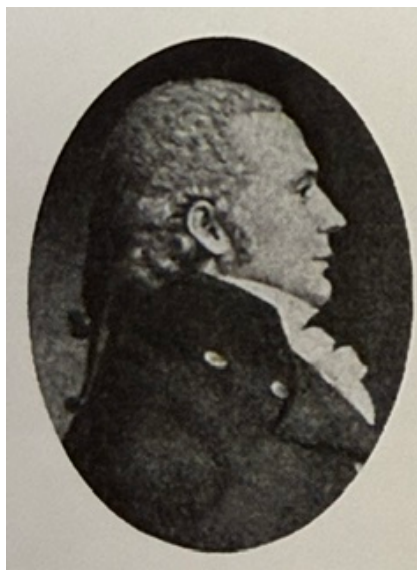




Samuel Caldwell

Clerk of Court: 1789-1798

Samuel Caldwell was appointed in 1789 to be the first Clerk of Court of what was then the United States District Court for the District of Pennsylvania. He was appointed by the first judge of the Court, the Honorable Francis Hopkinson pursuant to authority granted to Judge Hopkinson under the Judiciary Act.¹ He simultaneously served as the Clerk of the Court for what was then known as the United States Circuit Court for the Middle Circuit.

Caldwell served as Clerk of the Court for a period of nine years, until 1798, serving during the tenure of Judge Francis Hopkinson.

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Biographical Material

Appointment of Samuel Caldwell as the first Clerk of the Court, dated October 6, 1789, signed by Judge Francis Hopkinson.

¹ Judiciary Act of 1789, ch. 20, 1 Stat. 75; copy of appointment document of Samuel Caldwell as Clerk, signed by Judge Hopkinson, dated October 6, 1789.

Francis Thompson Esquire, Judge of the District Court
in Maryland,

To tell whom it may concern

That known that by the Authority on me vested by an Act of the
United States of America entitled "an Act to establish the Judicial Courts
of the United States, I have appointed, the said Francis Thompson Esquire, Clerk of the District Court in
the City of Philadelphia, Esquire, Clerk of the District Court in
the City of Philadelphia, and the said Court in the said Districts and the
County of Maryland, that the said Francis Thompson Esquire, hath taken before me the oath
of office.

Given the security required by the said Act of the United States -

W. G. M. under my Hand and Seal at Philadelphia, this sixth Day of
November the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine -

Wm. Thompson

instrument of
Samuel Caldwell
attorney of the District of Columbia
County
in and for the District of
Columbia

Oct. 6. 1887

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