

## **RICHARD WILDE WALKER, SR.**

Associate Justice: 1859-1864

BORN: February 16, 1823; Huntsville, Alabama

DIED: June 15, 1874; Huntsville, Alabama



A native of Huntsville, Alabama, Richard Wilde Walker, Sr., was educated at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, University of Virginia, and Princeton University in 1841. He returned to Huntsville, read law, and was admitted to the Alabama State bar in 1844. He opened a law practice in Florence, but in 1845 was elected district solicitor.

Walker, Sr., later moved back to Huntsville after the close of the Civil War. In 1851, he was elected to the legislature representing Lauderdale County, and was elected speaker of the house in 1855. In 1859, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice. He was elected to a full term serving until 1863.

Walker was selected by the constitutional convention as a delegate from the State at large to the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States. In 1863, he resigned from the court to accept the position of senator of the Confederacy. He served until the fall of the Confederate government. At the close of the war, he relocated in Huntsville where he resumed his law practice.

Walker married Mary Ann Simpson and they had four children.

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