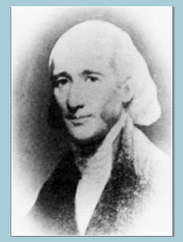
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

1789
David Brearley named first district judge.

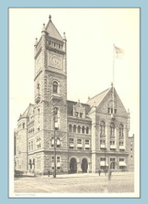


Dec 20 1790
Judge Robert Morris confirmed to replace Judge Brearley.

1844
District Court permanently moves to Trenton.

1852
Goodyear v. Day - Daniel Webster successfully defends patent for vulcanized rubber.

1878
First N.J. federal courthouse opens in Trenton.



1896
Newark's first federal courthouse opens.

1920
In Feigenspan v. Bodine, Judge John Rellstab upholds constitutionality of Prohibition.

1926
Court terms are authorized in Camden.

1931
First U.S. probation officer, Edgar Dobbins, officially named.

1936
New courthouse opens in Trenton.

1938
Judge Guy Fake sends Lady Justice statue to museum in Washington.

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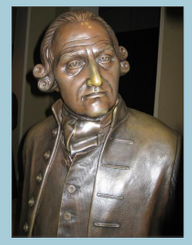
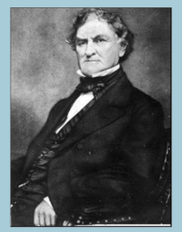
Dec 22 1789
Judge Brearley convenes first court session.



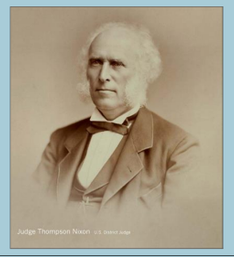
1815
William Pennington appointed to federal bench.



1830
Bonaparte v. Camden tests eminent domain.

1854
The Confederate schooner Etta is condemned in U.S. v. The Etta.

1870
Judge John Nixon protects black suffrage in U.S. v. Souders.



1886
D.N.J. borrows Judges William Butler and Leonard Wales from neighboring districts.

1905
Second judgeship authorized - Hon. Joseph Cross.

1928
Dipping vanilla ice cream in chocolate is found not patentable in Eskimo Pie v. Levous.

1929
John Boyd Davis is the first judge assigned to Camden.

1930
Judge William Clark finds 18th Amendment unconstitutional.

1933
New federal courthouses open in Newark and Camden, left.

1937
Schlitz v. Krueger - Newark's Krueger Brewery owns "Taste Tells" trademark.