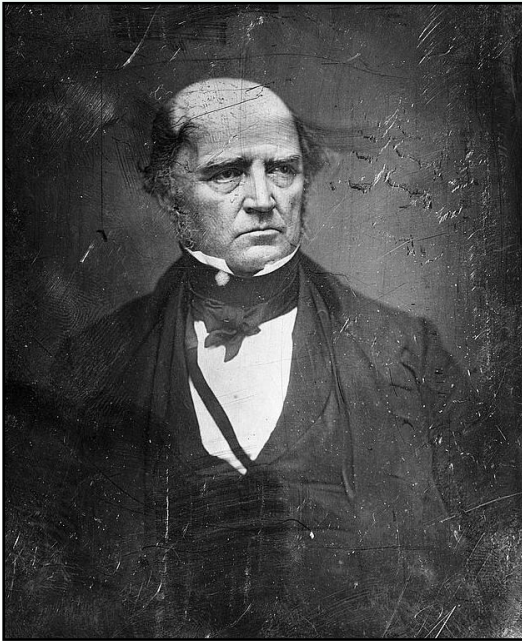


U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICES FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

Levi Woodbury
1789–1851



Associate Justice, 1845–51
Appointed by President James Polk

Justice Woodbury was from Francestown, New Hampshire. Before joining the Supreme Court, he served as governor of New Hampshire, U.S. secretary of the Navy and the Treasury, and as a U.S. senator. Although Woodbury thought slavery was wrong, he also believed that it was protected by the U.S. Constitution.

David Souter
1937–2025



Associate Justice, 1990–2009
Appointed by President George H.W. Bush

Justice Souter was from Weare, New Hampshire, and he attended Concord High School. He served on the N.H. Supreme Court and as the state's attorney general before being appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. He believed that change should come incrementally, or in small steps over time.

Three other U.S. Supreme Court justices were born in New Hampshire, but they spent most of their careers living in other states. They were **Nathan Clifford** (1803–81), who was born in Rumney; **Salmon P. Chase** (1808–73), who was born in Cornish and served as chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; and **Harlan Fiske Stone** (1872–1946), who was born in Chesterfield and also served as chief justice.



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