

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

DISTRICT COURT
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMORIAL
BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
TO THE LATE FRANK T. WILSON

TO THE HONORABLE ALFRED P. STOLBERG
JUDGE OF THE ABOVE NAMED COURT:

The Honorable Frank T. Wilson passed away at his home in Stillwater, Minnesota, February 14, 1935. He was born in Sinclairville, New York, September 6, 1856. He graduated from the schools there and later from Cornell University with a degree of Bachelor of Science. He came to Stillwater in 1881, studied law and was admitted to practice October 10, 1882. Following a year of law practice, he accepted an offer as instructor of science in the high school and later became Superintendent of the Stillwater schools. He was an exponent of many modern educational methods which are now in general use. He made manual training one of the courses at the high school, and his work in the field of visional education won him a medal recognition at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. He was in charge of the Minnesota Educational Exhibit at that fair.

In 1897, he became Judge of Probate of Washington County and held that office for ten years, during part of which time he was President of the State Association of Probate Judges and helped to initiate laws affecting probate practice. After his tenure as Probate Judge, he resume private practice and was so engaged up to his retirement in 1932.

Besides being a lawyer of recognized ability and integrity, Judge Wilson engaged in many other activities. He took particular joy in working for civic improvement. He was Executive Secretary of the Booster Club, which is now the Stillwater Association. He aided in organizing the Auditorium Company, which built the Auditorium in 1905. He was a leader in organizing the Stillwater Market Company. For several years he was connected with the Extension Division of the University of Minnesota and was much in demand as a speaker on the subject of Cooperative Marketing. He became Executive Secretary and attorney of the Washington County Building-Loan Association and helped it to an important place in the progress of the city. He was a member of the charter commission which drew up the present charter of Stillwater. He also assisted in securing the Carnegie Library for Stillwater and the sit upon which it is now located. He also aided in securing the present armory. He was one of the organizers of the Boy Scouts in Stillwater in 1911. When the Stillwater City Park Board was first organized in 1916, he was named a member, later to become

chairman, which office he held until his retirement. He was extremely active in park affairs and beautification of the city.

Judge Wilson loved Stillwater. Without thought of compensation for himself, he did an immense amount of work with the idea of making Stillwater a better place in which to live, a more beautiful city, a place where people could be more neighborly and friendly, where children could have better education and higher ideals. His life was so filled with labor for others that there was very little for the betterment of Stillwater during his life here that has not been, in part at least, a monument to his memory.

Due to ill health, Judge Wilson had to retire some months ago. Although confined much of the time and sometimes suffering considerable pain, he was cheerful and ever thoughtful of others, even in his helplessness.

He leaves surviving him his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Frederick G. Tyron of Washington, D. C.; five sons, Chester of Stillwater, Robert of San Fernando, California, Donald of Bayport, Philip of Lexington, Kentucky, and Henry M. of Cromwell, Minnesota.

After his death, the organizations of the city have eulogized Judge Wilson as having been one of its best and finest citizens. It is entirely fitting that we join with the citizens of Stillwater and of Washington County in paying our tribute to the Honorable Frank T. Wilson, not only as a lawyer and a jurist, but as a civic leader and as a friend and a man in the finest sense of the word.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned committee appointed by this Court to present on behalf of the Washington County Bar Association a memorial in honor of the said Honorable Frank T. Wilson, respectfully present the foregoing to this Court for its consideration and pray that the same maybe adopted and spread upon the records of this Court in respectful memory of our departed friend, and that a copy o hereof be sent by the Clerk to the members of the family who mourn his passing.

Dated at Stillwater, Minnesota, this 11th day of March, 1936.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Karl G. Neumeier _____

By /s/ P. M. Lindbloom _____

By /s/ Edward Thelen _____

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