

Chief Justice George W. Woodward

1809-1875

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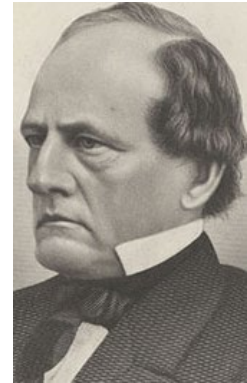
May 8, 1852-1868; Chief Justice, September 7, 1863-January 1868

Education

- Geneva Seminary (now Hobart College), N.Y.
- Studied law with Garrick Mallery, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Professional Experience

- Admitted to Luzerne County bar, August 1830
- Private Practice, 1830-1841
- President Judge, Fourth District (Huntington, Mifflin, Center, Clearfield, Centre counties), 1841-1851
- Unsuccessful Candidate for U.S. Senator, 1845
- President Polk nominated Woodward as Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, but not confirmed by Senate
- Governor William Bigler appointed Woodward, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, May 8, 1852; elected October 1852 to begin December 6, 1852
- Member, U.S. House of Representatives (40th and 41st Congress), November 21, 1867-March 3, 1871
- Private Practice, 1871-1875



Memberships and Associations

- Delegate, Pennsylvania Constitutional Conventions, 1837, 1873
- Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1868

Publications

- Address; Delivered on the Occasion of the Erection of a Monument to the Memory of F. R. Shunk, Late Gov. of Pennsylvania, at Trappe, Pa., July 4th, 1851 (1851)
- Laws and lawyers. An Address, Delivered before the Law Academy of Philadelphia. Wednesday evening, September 28th, 1859 (1859)
- Speech of Hon. George W. Woodward, Delivered at the Great Union Meeting, Held December 13th, 1860, in Independence Square, Philadelphia. [1860]
- Address of the Democratic State Central Committee: letter of Major Geo. A. Woodward. Letter of Judge Woodward [1863]
- Opinions of a Man Who Wishes to Be Governor of Pennsylvania [1863]
- Speech of Hon. George W. Woodward, Delivered at the Great Union Meeting in Independence Square, Philadelphia, December 13th, 1860: The Democratic Platform, Adopted by the State Convention at Harrisburg, on the 17th June, 1863 (1863)
- Opinion [In] Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company vs. Harlan and Henderson.
- The Philadelphia & Erie R.R. Co., et Al. Vs. The Catawissa R.R. Co., et Al.: Andrew Scott vs. The Atlantic & Gt. West. R.W. Co., et Al.: in the Supreme Court of Penna, Eastern District, January Term, 1866: Opinion of Court, and Decree [1866]
- Speech of Hon. George W. Woodward, of Pennsylvania, on the Debt and Currency of the Country; Delivered in the House of Representatives, January 18, 1868 (1868)

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Nomination to the Supreme Court. 121 Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog. 163 (1997); 2 David Brown, The Forum 134 (1856).