [July 26, 1847](#)) was a politician and [jurist](#) from [Rhode Island](#). Born at [Tiverton](#), he graduated from [Brown University](#) in 1813 and was admitted to the [bar](#) and commenced practice in Tiverton. He was a member of the [Rhode Island House of Representatives](#) from 1816 to 1820, and was elected as a [Democratic-Republican](#) to the Seventeenth Congress and was reelected as an [Adams-Clay Republican](#) to the Eighteenth Congress, serving from [March 4, 1821](#) to [March 3, 1825](#). He was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1824 to the Nineteenth Congress and for election in 1828 to the Twenty-first Congress; he was again a member of the State house of representatives from 1826 to 1829, serving as [speaker](#) from 1827 to 1829. He declined to be a candidate for reelection and resumed the practice of law; in 1833 he was elected [associate justice](#) of the [Rhode Island Supreme Court](#). He was [chief justice](#) from June 1835 until his death in Tiverton in 1847; interment was in the family burying ground at Nanaquaket Neck, near Tiverton.

Durfee was the author of *What Cheer*, a poem in nine [cantos](#); of an [oration](#), *The Influences of Scientific Discovery and Invention on Social and Political Progress, or [Roger Williams](#) in Exile* (1843), under the [pseudonym](#) "Theaptes;" and of a philosophical work in verse, entitled *The Panidea* (1846).

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