

In

Memoriam

Robert Fawell

(May 29, 1889 – March 5, 1937)

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

Robert Fawell

We have a beautiful custom of meeting annually to pay our respects to our departed brethren.

The Grim Reaper pays no attention to age or station. No man knoweth when or where he will strike — never can know — and the greatest admonishment ever given to human kind is, be ready.

Robert Fawell was of English birth, and first saw the light at Otley, England, May 29, 1889, and went to his last sleep March 5, 1937, in the very bloom of life. He was of fine physique, courtly bearing, a scholarly man. He passed his life among us from the age of two years, so his education was wholly American, and as soon as he was of age became a citizen. His schooling was ample, reaching the degree of bachelor of arts following which he received the law degree from the University of South Dakota in 1925, practiced law in that state six years, and then sought the larger field in Minneapolis, where he was active in his profession till his sudden death from a heart affection. He leaves behind to mourn his untimely passing his widow (nee' Berthe Sheffield) whom he married in 1915, and four children. But he also leaves behind a host of friends, the result of an agreeable personality and honorable dealings.

He loved his profession, that profession which present propaganda seems to belittle the importance of in our political economy. That is done either from a want of knowledge or a perversion of our history. To its everlasting glory it was the legal profession that fathered independence, and but for it there would have been no Constitution. It always has been for liberty, against tyranny, and is the safety valve of Democracy.

He loved the legal profession, he loved his adopted country, and he loved her Constitution so much he forswore allegiance to the land of his birth, and became one of our own as to the manor born. He was for that Constitution, never against it, and represented the best type of American citizenship.

This is neither encomium nor eulogy, but a simple statement of facts set down by a brother lawyer who knew him well, but a rich memory is left behind by an able lawyer, high minded and worthy, Robert Fawell.

Charles A. Dalby

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MLHP: The date this Memorial was delivered is not known, but it likely was in 1937.

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