

## North Carolina State Supreme Court Justices

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Justice	Service Term as Associate Justice of NC Supreme Court	Service Term as Chief Justice of NC Supreme Court	Birthplace	Biography Available
Taylor, John Louis		1819-1829 (1 <sup>st</sup> Chief Justice)	London, England	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/taylor-john-louis">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/taylor-john-louis</a>
Hall, John	1819-1832		Warren Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/hall-john">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/hall-john</a>
Henderson, Leonard	1819-1829	1829-1833	Granville Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/henderson-leonard">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/henderson-leonard</a>
Murphey, Archibald D.	1819-1820		Orange Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/murphey-archibald-debow">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/murphey-archibald-debow</a>
Toomer, John D.	1829		Wilmington, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/toomer-john-de-rossett">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/toomer-john-de-rossett</a>
Ruffin, Thomas Sr.	1829-1833, 1859	1833-1852	Newington, VA	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ruffin-thomas">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ruffin-thomas</a>
Daniel, Joseph John	1833-1848		Halifax Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/daniel-joseph-john">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/daniel-joseph-john</a>
Gaston, William	1833-1844		New Bern, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/gaston-william">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/gaston-william</a>
Nash, Frederick	1844-1852	1852-1858	New Bern, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/nash-frederick">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/nash-frederick</a>
Pearson, Richmond	1849-1858	1859-1878	Yadkin Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/pearson-richmond">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/pearson-richmond</a>
Battle, William Horn	1848		Edgecombe Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/battle-william-horn">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/battle-william-horn</a>
Manly, Matthias E.	1859-1865		Chatham Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/manly-matthias-evans">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/manly-matthias-evans</a>
Reade, Edwin G.	1865-1879		Person Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/rea-de-edwin-godwin">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/rea-de-edwin-godwin</a>
Rodman, William Blount	1868-1879		Washington, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/rodman-william-blount">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/rodman-william-blount</a>
Settle, Thomas	1868-1876		Rockingham Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/settle-thomas">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/settle-thomas</a>
Dick, Robert P.	1868-1872		Greensboro, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/dick-robert-paine">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/dick-robert-paine</a>
Boyden, Nathaniel	1871-1873		Conway, MA	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/boyden-nathaniel">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/boyden-nathaniel</a>
Bynum, William P.	1873-1879		Stokes Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/bynum-william-preston">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/bynum-william-preston</a>
Faircloth, William T.	1876-1879	1895-1900	Edgecombe Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/faircloth-william-turner">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/faircloth-william-turner</a>
Dillard, John H.	1879-1881		Rockingham Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/dillard-john-henry">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/dillard-john-henry</a>
Ashe, Thomas	1879-1887		Alamance Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ashe-thomas-samuel">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ashe-thomas-samuel</a>
Smith, William Nathan H.	1878	1879-1889	Murfreesboro, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/smith-william-nathan">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/smith-william-nathan</a>
Ruffin, Thomas, Jr.	1881-1883		Hillsborough, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ruffin-thomas-jr">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ruffin-thomas-jr</a>
Merrimon, Augustus S.	1883-1889	1889-1892	Transylvania Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/merrimon-augustus">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/merrimon-augustus</a>

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Davis, Joseph J.	1887-1892		Franklin Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/davis-joseph-jonathan">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/davis-joseph-jonathan</a>
Shepherd, James E.	1889-1892	1892-1895	Mintonville, VA	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/shepherd-james-edward">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/shepherd-james-edward</a>
Avery, Alphonso C.	1889-1897		Burke Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/avery-alphonso-calhoun">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/avery-alphonso-calhoun</a>
Clark, Walter M.	1892-1903	1903-1924	Halifax Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/clark-walter-mckenzie">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/clark-walter-mckenzie</a>
Burwell, Armistead	1892-1895		Hillsborough, NC	
McRae, James C.	1892-1895		Fayetteville, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/macrae-james-cameron">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/macrae-james-cameron</a>
Furches, David M.	1895-1901	1901-1903	Davie Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/furches-david-moffatt">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/furches-david-moffatt</a>
Montgomery, Walter	1895-1905		Warrenton, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/montgomery-walter">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/montgomery-walter</a>
Douglas, Robert M.	1897-1905		Rockingham Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/douglas-robert-martin">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/douglas-robert-martin</a>
Cook, Charles A.	1901-1903		Warrenton, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/cook-charles-alston">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/cook-charles-alston</a>
Connor, Henry G.	1903-1923		Wilmington, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/connor-henry-groves">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/connor-henry-groves</a>
Walker, Platt D.	1903-1923		Wilmington, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/walker-platt-dickinson">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/walker-platt-dickinson</a>
Brown, George H., Jr.	1905-1920		Washington, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/brown-george-hubbard">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/brown-george-hubbard</a>
Hoke, William A.	1905-1924	1924-1925	Lincolnton, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/hoke-william-alexander">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/hoke-william-alexander</a>
Manning, James S.	1909-1911		Pittsboro, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/manning-james-smith">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/manning-james-smith</a>
Allen, William R.	1911-1921		Kenansville, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/allen-william-reynolds">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/allen-william-reynolds</a>
Adams, William J.	1921-1934		Rockingham, NC	
Stacy, Walter P.	1921-1925	1925-1951	Ansonville, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/stacy-walter-parker">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/stacy-walter-parker</a>
Clarkson, [Robert] Heriot	1923-1942		Kingville, SC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/clarkson-robert-heriot">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/clarkson-robert-heriot</a>
Connor, George W.	1924-1938		Wilson, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/connor-george-whitfield">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/connor-george-whitfield</a>
Varser, Lycurgus R.	1925		Gates Co., NC	
Brodgen, Willis J.	1926-1935		Wayne Co., NC	
Schenk, Michael	1934-1948		Lincoln Co., NC	
Devin, William A.	1935-1951	1951-1954	Granville Co., NC	
Barnhill, Maurice V.	1937-1954	1954-1956	Halifax Co., NC	
Winborne, John Wallace	1937-1956	1956-1962	Chowan Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/winborne-john-wallace">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/winborne-john-wallace</a>
Seawell, Aaron A. F.	1938-1945		Moore Co., NC (now Lee)	
Denny, Emery B.	1942-1962	1962-1966	Surry Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/denny-emery-byrd">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/denny-emery-byrd</a>

