

Chief Justice Walter H. Lowrie

1807–1876

Term

December 1, 1851-1863; Chief Justice, December 7, 1857-December 1863

Education

- Western University of Pennsylvania, 1826
- Studied law with Judge Walter Forward and Judge Charles Shaler of Pittsburgh

Professional Experience

- Admitted to Allegheny County bar, August 4, 1829
- Professor, Western University of Pennsylvania, 1842
- Organized first law school at Western University of Pennsylvania, 1843-1851
- Appointed Judge, District Court of Allegheny County, August 20, 1846-1851
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, October 1851
- Retired December 31, 1863 after losing election to Daniel Agnew
- Private Practice, 1864-1870 (Pittsburgh, 1864-1868; Philadelphia, 1869-1870)
- Elected President Judge of 30th Judicial District (Crawford County), October 1870
- President Judge, 30th Judicial District (Crawford County), December 5, 1870-November 14, 1876

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degree, Washington College, 1856

Publications

- An Address Delivered Before the Trustees, Faculty, and Students of the Western University of Pennsylvania, at the Opening of the Session, Sept. 4th, 1843 (1844).

Sources

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