

Chief Justice Daniel Agnew

1809-1902

Term

December 7, 1863-January 1, 1879; Chief Justice, November 25, 1873-January 1, 1879

Education

- Western University of Pennsylvania (now University of Pittsburgh), 1825
- Studied law with Henry Baldwin and W. W. Fetterman, Pittsburgh, 1825-1829?

Professional Experience

- Admitted to Allegheny County bar, April 21, 1829
- Private Practice, 1829-1851
- Governor William Johnston appointed Agnew, President Judge, 17th Judicial District (Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Lawrence Counties), July 11, 1851, elected in October 1851; re-elected in October 1861
- President Judge, 17th Judicial District (Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Lawrence Counties), 1851-1863
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, October 1863
- Retired from Office, January 1, 1879

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degree: Washington College, 1864; Dickinson College, 1880

Memberships and Associations

- Delegate, Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, 1837
- Pennsylvania Presidential Elector, 1848
- Committee of Public Safety, Beaver County, 1861
- Chairman, Commission to Revise the Constitution of Pennsylvania, 1874
- President, Constitutional Prohibition Amendment Association, 1880
- Chairman, Beaver County Centennial Celebration, 1900

Publications

- A History of the Region of Pennsylvania North of the Ohio and West of the Allegheny River, of the Indian Purchases, and of the Running of the Southern, Northern, and Western State Boundaries. Also, an Account of the Division of the Territory for Public Purposes, and of the Lands, Laws, Titles, Settlements, Controversies, and Litigation Within this Region. (1887; reprint 1971)
- Our National Constitution: Its Adaptation to a State of War or Insurrection, A Treatise (1863; 2d ed. 1863)
- The Spirit and Poetry of Law: An Address, Delivered Originally in Aid of the Soldier's Relief Society of Beaver, Pa.: Revised and Delivered Before the Students and Faculty of Mt. Union College, Ohio, October 1st, 1865 (1866)
- Report of the Commission to Revise the Constitution of Pennsylvania (1875)
- Introductory Address of the Session of 1878-9 of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania (1878)
- Dangers of Republican Government. New York Daily Tribune 2 (June 16, 1881)
- Exercises at the Celebration of the Founder's-Day, Thursday, October 12, 1882 [Lehigh University], with the Memorial Address by the Hon. Daniel Agnew (1882)
- Sketches of Prominent Lawyers of the Allegheny County Bar. Address Delivered Before the Allegheny County Bar Association, December 1, 1888. (1888)
- Fort McIntosh: Its Times and Men: With a Historical Sketch of the French and British Claims in the Northwest, and Their Meeting in Arms at the Head of the Ohio, and the Indian Incursions and Outrages in Western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Territory (1893)
- Fort Pitt and Its Times: A Historical Sketch (1894)
- Kaskaskunk, the Great Delaware Town on the Big Beaver River (1894)



- Logstown on the Ohio: A Historical Sketch (1894)
- Unconstitutionality of the Hawaiian Treaty. 1 Forum 461 (1897)

Sources

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