

ARTHUR BORDERS FOSTER

Associate Justice: 1928-1953

BORN: October 19, 1872; Clayton, Alabama

DIED: July 17, 1958; Montgomery, Alabama



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A native of Clayton, Alabama, Arthur Borders Foster attended Clayton private schools. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in 1890. The next year, he completed the law course at the University of Alabama and was admitted to the Alabama State bar.

Foster moved to Troy to practice law and begin his career in public service. From 1892 to 1897, he was register in chancery. In 1903, he represented Pike County in the state legislature. He was appointed judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in 1915 and held this position for eight years. He then moved his law practice to Birmingham in 1923, and he practiced in partnership with Hugo Black.

Foster was appointed to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 1928 by Governor Bibb Graves. He was elected to a full term in 1930, and reelected to successive terms until his retirement in 1953.

Foster first married Jessie Simpson in 1894. They had two children named Arthur Key Foster and Martha Foster. He second married Alice Nelson Doyle in 1953.

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