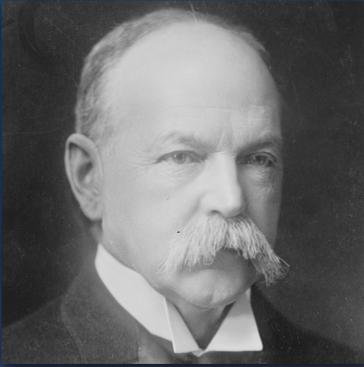




225th Anniversary
1789-2014



George Chandler Holt

Born:

December 31, 1843
Mexico, NY

Received Commission:

March 3, 1903

Died:

January 26, 1931
Nice, France

George Chandler Holt was the son of Dr. Hiram Holt, a Connecticut physician, and Marian Chandler Holt. His ancestors were among the original settlers of Woodstock, CT. His early studies took place in Worcester, MA, and he graduated from Yale in 1866. Judge Holt later attended Columbia Law School, graduating in 1869.

Between 1869 and 1898, Judge Holt had a private law practice in New York City. He then became a referee in bankruptcy in the S.D.N.Y., and was considered an authority on tariff and bankruptcy law. He also was involved in municipal politics. In 1899, his name was put forth as an anti-Tammany candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court.

Judge Holt was appointed to the District Court in 1903, and served until he retired on January 16, 1914. During his years on the bench, he lectured at Columbia University on Federal jurisprudence, and at Cornell University on admiralty. In addition, Yale conferred upon him an honorary L.L.D. in June of 1904.

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