

## **Chief Justice James T. Mitchell**

1834-1915

### **Term**

January 7, 1889-1903; Chief Justice 1903-January 3, 1910

### **Education**

- Harvard College, 1855
- Studied law with George W. Biddle, Philadelphia

### **Professional Experience**

- Admitted to the Philadelphia bar, November 10, 1857
- Assistant City Solicitor, Philadelphia, 1859-1862
- Pennsylvania Militia, 1862-1863
- Private Practice, 1862-1871
- Elected Judge, District Court of Philadelphia, December 4, 1871
- Transferred to Court of Common Pleas No. 2 of Philadelphia County, 1875; re-elected in 1881
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas No. 2 of Philadelphia County, 1875-1888
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1888; sworn in December 18, 1888
- Prothonotary, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 1910-July 4, 1915

### **Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degree, Harvard University, 1901

### **Memberships and Associations**

- Editor-in-Chief, American Law Register, 1862-1887
- Librarian, Law Association of Philadelphia, 1865-1873
- Commissioner, Statutes at Large of Pennsylvania
- One of the Founders of Weekly Notes of Cases (Philadelphia court cases recompiled from the Legal Intelligencer)
- Senior Vice President, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, November 12, 1886 -July 4, 1915
- Sons of the Revolution
- Union League of Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati
- Overseer, Harvard University, 1905-1912

### **Publications**

- Books & Pamphlets
- Williams, Joshua. *Principles of the Law of Real Property: Intended as a First Book for the Use of Students in Conveyancing*. By Joshua Williams. 3rd American, from the 7th English Ed. (1866); 4th American, from the 9th English Ed. (1872); 5th American, from the 12th English Ed. (1879); 6th American Ed., with Notes and References (1886).
- The District Court of the City and County of Philadelphia: An Address Delivered at the Final Adjournment of the Court, January 4, 1875. (1875; 2d ed. 1899)
- Motions and Rules at Common Law, According to the Practice of the Courts of Philadelphia County: An Address Delivered Before the Law Academy of Philadelphia, May 15th, 1879 (1879)
- Fidelity to the Court and Client in Criminal Cases. Report of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association 168 (1899)
- John Marshall; An Address Delivered on John Marshall Day, February 4, 1901, upon the Invitation of the Law Association of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia and the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania (1901)
- The Law Association of Philadelphia; A Historical Address Delivered by Invitation at the Centennial Celebration of the Founding of the Association, March 13, 1902 (1902); reprinted as A Historical Address in The Law Association of Philadelphia: Addresses Delivered March 13, 1902 and Papers

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- Book Review (The National Almanac and Annual Record, for the year 1863). 11 Am. L. Reg. 448 (1863)
- Com. v. Holloway, [42 Pa. 446 (1862)]. 11 Am. L. Reg. 474 (1863)
- Legal Miscellany, 11 Am. L. Reg. 689 (1863)
- Book Review (General Law Catalogue of Robert Clarke). 12 Am. L. Reg. 128 (1863)
- Book Review (Michigan Reports Volume 11). 12 Am. L. Reg. 255 (1864)
- Agency: When Principal Not Responsible for Acts of Negligence of Agent, Annotated Case. [Painter v. City of Pittsburgh, 46 Pa. 213 (1863)]. 12 Am. L. Reg. 350 (1864)
- Book Review (Sewell, Practice in the Executive Department of the Government Under the Pension Bounty and Prize Laws of the United States). 12 Am. L. Reg. 445 (1864)
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- Book Review (Grant's Pa. Cases, Vol. 3). 12 Am. L. Reg. 511 (1864)
- Baltimore Fire Insurance Co. v. Loney, [20 Md. 20 (1863)]. 12 Am. L. Reg. 651 (1864)
- Book Review (Bemis, Precedents of American Neutrality). 12 Am. L. Reg. 703 (1864)
- Lockhart & Frew v. Lichtenthaler, [46 Pa. 151 (1863)]. 13 Am. L. Reg. 15 (1864)
- Frary et al. v. Booth et al., [37 Vt 48 (1865)]. 13 Am. L. Reg. 142 (1865)
- Limitation Effect of Death of Defendant before Cause of Action is Barred, Annotated Case [Penny v. Brice, 18 C.B. N.S. (1863)]. 13 Am. L. Reg. 433 (1865)
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