

**Justice William Augustus Atlee**  
1735-1793

**Term**

April 16, 1777-August 17, 1791

**Education**

Studied law under Edward Shippen IV

**Professional Experience**

- Admitted to the Lancaster bar, August 3, 1758
- Clerk in the Recorder's Office, August 3, 1758
- Chief Burgess, Borough of Lancaster, September 15, 1770
- Chairman, Lancaster Committee of Safety, 1776
- Commissary and Superintendent of the Arsenal, Lancaster
- Supreme Executive Council appointed Atlee, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, August 16, 1777, took oath on September 1, 1777; reappointed August 9, 1784
- Member, Pennsylvania High Court of Errors and Appeals, commissioned November 20, 1780; president appointed, September 1, 1791-September 19, 1793
- Governor Thomas Mifflin appointed Atlee, President Judge, Second Circuit (Chester, Lancaster, York, Dauphin counties), August 17, 1791-September 19, 1793 (died in office)

**Sources**

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