## Justice Allen M. Stearne

1882-1956

**Term** December 24, 1942-February 28, 1956

# Education

- Studied in law office of William Grew and Samuel Wakeling
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, LL.B., cum laude, 1905

## Professional Experience

- Admitted to Philadelphia bar, 1905
- Private practice, 1905-1927
- Governor John Fisher appointed Stearne, Judge, Orphans' Court of Philadelphia County, July 1, 1927
- Elected Judge, Orphans' Court of Philadelphia County, November 1927; re-elected November 1937
- Judge, Orphans' Court of Philadelphia County, July 1, 1927-January 1943
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1942
- Died in Office, February 28, 1956

## Honors and Awards

• Honorary LL.D. degree: Hahnemann Medical College, 1942; University of Pennsylvania, 1956

## **Memberships and Associations**

- American, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Bar Associations
- American Society for Political and Social Science
- Sons of the American Revolution
- Trustee, Frankford Hospital, 1918-1938; honorary trustee, 1938-1956
- Frankford-Torresdale Country Club
- Mason, 33d degree
- Siloam Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
- Frankford Commandery, Knights Templar
- President, Union League of Philadelphia
- Swedenborgian Society
- President of Trustees, Swedenborgian Church, Frankford

### Sources

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