

Justice William Bradford, Jr.
1755-1795

Term

August 20, 1791-January 8, 1794

Education

- Princeton College, A.B., 1772, M.A., 1775
- Read law under Edward Shippen IV, 1779
- University of Pennsylvania, A.M. (honorary), 1781



Professional Experience

- American Revolution, 1776-April 1, 1779 (Private, 1776; Captain, 1776-April 10, 1777; Colonel, April 10, 1777-April 1, 1779)
- Admitted to Pennsylvania Supreme Court, March 1779; Philadelphia bar, about 1774; Delaware County bar, 1790
- Attorney General, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1780-1791
- Governor Thomas Mifflin appointed Bradford, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, August 20, 1791
- Bradford, Justice, Pennsylvania High Court of Errors and Appeals, April 20, 1791-August 23, 1795
- President George Washington appointed Bradford, Attorney General of the U.S., January 28, 1794-1795
- Commissioner, Western Pennsylvania Rebellion, August 8, 1794-September 3, 1794
- Died in Office as Attorney General, August 23, 1795

Memberships and Associations

- Ex Officio Member, Board of Trustees, University of Pennsylvania, 1780-1791
- American Philosophical Society, 1785

Publications

- An Inquiry how far the Punishment of Death is Necessary in Pennsylvania (1793)

Sources

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