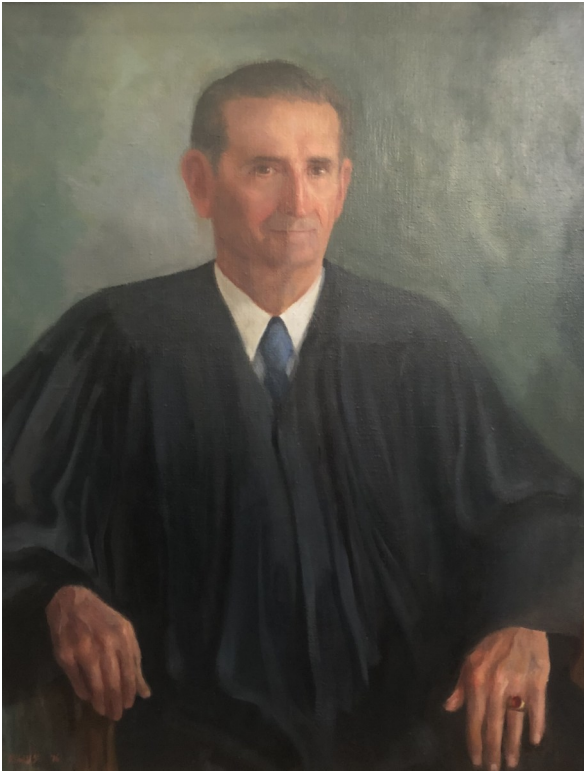


## **PELHAM JONES MERRILL**

Associate Justice: 1953-1976

BORN: December 01, 1907; Heflin, Alabama

DIED: November 05, 1991; Montgomery, Alabama



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A native of Heflin, Alabama, Pelham Jones Merrill, son of Judge Walter B. Merrill and Lilla Jones Merrill, graduated from Heflin High School in 1922. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1926. He began practicing law in Heflin after earning a law degree in 1934.

Along with his law practice, Merrill was elected to represent Cleburne County in the state legislature three times. Twice he was elected Speaker Pro Tem of the House.

Merrill served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1952, he was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama. He was re-elected in 1958, 1964, and 1970. Merrill retired in 1976, having not only kept his cases current throughout his twenty-three years of service on the court, but also having helped out his colleagues when they fell behind schedule.

In 1978, Justice Merrill was elected to the Alabama Academy of Honor.

Merrill married Gladys Mae Morrison on August 21, 1936.

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