

ANTHONY DICKINSON SAYRE

Associate Justice - 1909-1931

BORN: April 29, 1858; Tuskegee, Alabama
DIED: November 17, 1931; Montgomery, Alabama

After earning his master's degree in 1878 from Roanoke College in Virginia, Anthony Dickinson Sayre returned to Alabama to study law in the Montgomery office of Judge T. M. Arrington. He was admitted to the bar in 1880.

For the next thirty years Sayre represented the city and county in various capacities. He was clerk of the city court, 1883-1889; Montgomery County's representative in the state legislature, 1890-1893; and state senator, 1894-1897. He served as president of the senate during his second term. In 1897, he was elected judge of the Montgomery city court; he was re-elected in 1903. He also served on the city board of education for many years.

In 1909, when Associate Justice James R. Dowdell became chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Governor Braxton Bragg Comer appointed Sayre associate justice. Sayre served on the court for 22 years.

Anthony Dickinson Sayre married Minnie Buckner Machen of Eddysville, Kentucky, in 1884. They had six children; one of their daughters, Zelda, married the novelist, F. Scott Fitzgerald.