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Ervin, Samuel J.	1948-1954		Clarendon Co., SC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ervin-samuel-james-jr">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/ervin-samuel-james-jr</a>
James, Murray G.	1950		Pender Co., NC	
Johnson, Jefferson D., Jr.	1950-1959		Garland, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/johnson-jeff-deems">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/johnson-jeff-deems</a>
Valentine, Itimous T.	1951-1952		Nash Co., NC	
Parker, Robert Hunt	1952-1966	1966-1969	Enfield, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/parker-robert-hunt">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/parker-robert-hunt</a>
Bobbitt, William H.	1954-1969	1969-1975	Wake Co., NC	
Higgins, Carlisle W.	1954-1975		Allegheny Co., NC	
Rodman, William Blount, Jr.	1956-1965		Beaufort Co., NC	
Moore, Clifton L.	1959-1966		Pender Co., NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/moore-clifton-leonard">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/moore-clifton-leonard</a>
Sharp, Susie M.	1962-1974	1974-1991	Rocky Mount, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/sharp-susie-marshall">http://www.ncpedia.org/sharp-susie-marshall</a>
Lake, I. Beverly Sr.	1965-1978		Wake Co., NC	
Pless, J. Will	1966-1968		Transylvania Co., NC	
Branch, Joseph	1966-1979	1980-1986	Halifax Co., NC	
Huskins, J. Frank	1968-1982		Yancey Co., NC	
Moore, Dan K.	1969-1978		Asheville, NC	<a href="http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/governors/moore-dan">http://www.ncpedia.org/biography/governors/moore-dan</a>
Exum, James G.	1975-1986	1986-1994	Green Co., NC	
Copeland, J. William	1975-1984		Northampton Co., NC	
Britt, David M.	1978-1982		Robeson Co., NC	
Brock, Walter E.	1979-1980		Anson Co., NC	
Carlton, J. Phil	1979-1983		Edgecombe Co., NC	
Meyer, Louis B.	1981-1995		Wilson Co., NC	
Mitchell, Burley	1982-1995	1995-1999	Wake Co., NC	
Frye, Henry	1983-1999	1999-2000	Richmond Co., NC	
Vaughn, Earl W.	1985		Rockingham Co., NC	
Billings, Rhoda	1985-1986	1986	Wilkes Co., NC	
Browning, Robert R.	1986 (appointed)		Pitt Co., NC	
Parker, Francis Iredell	1986		Mecklenburg Co., NC	

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Webb, John	1986-1998		Edgecombe Co., NC	
Whichard, Willis P.	1986-1998		Durham, NC	
Lake, Isaac Beverly, Jr.	1992, 1995-2001	2001-2006	Wake Co., NC	
Parker, Sarah	1993-2006	2006-2014	Mecklenburg Co., NC	
Orr, Robert F.	1995-2004		Mecklenburg Co., NC	
Martin, Mark D.	1998-2014	2015-present	South Carolina	
Wynn, James	1998		Martin Co., NC	
Freeman, Franklin Edward, Jr.	1999-2001		Surry Co., NC	
Edmunds, Robert Holt, Jr.	2001-2016		Danville, VA	
Butterfield, George Kenneth, Jr.	2001-2002		Wilson Co., NC	
Brady, Edward	2003-2011		New York	
Newby, Paul Martin	2004-present		Guilford Co., NC	
Timmons-Goodson, Patricia	2006-2012		South Carolina	
Hudson, Robin H.	2007-present		Georgia	
Jackson, Barbara	2011-present		San Jose, CA	
Beasley, Cheri	2012-present		Nashville, TN	
Ervin, Samuel James, IV	2015-present		Burke Co., NC	
Morgan, Michael	2017-present		Craven Co., NC	
Earls, Anita	2018-present			