

Chief Justice D. Newlin Fell

1840-1919



Term

1893-1910; Chief Justice, January 1, 1910-January 5, 1915

Education

- State Normal School at Millersville, 1862
- Studied law with brother, William W. Fell in Philadelphia

Professional Experience

- Lieutenant, Company E, 122nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Civil War, 1862-1863
- First Lieutenant, Company D, 31st Pennsylvania Military Regiment, July-August 1863
- Admitted to the Philadelphia bar, March 16, 1866
- Private Practice, 1866-1877; with Alfred Moore, 1874-1877
- Member, Philadelphia City Councils (20th Ward), 1876
- Governor John Hartranft appointed Fell, Judge, Court of Common Pleas No. 2 of Philadelphia, May 3, 1877; elected November 1877 and re-elected November 1887
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas No. 2 of Philadelphia County, May 3, 1877-1893; presided over first Liquor License Court under the Brooks Law, 1888-1891
- Elected Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, November 1893
- Retired on January 5, 1915

Honors and Awards

- LL.D. degree: Swarthmore College, 1911

Memberships and Associations

- Grand Army of the Republic, Post 2
- Senior Vice Commander and Judge Advocate-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania
- Society of Friends
- Union League

Sources

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