

HENRY DE LAMAR CLAYTON, 1857-1929  
JUDGE, MIDDLE & NORTHERN DISTRICTS OF ALABAMA, 1914-1929

Henry De Lamar Clayton was born in Barbour County, Alabama, the son of a noted Major General of the Confederate Army and President of the University of Alabama, for whom he was named. He graduated from the University of Alabama in law in 1878 and began his practice in Eufaula. He served in the Alabama Legislature in 1890-1891 and as United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama in the years 1893-1896.



In 1897, Henry Clayton was elected to Congress from Alabama, and he was re-elected seven times, serving from May 1897 to May 1914. At the latter date, he was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to become Judge of the Middle and Northern Districts of Alabama, succeeding Thomas Goode Jones, who had died in office. Judge Clayton served for fifteen years, until his death in 1929.

(Portrait of Henry DeLamar Clayton by an unknown artist, circa 1920.)