

Justice William A. Porter

1821-1886

Term

January 20, 1858-October 18, 1858

Education

Lafayette College, A.B., 1839

Professional Experience

- Admitted to the Philadelphia bar, April 26, 1842
- Governor David Porter appointed Porter, Sheriff, Philadelphia, December 1842
- Deputy Attorney General, Philadelphia, May 3, 1842-1844
- Solicitor, City of Philadelphia, 1856
- Governor William Packer appointed Porter, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 20, 1858
- Resigned from Office, October 18, 1858
- Private Practice, 1858-1886
- Commissioner of Alabama Claims, 1874-1876

Publications

- The Introductory Address: Delivered Before The Law Academy of Philadelphia, At the Opening of the Session of 1849-50 on the 19th September (1849)
- An Essay on the Life, Character and Writings of John B. Gibson, LL.D., Lately Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1855)
- **Opinion of the City Solicitor on the Appointment of the Committees of Councils: Read in Select Council, June 12, 1856, and Ordered to be Printed (1856)**
- Tatham vs. Lewis: Counter-Statement and Argument for A.P. Wilson (1864?)
- A Paper on the Qualifications of the Adviser and the Advocate: Read Before the Law Academy of Philadelphia, At Their Request, on Thursday Evening, The 4th of April, 1878. (1878)
- Roberts, Thomas P. Memoirs of John Bannister Gibson: Late Chief Justice of Pennsylvania: With Hon. Jeremiah S. Black's Eulogy, Notes from Hon. William A. Porter's Essay Upon His Life and Character, etc., etc. (1890)

Sources

2 Frank M. Eastman, Courts and Lawyers of Pennsylvania: A History (1623-1923) 508 (1922); John Hill Martin, Martin's Bench and Bar of Philadelphia (1883); Obituary, Wm. A. Porter, New York Times (November 1, 1858)