

THOMAS EDMUND KNIGHT

Associate Justice: 1931-1942

BORN: October 13, 1868; Greensboro, Alabama

DIED: April 11, 1943; Selma, Alabama



UNKNOWN ARTIST
Oil on Canvas

A native of Greensboro, Alabama, Thomas Edmund Knight earned his bachelor's degree in 1887 from Southern University. In 1888, he earned his LL.B. from the University of Alabama. That summer he began practicing law in his hometown and continued to practice law for some thirty-eight years. He also represented Hale County in the legislature from 1892 to 1895. He was very active in the State Bar Association, and he was Chairman of the Board of Bar Examiners from 1910 to 1926.

Knight was elected judge of the fourth judicial circuit in November 1926. Five years later, Governor Benjamin Meek Miller appointed him to the Supreme Court of Alabama as an associate justice. He was elected to that position in 1932 and reelected in 1938.

Knight married Rebecca Williams in 1895. They had two children: Thomas "Tommy" E. Knight, Jr., who served as attorney general and lieutenant governor, and Rebecca Knight Odum Brown, wife of Associate Justice Joel B. Brown.

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