

John Drayton, 1766-1822

1766 Born to William Henry Drayton and Dorothy Golightly at Drayton Hall Plantation in St. Andrews Parish

1779 Attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University)

ca. 1779-1785 Studied law at the Inner Temple in England

ca. 1788 Admitted to the South Carolina Bar

1792-1798 Represented St. Philip and St. Michael parishes for three non-consecutive terms

ca. 1794 Served as captain of the Charleston Cadet Infantry

1794 Married Hester Rose Tidyman, daughter of Philip Tidyman, with whom he had seven children

1794 Published *Letters Written During a Tour through the Northern and Eastern States*

1798 Elected lieutenant governor of South Carolina

Jan. 1800 Served as interim governor of South Carolina upon the death of Edward Rutledge

Dec. 1800 Elected governor of South Carolina

1801-1802 Served as president of the Board of the South Carolina College

1802 Published *A View of South Carolina, as Respects Her Natural and Civil Concerns*

1803-1804 Served as the 13th intendant of the City of Charleston

1805-1808 Represented St. Philip and St. Michael parishes in the South Carolina Senate

1807 Received an honorary doctorate from the South Carolina College, which he helped found during his earlier term as governor

Dec. 1808 Elected to a third non-consecutive term as governor of South Carolina

1812 Appointed by President James Madison to serve as a U.S. judge for the District of South Carolina

1821 Published his father's *Memoirs of the American Revolution*

Nov. 1822 Death and burial at the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke and Saint Paul

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