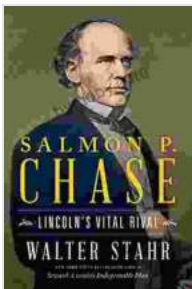
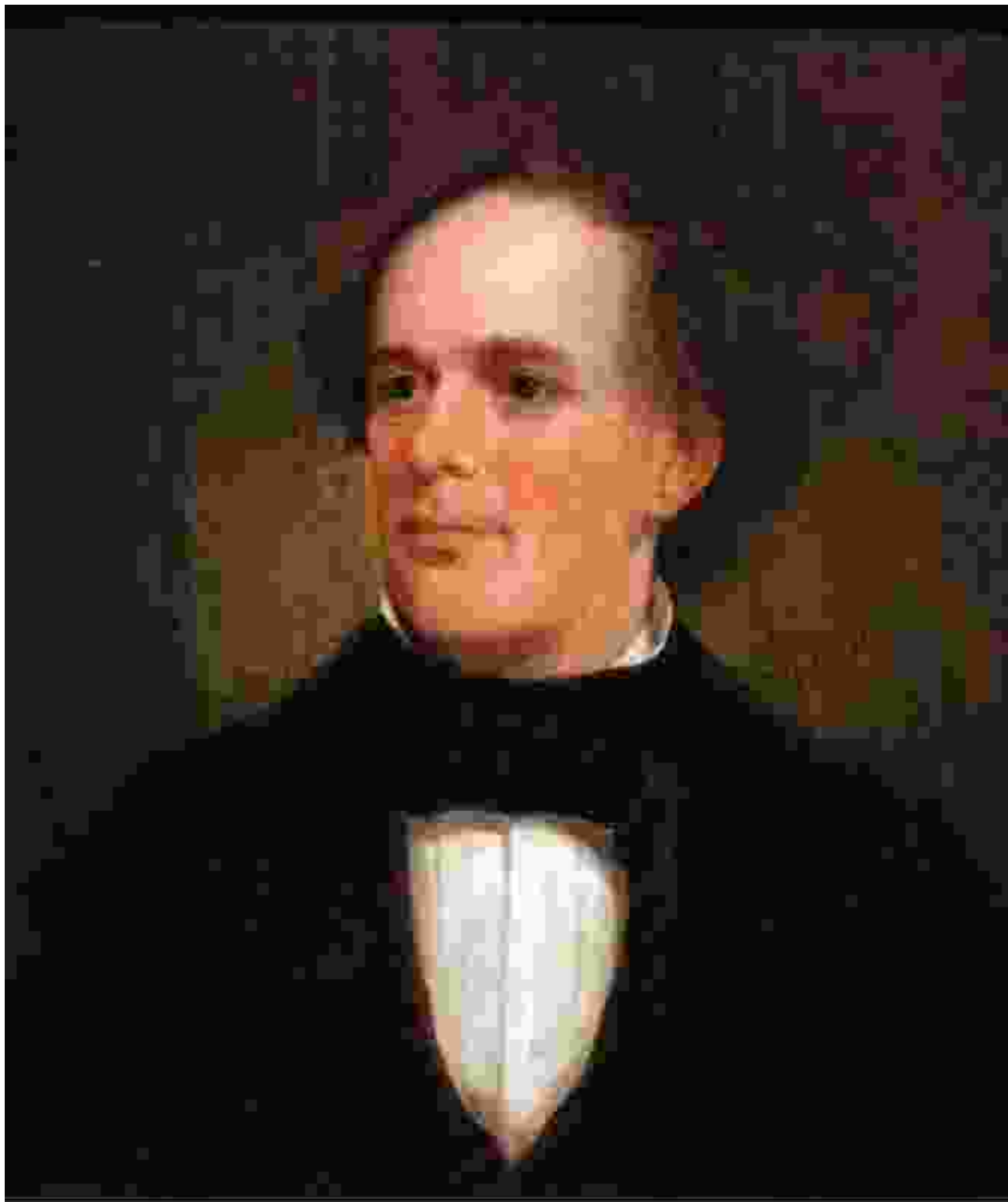


# Salmon Chase: Lincoln's Vital Rival



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Salmon Chase was a prominent American politician of the 19th century. He served as Secretary of the Treasury under President Abraham Lincoln and later as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Chase was a complex and ambitious man who played a significant role in shaping the course of American history.

## **Early Life and Career**

Chase was born in Cornish, New Hampshire, on January 13, 1808. His father was a farmer and his mother was a schoolteacher. Chase attended Dartmouth College and graduated in 1826. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1830.

Chase began his political career in Ohio. He served in the state legislature and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1849. Chase was a strong opponent of slavery and was a leader of the Free Soil Party. In 1856, he was nominated for president by the Republican Party, but he lost to James Buchanan.

## **Secretary of the Treasury**

In 1861, Chase was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Abraham Lincoln. Chase played a key role in financing the Union war effort during the Civil War. He created the national banking system, which helped to stabilize the economy and provide funding for the war. Chase also

issued the first greenbacks, which were the first paper money issued by the federal government.

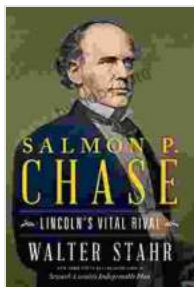
## Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

After the Civil War, Chase was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by President Andrew Johnson. Chase served as Chief Justice for eight years, from 1864 to 1873. During his tenure, he wrote some of the most important decisions in American history, including the decision in the Dred Scott case, which held that slaves were not citizens of the United States.

## Later Life and Legacy

Chase retired from the Supreme Court in 1873. He returned to Ohio and practiced law until his death in 1873. Chase is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history. He was a strong advocate for equality and justice, and he played a key role in shaping the course of American history.

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