

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 <i>Letters Written During a Tour through the Northern and Eastern States</i>
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 <i>A View of South Carolina, as Respects Her Natural and Civil Concerns</i>
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 <i>Memoirs of the American Revolution</i>
Nov. 1822	Death and burial at the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke and Saint Paul

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