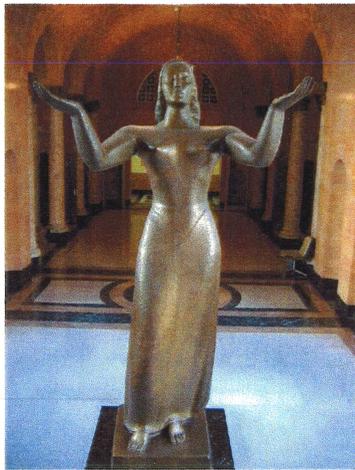


**Child Labor by Tanner Clark**

This mural was created for the **Newark Courthouse** and was originally intended for installation in a courtroom on the third floor. Chief Judge Guy Fake found it inappropriate and potentially prejudicial to jurors and did not allow it to be installed. Unfortunately it was eventually destroyed.



**Lady Justice– Romould Kraus**

This sculpture also found disfavor with Judge Fake and was removed from his courtroom. It then embarked on a national tour of famous museums and the World's Fair where it won first prize and national acclaim as an outstanding piece of art. It eventually returned to the courthouse and currently resides on the third floor of the **Newark Lautenberg** courthouse.

“I have a boundless admiration for the extraordinary talent and commitment of the judges of this Court whose respect and friendship I cherish as little else, and for the members of our Court family. As all of those before us, during the proud history of this second oldest District Court in the Nation, we are but temporary custodians of its traditions and authority. And the living institution that is the Court has afforded each of us that rare privilege most often denied to others, to reach beyond ourselves in service.”

Chief Judge John F. Gerry



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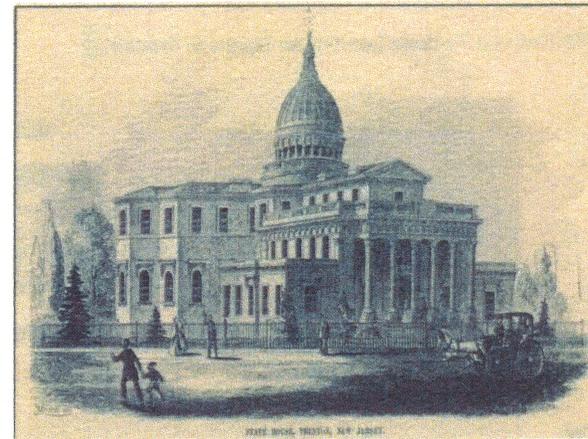
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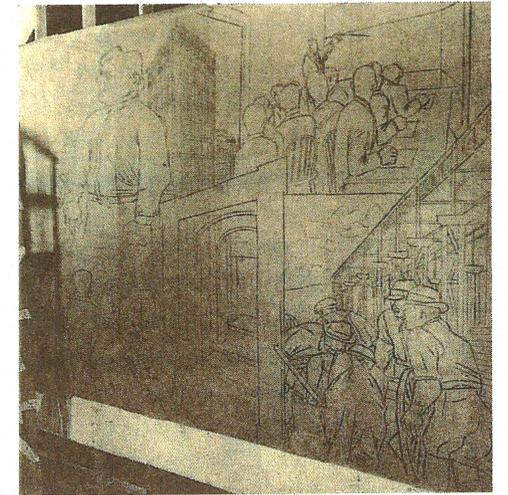
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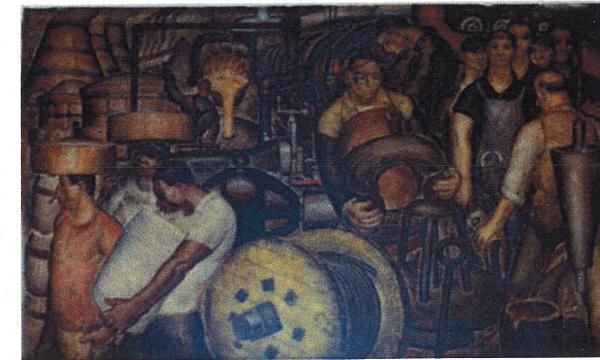
**First Place Of Holding Court In Trenton  
State House**

**Garrett E. Brown, Chief Judge  
William T. Walsh, Clerk of Court**



**Ben Shahn Sinopia from the Roosevelt Mural**

This sinopia(cartoon underdrawing for the mural) hangs in the **Camden Courthouse** in the William Lipkin Gallery. The original mural was a WPA project which Ben Shahn painted for an elementary school library in Roosevelt, NJ, in 1937, depicting aspects of immigration and the American textile industry.



**Progress of Industry-Charles Ward**

Charles Ward created the first of the WPA's best known series of murals for post offices around the country. In 1935, he made history when he executed the first Post Office mural under the Public Works of Art Project, "Progress of Industry" for the **Trenton Post Office and Courthouse**.

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1789-David Brearley Named First District Judge

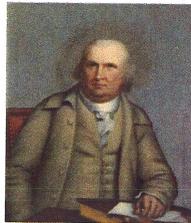


1789-Judge Brearley Convenes First Court Session

1815-William Pennington Appointed to Federal Bench



1790-Judge Robert Morris Confirmed To Replace Brearley



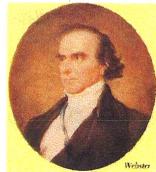
1844-District Court Permanently Moves To Trenton



1830-Bonaparte v. Camden Tests Eminent Domain



1852-Goodyear v. Day Daniel Webster Successfully Defends Patent For Vulcanized Rubber



1938-Judge Guy Fake Sends Lady Justice Statue To Museum In Washington

1905-Second Judgeship Authorized - Hon. Joseph Cross



1896-Newark's First Federal Courthouse

1961-Judge Anthony T. Augelli Is First Foreign Born Judge In The District



1933-New Federal Courthouses In Newark And Camden



1929-John Boyd Davis - First Judge Assigned To Camden



1930-Judge William Clark Finds 18th Amendment Unconstitutional



1985-Judge Joseph Rodriguez First Hispanic American Appointed To The District



1970 -Michael Keller, Jr. Named First Magistrate In The District

1984-Judge Vincent Commisa Becomes First Chief Judge Of NJ Bankruptcy Court



1979-Judge Anne E. Thompson First African American And First Female Appointed To The District



1936-New Courthouse Opens In Trenton



1948-Judge Guy Fake Becomes First Chief Judge



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