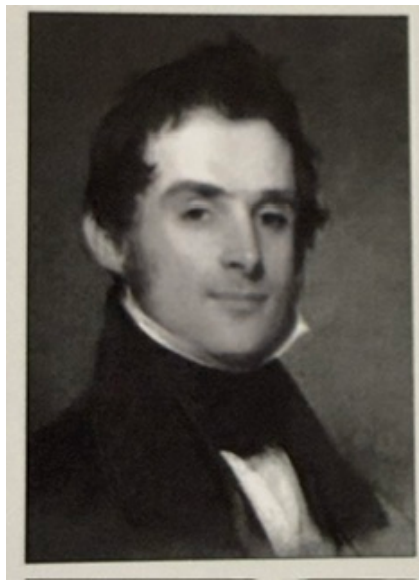




Francis Hopkinson

Born: July 20, 1796 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Died: June 2, 1870 in Bordentown, New Jersey

Clerk of Court: 1831-1847

Francis Hopkinson, the third Clerk of Court, was the grandson of Judge Francis Hopkinson, the first judge of the Court. He was the second son of Judge Joseph Hopkinson, the fourth judge of the Court.

He was appointed to the position in 1831, following the retirement of David Caldwell. His father, Judge Joseph Hopkinson, who was then serving on the Court, appointed him to the Clerk of Court position. During the first part of the nineteenth century, nepotism in government employment practice was not prohibited.

He studied law under Horace Binney, a Philadelphia lawyer, author and public speaker who served in the United States House of Representatives.

Hopkinson died in 1870 at the age of 74 in Bordentown, New Jersey.