

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SAFFOLD

Associate Justice: 1868-1874

BORN: April 20, 1826; Pleasant Hill, Alabama

DIED: April 9, 1889; Selma, Alabama

No likeness of Associate Justice Benjamin Franklin Saffold, either in the form of portrait, photograph, or drawing, is known to exist.

A native of Pleasant Hill, Alabama, Benjamin Franklin Saffold graduated from the University of Alabama, receiving a A.B. degree in 1845 and a A.M. degree in 1849. He read law under his father, Reuben Saffold, and became a member of the Alabama State Bar in 1847.

Saffold practiced law in Selma until he was appointed to the circuit court bench in 1865. He was defeated in this position the following year. He was then appointed mayor of Selma in 1867. That same year, he was appointed a member of the convention called by the military authorities to frame a State Constitution.

In 1868, by an act of congress, Saffold was placed on the bench of the Supreme Court of Alabama, serving as an associate justice. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1875 and a member of the Alabama Senate from 1875-1877.

Saffold married Mary Ellen Brown.