

**ROBERT TENNENT SIMPSON, Jr.**  
**Associate Justice - 1944-1972**

*BORN: September 2, 1893; Florence, Alabama*  
*DIED: February 25, 1974; Montgomery, Alabama*

Grandson of an associate justice on the Alabama Supreme Court and son of a well-known Alabama attorney, Robert Tennent Simpson, Jr., grew up in the Tennessee Valley. He attended Florence Normal School and the University of Alabama, earning his bachelor's degree in 1915 and his law degree in 1917. He then served as a captain in the 327th Infantry in Europe during World War I.

In May of 1919, Simpson returned to his native Florence to practice law in partnership with his father. In 1929 he was appointed solicitor of the 11th judicial circuit, a post that he held for eleven years.

Governor Frank M. Dixon appointed Simpson to the state Court of Appeals in 1940. He served on that court until 1944, when Governor Chauncey Sparks appointed him to the state Supreme Court to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Virgil Bouldin. Elected to that post the same year and then reelected four times, Judge Simpson served on the high court for 28 years, retiring in 1972.

In 1917, Robert Tennent Simpson, Jr., married Emily Ford, of Birmingham, who died in 1956. They had two sons. In 1958 he married Sally Sewell Bodiford of Montgomery; she died in an automobile accident in 1966. He later married Montgomerian Ann Moses Parham.