

## **Justice George Chambers**

1786-1866

### **Term**

April 10, 1851-December 1, 1851

### **Education**

- Princeton College, A.B., 1804
- Studied law with William M. Brown, 1805-1806; Chambersburg; Judge Duncan, Carlisle, 1806-1807

### **Professional Experience**

- Admitted to Cumberland County bar, November 9, 1807
- Private Practice, Chambersburg, 1816-1851
- Member, Chambersburg Town Council, 1821
- Burgess, Chambersburg, 1829-1833
- Member, House of Representatives, U.S. Congress (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Congresses), March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837
- Governor William Johnston appointed Chambers, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, April 10, 1851
- Private Practice, 1851-1866

### **Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degree: Washington College, 1861

### **Memberships and Associations**

- Delegate, Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, 1837
- Manager and President, Chambersburg Turnpike Road Company, 1814-1866
- Established the Franklin County Bible Society, 1814
- Trustee, Chambersburg Academy, 1815, President until 1860
- Trustee, Presbyterian Church of Chambersburg, 1815; President of the Board, retired July 1864
- Director, Bank of Chambersburg; President, 1836
- Trustee, Lafayette College, 1849-1858
- Vice President, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1858

### **Publications**

- Address of Mr. Chambers, of The House of Representatives, To the People of the Counties of Franklin & Adams. (1834)
- Speech of Mr. Chambers, of Pennsylvania, on the Bill Making Appropriations for the Naval Service. (1836)
- Speech of George Chambers on the Currency and Banks, Delivered in the Convention of Pennsylvania on the 22nd and 26th December 1837. (1838).
- A Tribute to the Principles, Virtues, Habits and Public Usefulness of the Irish and Scotch Early Settlers of Pennsylvania. (1856; Rep. 1871)
- Sharpe, James McDowell. A Memoir of George Chambers, of Chambersburg, Late Vice-President of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania. (1873)
- Historical Sketch of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., By George Chambers, Esq. Read At Union Hall, Pottsville, July 4th, 1876. (1876)

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