

## **DANIEL COLEMAN**

### **Associate Justice - 1851**

*BORN: August 2, 1801; Caroline County, Virginia*

*DIED: November 4, 1857; Athens, Alabama*

Daniel Coleman traveled to Kentucky from his native Virginia, taught school for a year, and attended Transylvania University in Lexington. He then worked as a clerk in a court in Kentucky and read law in the office of his uncle. In 1819 he moved to Alabama, opening a law practice in Mooresville, in Limestone County.

In 1822 the legislature elected Coleman judge of the Limestone County court. He held that office for several years. In 1829 he represented Limestone County in the state legislature.

Coleman was elected judge of the 8th judicial circuit by the legislature in 1835; he served in that position for twelve years. Then in June of 1851, Governor Henry Watkins Collier appointed Coleman to the state Supreme Court to succeed Silas Parsons; Coleman served for six months, declining to run for election because of ill health. He then retired to Athens.

When the Female Institute of the Tennessee Annual Conference (later known as Athens College) was chartered by the legislature in 1843, Coleman was named to its Board of Trustees. He served as president of the board from 1843 until his death.

In 1827 Daniel Coleman married Elizabeth Peterson of Limestone County. They had 10 children.