

HENRY MINOR

Associate Justice: 1823-1831

BORN: January 4, 1783; Dinwiddie County, Virginia

DIED: January 11, 1839; at Minorca, Greene County, Alabama

No likeness of Associate Justice Henry Minor, either in the form of portrait, photograph, or drawing, is known to exist.

A native of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Henry Minor was carefully educated, having sprung from a family of scholars. He read law under his uncle Judge Minor of Fredericksburg, and he relocated to Huntsville, Alabama in 1816.

Minor was a member of the constitutional convention of 1819, and he was elected by the first legislature of the State to be the first reporter of the Supreme Court. In this position, he compiled *Minor's Reports*. He held this office until 1823.

Later in 1823, Minor was elected to the bench of the supreme court of Alabama to succeed Justice Clay. He served for two years. Upon being defeated for re-election, he was made clerk of the court, and held that office until his death in 1826. He had moved from Huntsville to reside in Greene county, but died while attending to the discharge of his duties in Tuscaloosa, on January 1, 1838.

Minor married Frances Throckmorton, and they had eleven children.