



PAINE, ELIJAH (born in Williamstown, Vermont, April 10, 1796 ; died in New York City, October 6, 1858), was the son of Honorable Elijah Paine, the Vermont jurist and United States senator. Having been graduated from Harvard College in 1814, he prosecuted his law studies at Litchfield, Connecticut, and was presently engaged in the compilation of law reports. Becoming a partner of Henry Wheaton, he assisted in the preparation of the twelve volumes of the latter's "Reports of the United States Supreme Court from 1816 till 1827." He is the author of Paine's "United States Circuit Reports" (New York, 1827), and issued two volumes of "Practice in Civil Actions and Proceedings in the State of New York" (1830), in conjunction with the well-known John Duer.

For three years, from 1850 to 1853, he was a justice of the Supreme Court of New York City, and as such distinguished himself by his able decision in the famous Lemmon slave case.

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