

## **JAMES BUTLER HEAD**

Associate Justice: 1892-1898

BORN: December 16, 1846; Clinton, Alabama

DIED: June 26, 1902; Montgomery, Alabama



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A native of Clinton, Alabama, James Butler Head attended public schools in his hometown. In 1864, at the age of seventeen, he entered the Confederate service in Company A, Sixteenth Confederate Cavalry, as a private, until the close of the war.

In 1867, Head served as deputy clerk of the Circuit Court of Greene County. In 1871, he was appointed clerk of the circuit court and he served until 1874.

After pursuing his legal studies, in 1874, he was admitted to the Alabama State bar. He resided in Eutaw, Alabama, and practiced law until 1888. He then relocated to Birmingham after practicing law for one year. In 1889, he was appointed judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

In June 1892, Head was nominated by the democratic state convention as one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Alabama, and was elected at the August election following. After his election as associate justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, he moved to Montgomery.

Head married Virginia Louise Pierce, and they had three children.