

JOHN LANCASTER GOODWYN

Associate Justice - 1951-1968

BORN: October 13, 1903; Montgomery, Alabama

DIED: April 22, 1968; Montgomery, Alabama

Montgomerian John Lancaster Goodwyn earned his bachelor's degree in 1925 and his law degree the following year from the University of Alabama. He practiced law in Montgomery until 1940, when he joined the Army and served in the 31st Infantry in the Pacific during World War II. Upon his return, he was elected mayor of Montgomery and served in that capacity from June of 1946 until January of 1951.

From January to October of 1951, Goodwyn was legal advisor to Governor Gordon Persons. In October, 1951, Persons appointed Goodwyn to the Supreme Court to fill the position vacated by J. Ed Livingston when the latter was appointed Chief Justice. Goodwyn was elected in 1952 and reelected in 1958 and 1964. He was serving the term to which he had been elected in 1964 when he died after a short illness.

John Lancaster Goodwyn married Elizabeth Hudson Hill in April of 1931. They had two children.