

# **Memorial**

**For**

## **Elijah Barton**

**(May 25, 1855 - December 27, 1938)**

**Hennepin County Bar Association  
District Court  
Fourth Judicial District  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**February 11, 1939**

## Elijah Barton

On the 27th day of December 1938, Elijah Barton, a member of this Bar, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Adeline B. Dudley, at Yakima, Washington. Mr. Barton was born on the 25th day of May, 1855, in Fulton County, Pennsylvania. He was a son of Baltzer Enid Barton and Nancy J. Chilcote Barton. He was one of a family of 10 children, four of whom moved to and for many years resided in Minnesota. He lived in Fulton County until he became of age and then removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he studied law for some time and later attended and graduated from the law school at Ann Arbor, Michigan. The late Congressman, Charles Lindbergh, was a member of the class to which Mr. Barton belonged at Ann Arbor and they were good friends.

After moving to Minneapolis he took a post-graduate course in law at the University Minnesota. He was admitted to the Bar of this State November 26th, 1883, and continued in active practice in the City of Minneapolis until the Summer of 1938.

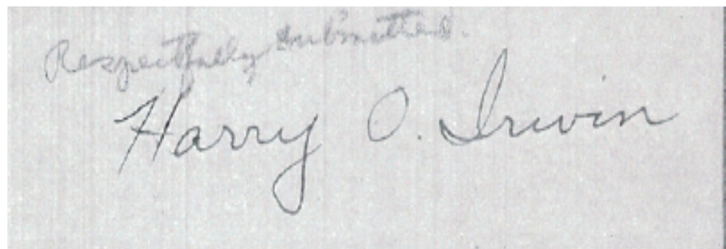
He was married July 29th, 1884, to Ella Louise Austin, also of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Barton died some years ago at Minneapolis where they resided since shortly after their marriage. He is survived by a brother, Humphrey Barton, until recently a practicing attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, and two sisters, Adeline B. Dudley and Mrs. Malinda B. Watt, both whom reside in Yakima, Washington.

Mr. Barton was a Democrat in politics and during several campaigns was very active and served as chairman of the County committee several times. He was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney in the first administration of President Wilson.

He was a member and officer in the First Presbyterian Church of this City and was honored on three occasions by being elected by the Presbytery of Minneapolis as a Commissioner to the General Assembly to the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A.

As a lawyer, he was conscientious, careful and diligent. He was a well-read lawyer with a broad and accurate knowledge of the law. He was untiring in the interests of his clients, sound and practical in his advice. His preparation of his cases was thorough and exhaustive, and he was a successful practitioner whose arguments commanded attention and respect. He was a man of quiet and studious habits. He formed many friendships which he greatly enjoyed. He was highly respected in the profession for his ability, his high ethical standards and his genial character.

He lived long and well and served his generation with fidelity and was an honor to his profession and was an exemplary citizen. He has come to his “grave in the full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.”

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Respectfully Submitted, Harry O. Irwin". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored.

### Afterword

Elijah Barton’s memorial and others delivered on February 11, 1939, were published in a local legal newspaper. A copy of the following notice is part of his memorial file at the Minnesota Historical Society:

#### Bar Memorial Service.

Memorial services were held Saturday, February 11, 1939, at the Special Term of the District Court in Court Room No. 1 presided over by the full bench of Judges. The large audience attending was composed of many practicing attorney of Minneapolis, several federal district judges, supreme court justices and friends of those members of the Hennepin County Bar who passed away during the year and in whose honor the services were held. Following are reproduced the obituaries as read and filed in the office of the Clerk of the District

Court. They will appear here, one each day in alphabetical order, until all of those filed have been published.



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