

Henry William DeSaussure, 1763-1839

- 1763 Born to Daniel DeSaussure and Mary McPherson in Pocotaligo, S.C.
- 1780 Defended Charleston against British forces during the Revolutionary War and was imprisoned on the British prison ship, the *Schooner Pack Horse*
- 1781 Joined his family in Philadelphia after his father's release from exile in St. Augustine
- 1784 Studied law under Jared Ingersoll and gained admittance to the Pennsylvania Bar
- 1785 Married Elizabeth Ford (d. 1821) and returned to Charleston where he gained admittance to the South Carolina Bar
- 1790 Served as a delegate the S.C. Constitutional Convention
- 1791-1801 Represented St. Philip's and St. Michael's parishes in the S.C. General Assembly for four non-consecutive terms
- 1795 Selected by George Washington to lead the United States Mint where he served as director for four months
- 1797-1799 Served two terms as intendant of the City of Charleston
- 1803 Acted as a principal investor in the establishment of then-Federalist newspaper, the *Charleston Courier*
- 1806-1808 Represented St. Paul's Parish in the S.C. General Assembly
- 1808 Elected judge of the S.C. Court of Equity
- 1824-1837 Served as chancellor of the S.C. Court of Appeals in Equity
- 1839 Death and burial at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C.

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