

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

DISTRICT COURT  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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The March 26, 1970, Special Term of the District Court of Washington County for the Tenth Judicial District, State of Minnesota, is now in session. Judges John F. Thoreen and Robert Bakke presiding.

It is with deep sorrow that this court announces the sudden and untimely death of James B. Bancroft, clerk of this court, on the night of March 22–23 of this year. The entire bench of this district, together with other officials of this court, join in paying tribute at this time to Mr. Bancroft.

For the past five years he has served this court efficiently and in a businesslike manner. He was at all times courteous and pleasant, both with the public and with his associates. He must share in the credit of disposing of the large backlog of cases pending a few years ago in this court and in bringing the trial calendar of this court to its present current status. He will be missed by all of us.

We wish to extend our sympathy to his wife and children and direct that a copy of these proceedings be prepared and forwarded to them.

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His obituary in the local newspaper noted his memberships in community organizations:

“Mr. Bancroft was a lifelong resident of Stillwater; he was associated for a number of years with the Stillwater Hardware Company and for the last six years was Clerk of District Court for Washington County. He was a member of the Elks, American Legion, VFW, Lions and the Stillwater Country Club.”

*Stillwater Evening Gazette*, March 23, 1970, at 1.