

Justice Henry W. Williams

1830-1899

Term

August 19, 1887-January 25, 1899

Education

Studied law with E. B. Chase, Montrose, Pa., January 1852; Hon. John W. Guernsey, Tioga County, 1852-1854

Professional Experience

- Admitted to Tioga County bar, 1854; Pennsylvania Supreme Court, March 1855; admitted to Federal District and Circuit Courts, 1856
- Private Practice, 1854-1865
- Governor Andrew Curtin appointed Williams, Additional Judge, Fourth Judicial District, March 1865; re-elected in November 1865; elected President Judge, November 1871 and November 1881
- Judge, 4th Judicial District (Tioga, Potter, McKean, Elk, Clearfield; 1874: Tioga, Potter, McKean, Cameron), March 1865-August 19, 1887
- Governor James Beaver appointed Williams, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, August 10, 1887; commissioned on August 19, 1887 to January 2, 1888; elected in November 1887
- Died in Office, January 25, 1899

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degree, Dickinson College, 1897

Memberships and Associations

- Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1868
- Member, Committee to Consider Amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution, 1874
- Member, Presbyterian Church of the United States, in General Presbyterian Council, Scotland, 1877
- Vice-President, International Sunday School Association, 1881

Publications

- Legal Ethics and Suggestions for Young Lawyers (1906)

Sources

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