

## **LYMAN GIBBONS**

### **Associate Justice - 1852-1854**

*BORN: June 3, 1808; Westerlo, New York*

*DIED: June 27, 1879; Claiborne, Alabama*

After graduating from Amherst College in 1830, Lyman Gibbons read law with Jacob Collamer in Royalton, Vermont. He moved to Alabama in 1833, settling in Mobile, where he joined the faculty at Spring Hill College and continued studying law. Upon being admitted to the bar in 1835, Gibbons moved to Claiborne in Monroe County. He practiced law for three years in partnership with Col. James Dellet and then returned to Mobile.

In the mid-1840s Gibbons went to Europe for two years, where he studied civil law in France. Upon his return, he practiced law for two years in New Orleans before returning to Mobile in 1849.

Gibbons was appointed judge of the sixth circuit in 1851 and elected to a full term in 1852. In December of that year, however, Governor Henry W. Collier appointed him to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Edmund S. Dargan. He remained on the bench a little over a year, resigning in January of 1854, to return to Monroe County and follow his avocation as a planter. His last public position was as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1861.

In 1853 Lyman Gibbons married Emma Eugenia Dellett. They had one child.