

ANTHONY DICKINSON SAYRE

Associate Justice: 1909-1931

BORN: April 29, 1858; Tuskegee, Alabama

DIED: November 17, 1931; Montgomery, Alabama



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

Sayre represented the county in many ways over thirty years. He was clerk of the city court from 1883-1889; Montgomery county's representative in the state legislature from 1890-1893; and state senator from 1894-1897. He served as president of the senate during his second term. In 1897, he was elected judge of the Montgomery city court, and was reelected in 1903.

In 1909, when Associate Justice James R. Dowdell became Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Governor Braxton Bragg Comer appointed Sayre associate justice. He served on the Court for twenty-two years.

Sayre married Minnie Buckner Machen in 1884, and they had six children; one of their daughters, Zelda, married the novelist, F. Scott Fitzgerald.

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