

HISTORY OF THE SUPREME COURT.

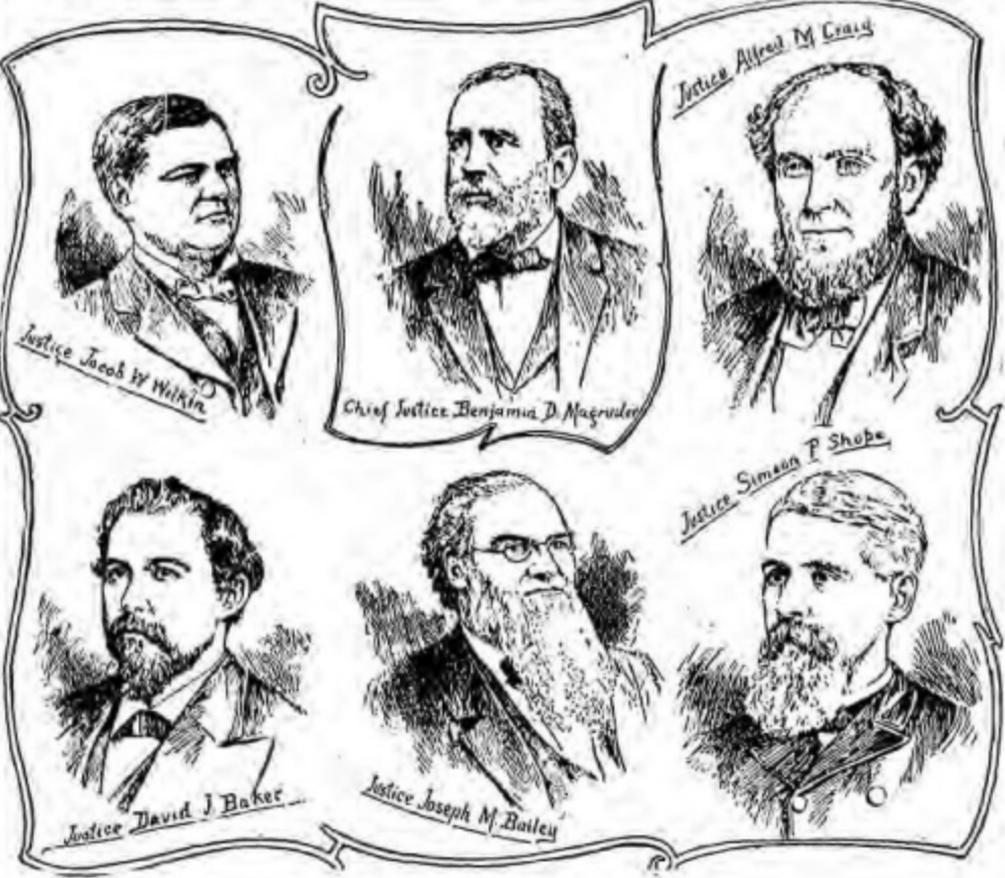
How and When It Was First Formed—Justices Who Have Held Office—The Supreme Court of Illinois was created by the Constitution of 1818, and at first consisted of one Chief Justice and three Associate

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: 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, 1817; Thomas Reynolds, Aug. 21, 1822.
 Dec. 29, 1824, the Legislature relieved the Supreme Court Justices of Circuit Court duties, and for a little over two years the members of the higher court had a comparatively easy time of it. Jan. 17, 1827, however, they were again given Circuit Court duties to perform, and were not again relieved of them until Jan. 7, 1845, although Jan. 8, 1829, a Circuit Court Judge was appointed to assist in the work, and another was added Jan. 21, 1831.
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Caton, and Lyman Trumbull were elected. The first two were on the bench at the time the election was held, so Lyman Trumbull was the only new man. From the adoption of the Constitution of 1818 until the court was increased from three to seven members under the Constitution of 1870 the following were the Justices elected:

Justices	Date of election.
Lyman Trumbull	Sept. 4, 1818
Walter H. Scates	July 4, 1818
David C. Skilton	Jan. 8, 1825
Frederic H. Walker	July 2, 1825
Corban Buckwith	Jan. 8, 1831
Charles B. Lawrence	June 8, 1834
Byrdon Hesse	June 8, 1837

The Constitution of July 2, 1870, called for



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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, 1870
John B. Scott	July 2, 1872
Benjamin B. Stoddard	July 2, 1870
William S. McAllister	July 2, 1870
John Scholfield	June 4, 1873
Alfred M. Craig	June 4, 1873
T. Lytle Dickey	Dec. 21, 1879
David J. Baker	June 29, 1883
John H. Mulkey	June 2, 1879
J. G. Trumbull	Feb. 10, 1885
Simon P. Shope	June 12, 1885
Benjamin D. Magruder	July 22, 1885
Jacob W. Wilkin	June 4, 1885
Joseph M. Bailey	June 4, 1885

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

List of Chief Justices.

Phillips <th>1818</th> <th>Craig <th>1873</th> </th>	1818	Craig <th>1873</th>	1873
Hayashi	1822	Walker	1879
Wilson	1825	Dickey	1879
Trent	1827	Craig	1883
Scates	1831	Scott	1885
Caton	1830	Stoddard	1885
Walker	1834	Scholfield	1885
Brown	1837	Mulkey	1885
Lawrence	1838	Scott	1885
Brown	1841	Stoddard	1887
Walker	1841	Craig	1887
Scott	1845	Shope	1887
Stoddard	1849	Scholfield	1890
Scholfield	1847	Magruder	1891

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. Shope, Lovington; Alfred M. Craig, Gillesburg; and Joseph M. Bailey, Freeport.

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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 legislatures, there were many changes, the appointments being as follows:

Justices	Date of appointment.
Samuel H. Brown	Feb. 10, 1841
Walter H. Scates	Feb. 10, 1841
Stephen A. Douglas	Feb. 19, 1841
Thomsellus W. Smith	Feb. 10, 1841
Samuel H. Brown	Feb. 10, 1841
Thomas Ford	Feb. 19, 1841
John D. Catron	Aug. 27, 1843
James Scovel	Jan. 10, 1843
Simon P. Shope	Feb. 8, 1843
John H. Mulkey	March 4, 1843
John D. Catron	May 2, 1843
Joseph B. Thomas	Aug. 8, 1843
Joseph B. Thomas	Aug. 19, 1843
Gustavus P. Koerner	April 5, 1843
Norman H. Purden	Aug. 8, 1845
William A. Dunning	Jan. 15, 1844
John D. Catron	Jan. 21, 1844

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