

## **ARTHUR BORDERS FOSTER**

### **Associate Justice - 1928-1953**

*BORN: October 19, 1872; Clayton, Alabama*

*DIED: July 17, 1958; Montgomery, Alabama*

Arthur Borders Foster received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in 1890. He completed the law course there and was admitted to the bar in 1891.

Foster moved to Troy to practice law and begin his career in public service. From 1892 to 1897 he was register in chancery, and in 1903 he represented Pike County in the state legislature. He was appointed judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit in 1915, a position he held for eight years. In 1923, Foster moved his law practice to Birmingham; for a short time he practiced in partnership with Hugo Black.

Governor Bibb Graves appointed Foster to the Supreme Court in 1928 to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Ormond Somerville. Foster was elected to a full term in 1930 and reelected to successive terms until his retirement in 1953.

Arthur Borders Foster married Jessie Simpson, of Cuthbert, Georgia, in 1894. They had two children. In 1953, he married Alice Nelson Doyle, of Montgomery.