

HISTORY OF THE SUPREME COURT.

How and When It Was First Formed—Justices Who Have Held Office.

The Supreme Court of Illinois was created by the Constitution of 1818, and at first consisted of one Chief Justice and three Associate

Justices, who were selected by joint ballot of the General Assembly and commissioned to the Governor.

From 1818 until Dec. 29, 1824, the Justices were obliged to hold Circuit Courts in the various counties, and during that time the following were appointed Justices, each new appointment after the first four signifying the expiration of the term of office or resignation of a previously appointed Justice. Occasionally one who resigned was reappointed again within a few months, and this will account for the apparent duplication of names:

Justices	Date of appointment
Joseph Phillips	Oct. 8, 1818
Thomas C. Brown	Oct. 8, 1818
William P. Foster	Oct. 2, 1818
John Reynolds	Oct. 8, 1818
William Wilson	July 1, 1819
Thomas Reynolds	Aug. 21, 1822

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The election of four more Justices, and the number has remained at seven ever since. Following are those who have been elected since that date:

Justices	Date of election
Anthony Thornton	July 2, 1820
John B. Scott	July 2, 1822
Benjamin B. Stoddard	July 2, 1820
William S. McAllister	July 2, 1822
John Scholfield	June 4, 1823
Alfred M. Craig	June 4, 1823
T. Lytle Dickey	Dec. 21, 1829
David J. Baker	June 29, 1838
John H. Hulkey	June 2, 1870
J. G. Thompson	Feb. 10, 1865
Simon P. Shobe	June 12, 1885
Benjamin D. Magruder	July 22, 1885
Jacob W. Wilkin	June 4, 1885
Joseph M. Bailey	June 4, 1905

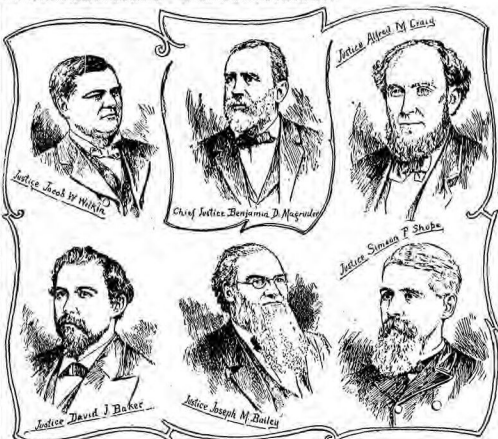
Those whose names are repeated in the list in most cases resigned, but later accepted the appointment or were reelected.

List of Chief Justices.

Justices	Date of election to chief office
Phillips	1818
Hayabusa	1822
Wilson	1825
Trent	1829
Scott	1831
Caton	1830
Walker	1834
Brown	1837
Lawrence	1838
Breece	1841
Walker	1841
Scott	1845
Stoddard	1849
Scholfield	1850
Magruder	1851

The Supreme Court at present has but six members, Justice John Scholfield having died within the last week. Following are the present Justices:

Benjamin D. Magruder, Chicago, Chief Justice; David J. Baker, Cairo; Jacob W. Wilkin, Danville; Simon P. Shobe, Lovettown; Alfred M. Craig, Gillesburg; and Joseph M. Bailey, Freeport.



and Court Judge was appointed to assist in the work, and another was added Jan. 21, 1825.

From 1824 to 1830 the Supreme Court appointments were as follows:

Justices	Date of appointment
Samuel D. Lockwood	June 17, 1825
Thompson W. Smith	Jan. 19, 1828

Increased to Nine.

There were no more appointments until 1841, when the court was increased to nine members, and the Justices were again required to perform Circuit Court duties. From



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then until 1848, when the court was reduced to three members, relieved of Circuit Court work, and given a nine-year term of office, placing them beyond the power of partisan legislators, there were many changes, the appointments being as follows:

Justices	Date of appointment
Henry Brown	Feb. 10, 1841
Walter H. Scott	Feb. 10, 1841
Stephen A. Douglas	Feb. 19, 1841
Theophilus W. Smith	Feb. 10, 1841
Samuel H. Trent	Feb. 10, 1841
Thomas Ford	Feb. 19, 1841
John D. Catron	Aug. 27, 1843
James Scovel	Aug. 27, 1843
Henry M. Young	Feb. 8, 1851
John H. Hulkey	March 8, 1853
John D. Catron	May 2, 1843
Jose H. Thomas	Aug. 8, 1843
Benjamin B. Stoddard	Aug. 19, 1843
Gustavus P. Koerner	April 5, 1845
Norman H. Purden	Aug. 8, 1845
William A. Dunning	Jan. 15, 1847
Jose H. Thomas	Jan. 21, 1847

The first election for Supreme Court Justices under the Constitution of 1848 was held Sept. 4, 1848, and Samuel H. Trent, John D.