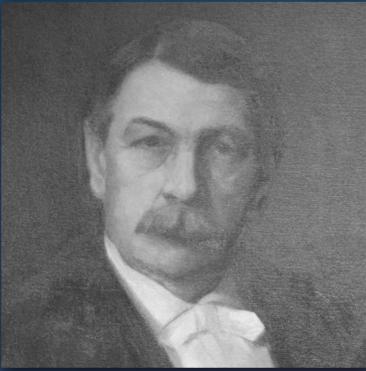




225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Addison Brown

Born:

February 21, 1830
West Newbury, MA

Received Commission:

October 14, 1881

Died:

April 9, 1913
New York, NY

The ancestors of Addison Brown were some of the earliest settlers in Massachusetts, and he came from a noted family of lawyers. His early education was privately obtained, and he then attended Amherst College and Harvard College, graduating from the latter in 1852. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1854, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1855. For the next twenty-six years, Judge Brown practiced law in New York City with several different law firms, as a member of two of them.

Brown was appointed as a United States District Court judge for the Southern District of New York by President Garfield while the Senate was in recess. He was reappointed by President Arthurs later in 1881 and was then confirmed by the Senate. Judge Brown remained on the District Court for 20 years, during which he gained a reputation as a respected, hard-working, and extremely knowledgeable judge in bankruptcy, extradition, and admiralty law.

Judge Brown had a lifelong interest in science, specifically astronomy and botany. He was widely recognized as an authority on botany, and was a founder of the New York Botanical Garden as well as co-author of *An Illustrated Flora of the Northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. (See Bibliography)

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