

JOHN MOORE TAYLOR

Associate Justice: 1825-1834

BORN: June 28, 1788; Orange County, Virginia

DIED: August 2, 1854; Mississippi

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

A native of Orange County, Virginia, John M. Taylor was a scion of an excellent family, and thoroughly educated. After practicing law for several years in his native state of Virginia, he came to Huntsville in 1817. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1819 and was one of the three sub-committeemen who actually drafted the first constitution of the state of Alabama.

Taylor was subsequently the law partner of Judge Henry Minor, whom he succeeded on the Supreme Court bench in 1825. From 1825 to 1832, he served as a circuit judge and hence a member of the Supreme Court of Alabama. The two benches were not separated until 1832. He served in this position for eight years, and then he resigned.

After resigning from the bench in about 1834, Taylor permanently moved from Alabama to Mississippi, where he was a leading practitioner until his death around 1860.

Taylor married Anne Foote, and they had five children.