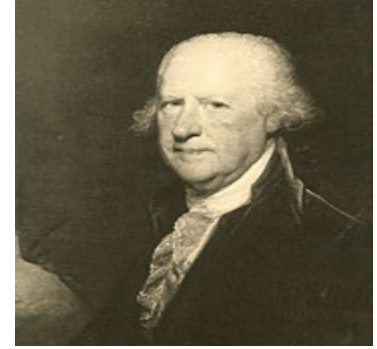


Chief Justice Edward Shippen IV
1729-1805



Term

January 31, 1791-1805; Chief Justice, December 18, 1799-December 31, 1805

Education

- Studied law under Tench Francis, 1746-1748
- Middle Temple, London, 1748-1750, graduated as Utter Barrister

Professional Experience

- Admitted to the Chester County bar, 1748; Philadelphia bar, 1748; Supreme Court, September 1750
- Judge, Admiralty Court of Pennsylvania, November 22, 1752
- Justice of the Peace, Philadelphia County, 1756
- Member, Common Council of Philadelphia, October 7, 1755
- Elected Town Clerk and Clerk of Court, May 27, 1758-1776
- Prothonotary, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, September 24, 1765
- Member, Provincial Council, December 12, 1770-1775
- Supreme Executive Council appointed Shippen, President Judge, Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia, May 1, 1784-1790
- Supreme Executive Council appointed Shippen, Judge, High Court of Errors and Appeals, September 16, 1784, started September 21, 1784-April 13, 1791; appointed April 13, 1791-1806
- Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Orphans' Court, Philadelphia County, March 18, 1785-1786
- Justice of the Dock Ward, Philadelphia, October 3, 1786-November 20, 1786
- President, Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Oyer and Terminer, October 4, 1785-November 20, 1786
- Governor Thomas McKean appointed Shippen, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 29, 1791-1799
- Governor Thomas McKean appointed Shippen, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, December 18, 1799
- Pennsylvania Senate failed to impeach Justices Shippen, Yeates, and Smith, January 28, 1805
- Resigned from Office, December 31, 1805

Honors and Awards

- Honorary LL.D. degree: University of Pennsylvania 1790

Memberships and Associations

- Trustee, College and Academy of Philadelphia, 1758-1776
- Treasurer, University of Pennsylvania, 1764-1765
- Trustee, University of Pennsylvania, 1790-1806
- American Philosophical Society

Publications

- The Trial and Acquittal of Edward Shippen, Chief Justice, and Jasper Yeates and Thomas Smith, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, on an Impeachment before the Senate of Pennsylvania in 1805 (1806?)

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