

## RETIREMENT OF MR. JUSTICE HOLMES.

ORDER OF JANUARY 13, 1932.

*It is ordered* by this Court that the accompanying correspondence between members of the Court and Mr. Justice Holmes, upon his retirement as an Associate Justice of the Court, be this day spread upon the record, and that it also be printed in the reports of the Court.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,

*Washington, D. C., January 12, 1932.*

DEAR JUSTICE HOLMES: We can not permit your long association in the work of the Court to end without expressing our keen sense of loss and our warm affection. Your judicial service of over forty-nine years—twenty years in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and twenty-nine years upon this bench—has a unique distinction in uninterrupted effectiveness and exceptional quality. Your profound learning and philosophic outlook have found expression in opinions which have become classic, enriching the literature of the law as well as its substance. With a most conscientious exactness in the performance of every duty, you have brought to our collaboration in difficult tasks a personal charm and a freedom and independence of spirit which have been a constant refreshment. While we are losing the privilege of daily companionship, the most precious memories of your unflinching kindness and generous nature abide with us, and these memories will ever be one of the choicest traditions of the Court.

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Deeply regretting the necessity for your retirement, we trust that—relieved of the burden which had become too heavy—you may have a renewal of vigor and that you may find satisfaction in your abundant resources of intellectual enjoyment.

Affectionately yours,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.  
WILLIS VAN DEVANTER.  
JAMES C. McREYNOLDS.  
LOUIS D. BRANDEIS.  
GEORGE SUTHERLAND.  
PIERCE BUTLER.  
HARLAN F. STONE.  
OWEN J. ROBERTS.

MR. JUSTICE HOLMES.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Washington, D. C., January 12, 1932.*

MY DEAR BRETHREN: You must let me call you so once more. Your more than kind, your generous, letter touches me to the bottom of my heart. The long and intimate association with men who so command my respect and admiration could not but fix my affection as well. For such little time as may be left for me I shall treasure it as adding gold to the sunset.

Affectionately yours,

O. W. HOLMES.

The CHIEF JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICES  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

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The letter of resignation and the President's reply were as follows:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Washington, D. C., January 12, 1932.*

MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the provision of the Judicial Code as amended Section 260, Title 28 United States Code 375, I tender my resignation as Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. The condition of my health makes it a duty to break off connections that I cannot leave without deep regret after the affectionate relations of many years and the absorbing interests that have filled my life. But the time has come and I bow to the inevitable. I have nothing but kindness to remember from you and from my brethren. My last word should be one of grateful thanks.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

HON. HERBERT HOOVER.

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, January 12, 1932.*

HON. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES,  
*Supreme Court of the United States,*  
*Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. JUSTICE: I am in receipt of your letter of January 12th tendering your resignation from the Supreme Court of the United States. I must, of course, accept it.

No appreciation I could express would even feebly represent the gratitude of the American people for your whole life of wonderful public service, from the time you were an officer in the Civil War to this day—near your ninety-first anniversary. I know of no American retiring from public service with such a sense of affection and devotion of the whole people.

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The first part of the book is devoted to the early history of the United States, from the discovery of the continent by Christopher Columbus in 1492 to the establishment of the first permanent settlements. This section covers the exploration of the New World, the struggles of the early colonists, and the growth of the colonies. It also discusses the impact of the American Revolution and the formation of the new nation.

The second part of the book deals with the expansion of the United States across the continent. It covers the westward movement of settlers, the discovery of gold in California, and the acquisition of new territories. This section also examines the role of the federal government in managing the expansion and the conflicts that arose between different groups of settlers.

The final part of the book focuses on the Reconstruction era and the subsequent decades. It discusses the challenges of rebuilding the South after the Civil War, the rise of the Ku Klux Klan, and the struggle for civil rights. This section also covers the industrial revolution, the Progressive Era, and the early 20th-century reforms.