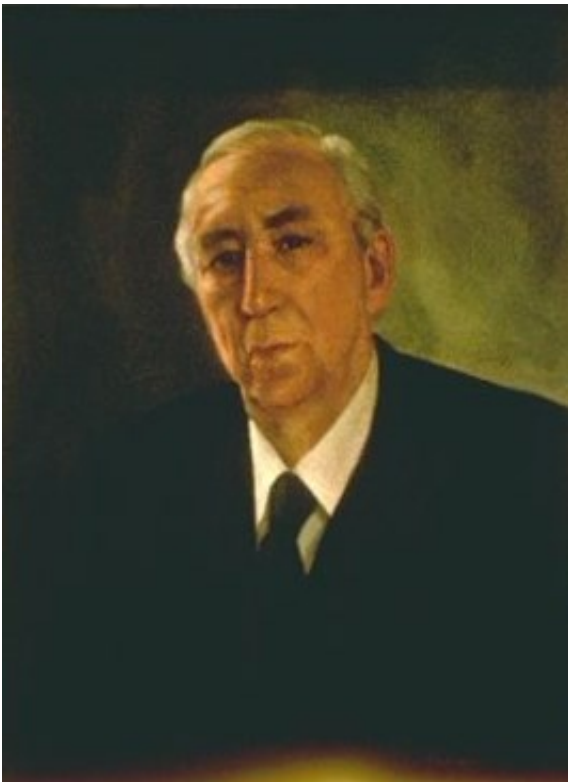


THOMAS SEAY LAWSON

Associate Justice: 1942-1972

BORN: May 03, 1906; Greensboro, Alabama

DIED: September 02, 2002; Montgomery, Alabama



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A native of Greensboro, Alabama, Thomas Seay Lawson attended Southern Military Academy in Greensboro, earned his bachelor's degree from Davidson College in North Carolina, and received his law degree from the University of Alabama in 1929. He began practicing law in Selma, but later moved to Greensboro.

Lawson was appointed to the Supreme Court of Alabama in October 1942 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas E. Knight. However, Lawson had also received the Democratic nomination to the post in May of that year and won in the November election. He was reelected to four more terms and retired in 1972.

He served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Lawson was twice married; first to Rose Darrington Gunter in 1932. They had two children: Jule Lawson Lanier and Thomas S. Lawson, Jr. After the death of his first wife, he then married Kathleen Crampton.

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