

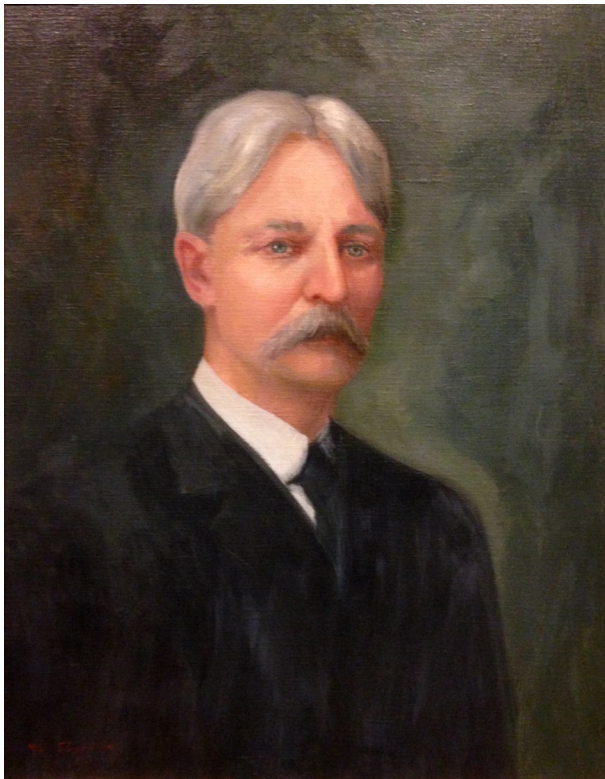
## **EDWARD de GRAFFENREID**

Associate Justice: 1912-1915

Judge Court of Appeals: 1911-1912

BORN: January 31, 1861; Greensboro, Alabama

DIED: April 05, 1922; Tuscaloosa, Alabama



**Portrait by MARGUERITE EDWARDS,  
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A native of Greensboro, Alabama, Edward de Graffenreid earned his college degree from Southern University at Greensboro in 1880. He studied law in the office of his uncle, Thomas Seay, and was admitted to practice in 1882. He practiced law in Greensboro, first with Hilliard Judge, and later with his uncle, until his uncle's death in 1898.

De Graffenreid was a member of the 1901 Constitutional Convention as well as legal advisor to Governor Emmett O'Neal. In 1911, O'Neal appointed him to the newly created Court of Appeals. In 1912, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Alabama to serve as an associate justice. He retired from the Court three years later and resumed his law practice; this time in Tuscaloosa. He was trying a case in circuit court on the day of his death in 1922.

De Graffenreid served as the president of the State Bar Association in 1904.

He married Mary Alice Meriwether of Eutaw, and they had one son.

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*Location: Judicial, Colledge, Lobby Floor, Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building*