

JOHN DEAN – CHRONOLOGY

- 16 Aug 1813 Born Deansboro, Oneida County, NY
- 1832 Graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
- 1832-1849 Practiced law in Oneida County, NY
- 1847-1848 Elected as a Democrat to the New York State legislature
- 1850 Moved his law practice to New York City
- 1851 Opened a second office in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY
- 1852 Became acquainted with Henry Ward Beecher, minister of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn.
- 1856 Elected president of the Republican organization for the Eastern District of Brooklyn
- 1858-1861 Struggles to keep his law practice afloat following the Panic of 1857 resulted in the loss of his investments and many of his clients as businesses failed
- 1860 Severe illness followed by a lengthy recovery results in the loss of his law practice
- Aug 1861 Writes to his college classmate, John C. Underwood (5th Auditor of the Treasury) for assistance in obtaining a position in Washington, DC
- 18 Mar 1862 Arrives in Washington to personally lobby for a position in the Treasury Department
- 22 May 1862 Admitted to practice law before the District Circuit Court
- 22 May 1862 Appeared before the Commissioners of the Fugitive Slave Law to defend Stephen (last name unknown) claimed by Charles H. Hill of Prince George's County
- 22 May 1862 Took up the case of Wilson Copeland, a fugitive who was in uniform and attached to the 76th New York regiment
- 23 May 1862 Came to the aid of Alethia Lynch who had been jailed but removed from the jail by the Provost Guard
- 2 Jun 1862 Took up the case of Caroline Slater who had earned her freedom by the Emancipation Act that took effect on April 16, 1862
- 18 Jun 1862 Sworn in as a \$1,500-a-year clerk in the Office of Commissioner of Customs, Treasury Department
- 13 Jun 1862 Appeared as counsel for John and William Jackson, claimed by Dennis Duvall of Prince George's County, MD
- Jul 1862 Sponsored contraband Joseph Brooks and sent him to his family in New York to find employment and learn to read and write
- 1862-1863 Spent his spare time visiting sick and wounded soldiers from the New York regiments, began attending meetings of the National Freedman's Relief Association and visiting contrabands at Duff Green's Row to monitor their condition
- Mar 1863 Lobbied unsuccessfully for promotion to 5th Auditor, Treasury Department on John C. Underwood's appointment to a judgeship
- 4 May 1863 Drafted a petition for Daniel Breed on behalf of the numerous fugitive slaves being held in the jail
- 10 May 1863 Appeared, together with John Jolliffe, as counsel for Andrew Hall claimed by George W. Duvall of Prince Georges County, MD
- 23 May 1863 DC Supreme Court discharges Andrew Hall who immediately enlists in the U.S. Army

- 4 Jun 1863 An altercation with the Duvall family results in an indictment against Dean and Jolliffe of obstruction of the Fugitive Slave Law. Ward Lewis, a well-known colored caterer provides Dean's bail.
- Aug 1863 On leave in New York to visit his family
- 16 Oct 1863 Succumbs to a bout of pneumonia and is interred in Congressional Cemetery on the 17th