

ROBERT TENNENT SIMPSON

Associate Justice - 1904-1912

BORN: June 5, 1837; Florence, Alabama
*DIED: August 12, 1912; New York, New York**

Robert Tennent Simpson graduated from Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in 1857; two years later he received his law degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee. He then moved to Arkansas to practice law. During the Civil War, Simpson first served in an Arkansas company but later returned to his native state, where he enlisted in the 4th Alabama Infantry.

After the war, Simpson practiced law in Camden and then returned to Florence in 1870. He was elected to represent Lauderdale County in the legislature in 1882 and Lauderdale and Limestone Counties in the Senate in 1884. In 1902 he was again elected to the legislature.

In 1903, the legislature increased the number of justices on the Supreme Court from five to seven, and in 1904 Simpson ran for one of the newly created positions. He was reelected in 1908 and served on the court until his death.

In 1861 Robert Tennent Simpson married Mattie Collier. They had five children.

*Robert T. Simpson died while on vacation in New York but was buried in Florence.