

## **Chief Justice Robert S. Frazer**

1849-1936

### **Term**

January 4, 1915-January 6, 1936; Chief Justice, November 24, 1930-January 6, 1936

### **Education**

- West Chester Military Academy, later attended Western University of Pennsylvania
- Registered as law student in Allegheny County, February 27, 1871
- Studied law in office of Hill Burgwin, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **Professional Experience**

- Admitted to Allegheny County Bar, March 29, 1873
- Private Practice, 1873-1880
- Member, House of Representatives, General Assembly, 1877-1880
- Corporation Clerk, Office of the Pennsylvania Auditor General, 1880-1887
- Elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Court No. 2 in 1896; re-elected November 1906
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County No. 2, January 4, 1897-January 1915; President Judge, 1900-1915
- Elected, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1914
- Died in Office, July 31, 1936

### **Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degree: University of Pittsburgh, 1924; Lafayette College, 1931; Temple University, 1932; University of Pennsylvania, 1935

### **Memberships and Associations**

- American and Allegheny County Bar Associations
- President, Allegheny County Bar Association, 1900-1901
- President, Allegheny County Board of Prison Inspectors
- President, Elizabeth Steel Magee Hospital
- Trustee, Henry Buhl Foundation
- Duquesne Club
- Pittsburgh County and Pittsburgh Golf Clubs
- Art Club of Philadelphia
- Western Pennsylvania Institution for Deaf and Dumb

### **Sources**

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