

JOHN JAMES ORMOND

Associate Justice: 1837-1847

BORN: 1795; Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

DIED: March 2, 1866; Courtland, Alabama

No likeness of Associate Justice John James Ormond, Sr., either in the form of portrait, photograph, or drawing, is known to exist.

A native of England, John J. Ormond, while yet an infant, came to Charlottesville, Virginia with his family. There he was orphaned at a young age, but prominent friends of the family contributed liberal aid to his early education and culture.

Ormond prepared for the bar, and in 1827 came to Alabama. He then began his practice of law in Courtland, in Lawrence County, where he was associated with Colonel James E. Saunders.

He served in the Alabama legislature in 1832 and 1833, representing Lawrence County. In 1837, he was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice. He served for twelve years, then declined further service due to his failing health.

Ormond was one of the three selected to prepare the Code of 1852. The last service rendered by Judge Ormond was that of his association with former governors Clement C. Clay and John Bagby in the codification of the statutes of the state of Alabama. He passed the remainder of his life in seclusion and affluence.

Ormond married Minerva Jenkins Banks, and they had six children.