

LYMAN GIBBONS

Associate Justice: 1852-1854

BORN: June 3, 1808; Westerlo, New York

DIED: June 27, 1879; Claiborne, Alabama



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A native of Westerlo, New York, 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. He was admitted to the Alabama State bar in 1835, and moved to Claiborne in Monroe County. He practiced law for three years in partnership with colonel James Dellett and then returned to Mobile.

In the mid-1840's, 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, Governor Henry W. Collier appointed him to the Supreme Court of Alabama 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. He then returned to Monroe County and followed his avocation as a planter. His last public position was as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1861.

Gibbons married Emma Eugenia Dellett in 1853, and they had one child.

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