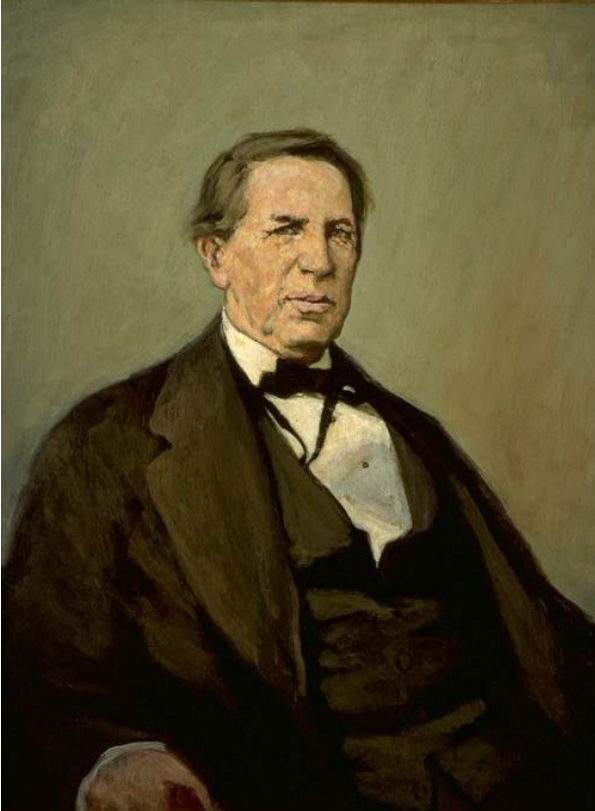


## **GEORGE GOLDTHWAITE**

Ninth Chief Justice: 1856

BORN: December 10, 1809; Boston, Massachusetts

DIED: March 16, 1879; Tuscaloosa, Alabama



***Portrait by ANNE GOLDTHWAITE,  
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George Goldthwaite was born and educated in New England. He moved to Alabama in 1826, read law at his brother's office in Montgomery, and was admitted to the Bar at the age of eighteen. He began practicing law in Pike County but relocated to Montgomery.

In December of 1843, Goldthwaite was elected circuit judge by the General Assembly and then elected again in 1850 by popular vote. He continued in office until January 1852, when the General Assembly, having increased from three to five the number of judges on the Supreme Court, elected him to that body. When the number was reduced back to three in 1853, Goldthwaite was chosen to remain on the bench.

Upon Chief Justice Chilton's resignation on January 2, 1856, Goldthwaite was chosen his successor. He held that office for thirteen days, then resigned and resumed his law practice.

In 1866, he was again elected circuit judge but was removed from office by the 1868 Reconstruction Acts. In December of 1870, Goldthwaite began serving a six-year term in the United States Senate, after which he retired. Goldthwaite married Olivia Price Wallach, of Boston, in November of 1835. They had six children.

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