

LUCIEN DUNBIBBEN GARDNER

Twenty-second Chief Justice - 1940-1951

BORN: November 28, 1876; Troy, Alabama
DIED: November 2, 1952; Montgomery Alabama

A native of Pike County, Lucien Dunbibben Gardner graduated in 1894 from the State Normal School at Troy. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama and graduated from the Law Department in 1897. That same year he was admitted to the bar and began practicing law in his home town.

Gardner soon became involved in public service. He served as register in chancery from 1898 to 1903. In 1906 he was elected to the Alabama Senate. Appointed chancellor of the southeastern chancery division in 1907, he was elected to that post in 1910 and served until 1914.

In 1914 Governor Emmett O'Neal appointed Gardner associate justice on the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created when John C. Anderson became chief justice. Thus began Gardner's career on the Supreme Court, one that would span a total of thirty-seven years. In 1940 Governor Frank Dixon appointed him chief justice, again as successor to Anderson. Gardner held that office until 1951, when he resigned because of ill health.

Lucien Gardner married Henrietta Wiley in 1900. They had two children.