

MEMORIAL

EZRA JOSEPH GROVER

(December 28, 1871- February 4, 1935)

**LATE OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS,
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN AND
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
1935**

Ezra J. Grover was born in the City of Menomonie, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 28th day of December, 1871. His parents were James Grover and Mary C. Grover.

He attended the common schools in Menomonie, and, at the age of fifteen years, graduated with full honors from the High School, and, following that, for several years taught in the country schools of that community.

At the age of twenty-four years, he entered the University of Minnesota, graduating from that institution with the degree of L. L. B. in the year 1896. He was thereafter, and immediately, admitted to the Bar of the State of Minnesota, and thereupon took up residence and engaged in the practice of Law in the City of East Grand Forks, in this State, associated and conducting law offices under the firm name of Grover and Macey. During the first year of his practice he was elected City Attorney of East Grand Forks, holding that office for a period of two terms and resigning therefrom at the close of his second term. His partnership with Mr. Macey was then dissolved and Mr. Grover went into the Western country, but soon, and thereafter, returned to Minnesota and again engaged in the practice of his profession in this State with offices in the Flour Exchange Building, Minneapolis. At the end of about seven years thereafter he was obliged to retire from the active practice and removed to the State of Montana, devoting such time as he could afford in the then promising industry of Oil. He returned, to Minneapolis in 1924, but was never able to regain his strength and health so as to be able to actively engage in the practice of law.

Mr. Grover was married, and the father of three sons. The youngest son, Mervin, lost his life in an aeroplane accident while preparing himself to enter and engage in the late World War. He leaves surviving him his wife, Margaret J. Grover, and two sons, Lewis Grover and Horace J. Grover.

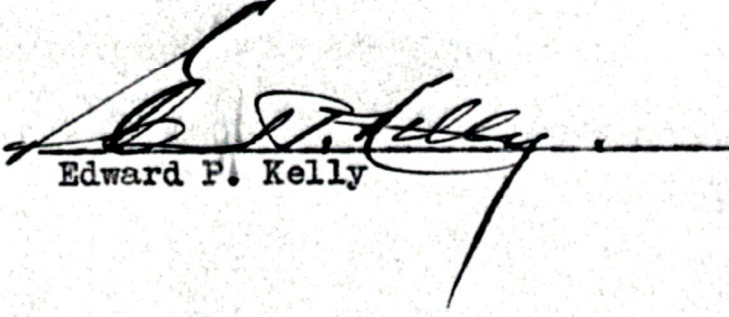
Mr. Grover departed this life at St. Mary's Hospital, Minneapolis, on the 4th day of February, 1935, at the age of 64 years.

The writer came to know Mr. Grover during the years of his active practice in the Law, and particularly remembers him as counsel in connection with litigation in which the Chamber of Commerce was interested. This work took him into the adjoining States and in which he engaged in the trial of many, many, closely and vigorously tried lawsuits. To a certain extent he specialized in that class of litigation incident to the business and purpose of the Chamber of Commerce, and during that period of struggle between the Chamber of Commerce and the then called. "Equity Grain", Mr. Grover often engaged and was heard on the platform and in public places on behalf and in the defense of the Chamber of Commerce.

In politics, Mr. Grover was a Republican. He was a 32nd degree Mason, going up to his degrees by way of both the Scottish Rite and the York Rite, and was a Shriner.

Physically, he was a giant, standing six feet and one inch in height, and weighing approximately 280 pounds, a most genial personality - happy and cheerful at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances. In fact, his whole make-up

and philosophy of life radiated sunshine and happiness everywhere. In addition to his school education, he was widely read and well informed, and should be, as he was, classed as a man of learning and intelligence, vigorous always in the prosecution of his work, steadfast and loyal to his clients under all circumstances.

Respectfully submitted

Edward P. Kelly

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Afterword

Grover was admitted to the bar on October 30, 1896. His address was listed as East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Roll of Attorneys, Supreme Court, State of Minnesota, 1858-1970 41 (Minnesota Digital Library).

The College of Law Alumni Directory, 1889-1915, has this entry:

Ezra Joseph Grover, LL. B., 96; Lawyer.
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Alumni of the College of Law, 1889-1915 255 (online).

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