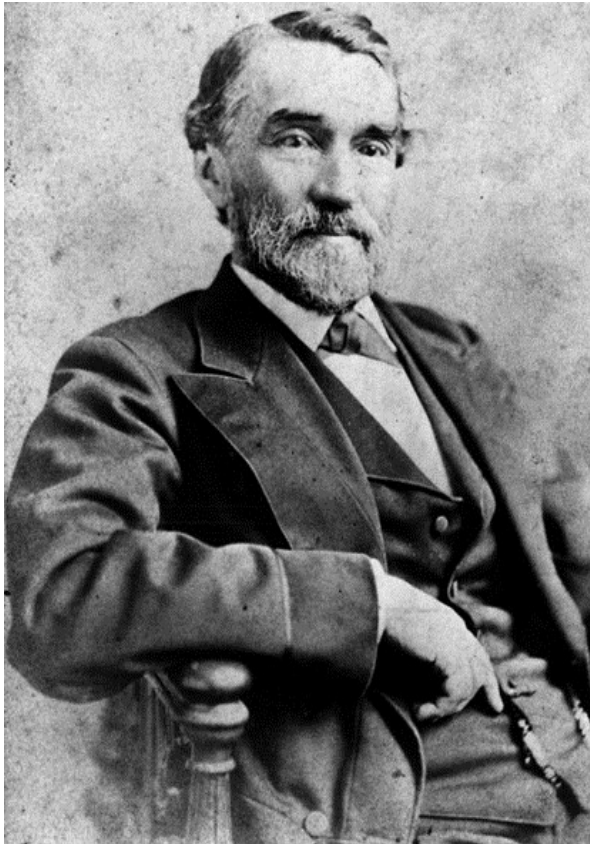


DAVID CLOPTON

Associate Justice: 1884-1892

BORN: September 29, 1820; Putnam County, Georgia

DIED: February 5, 1892; Montgomery, Alabama



A native of Putnam County, Georgia, David Clopton graduated from South Carolina College in 1833. His education was at the Eatonton Georgia. After moving, he continued his education in Vineville Georgia. He entered Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, in 1836, and graduated in 1840. After his graduation, Clopton returned to Macon, Georgia and read law under Hon. Absalom H. Chappell. He was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1841, and practiced law in Griffin, Georgia.

In 1844, Clopton moved to Alabama, and entered into a partnership in 1847 with his brother-in-law, Robert F. Ligon. In 1859, he was elected to represent the Montgomery district in Congress.

In March 1866, he settled in Montgomery and resumed his law practice. In June 1878, he was elected to the Legislature and was chosen speaker of the House. In 1884, Clopton was appointed to the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice and was later elected to that position.

Clopton was three times married, first to Martha E. Ligon, second to Mary F. Chambers, and third to Virginia Clay. He had a total of nine children.

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