

Justice Thomas Smith

1745-1809

Term

January 31, 1794-March 31, 1809

Education

- University of Edinburgh
- Studied law, Bedford, Pa., 1769

Professional Experience

- Deputy Surveyor, Bedford, Pa., February 1769
- Admitted to the Bedford County bar, 1772
- Prothonotary, Clerk and Recorder of the Court, Bedford County, February 27, 1773-March 21, 1777
- Deputy Register of Wills, May 1, 1773
- Justice of the Peace, Bedford County, May 3, 1774
- Member, Committee of Correspondence, Bedford County, May 1775
- Colonel, Second Battalion of Bedford County Associators, 1776
- Delegate to Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, 1776
- Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 1776-1780
- Colonel, of the First Battalion, 1779
- Delegate, U.S. Continental Congress, 1781-1782
- Private Practice, 1783-1791
- Governor Thomas Mifflin appointed Smith, Judge, 4th Judicial Circuit (Cumberland, Franklin, Bedford, Huntingdon, and Mifflin counties), August 20, 1791-January 31, 1794
- Governor Thomas Mifflin appointed Smith, Judge, Pennsylvania High Court of Errors and Appeals, February 3, 1794-1806
- Governor Thomas Mifflin appointed Smith, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 31, 1794
- Pennsylvania Senate failed to impeach Justices Shippen, Yeates, and Smith, January 28, 1805
- Died in Office, March 31, 1809

Memberships and Associations

- St. Andrew's Society, non-resident member, 1791; member, 1794; First Vice-President, 1805
- Philadelphia and Loganian Libraries, December 8, 1794

Publications

- Report of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, of the English Statutes Which Are in Force in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: and of Those of the Said Statutes Which, in Their Opinion, Ought to be Incorporated into the Statute Law of the Said Commonwealth (1809)

Sources

1 Binney iii; Smith, Thomas, Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, <https://bioguideretro.congress.gov/Home/MemberDetails?memIndex=S000616>; Burton Alva Konkle, The Life and Times of Thomas Smith, 1745-1809 (1904); Thomas Smith (judge Pennsylvania), Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Smith_\(Pennsylvania_judge\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Smith_(Pennsylvania_judge));