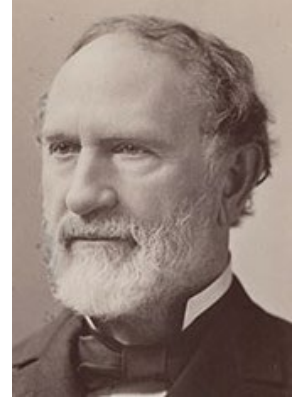


**Chief Justice Ulysses Mercur**  
1818-1887



**Term**

December 2, 1872-June 6, 1887; Chief Justice, January 1, 1883-June 6, 1887

**Education**

- Jefferson College, B.A., 1842
- Studied law under Thomas M. T. McKennan, Washington County; under Edward Overton, Towanda, Bradford County

**Professional Experience**

- Worked in store of older brother, 1834-1836
- Admitted to the Bradford County bar, September 4, 1843
- Private Practice, 1845-1861
- Governor Andrew Curtin appointed Mercur, President Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Bradford and Susquehanna Counties), March 19, 1861; Elected October 1861 To Full Term
- Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Bradford and Susquehanna Counties), 1861-March 4, 1865
- Elected to House of Representatives, U.S. Congress, (39<sup>th</sup>-42<sup>nd</sup>) March 4, 1865-December 2, 1872
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, October 1872
- Died in Office, June 6, 1887

**Honors and Awards**

- Honorary LL.D. degree: Jefferson College, 1879

**Memberships and Associations**

- Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1856

**Publications**

- Rules for the Regulation of the Practice in the Several Courts Within the Thirteenth Judicial District of Pennsylvania: Adopted at April and May Terms, 1862 (1862)
- Speech of Hon. Ulysses Mercur, of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives, February 16, 1867 (1867)
- True Basis of a Restored Representation: Whoever is Protected by the Ample Folds of Our Flag Must Love Its Stars or Feel Its Stripes (1867)
- Apportionment of representatives to Congress. (To accompany Bill H.R. No. 2687.) January 10, 1871 (1871)
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