

MEMORIAL

FOR

RALSTON J. MARKOE

(1854 – 1927)

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

April 7, 1928

## M E M O R I A L

To the Honorable Judges of the District Court  
of Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Ralston J. Markoe was born at Nemahbin Cottage, near Delafield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, March 21, 1854, and was the son of William and Maria Dorsey (Cox) Markoe. His father was then the Episcopal Rector of the Church of St. John Chrysostom, which is now the College of St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin. His mother was a daughter of James Cox, President of Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company of Philadelphia. He came to St. Paul with his parents in 1856. He received his early education in a preparatory school in St. Paul taught by his father and during 1868 and 1869 he attended preparatory school and college in France, where he resided with his parents and family. In 1870 he returned to St. Paul and then attended St. John's College, Collegeville, Minnesota. He read law in the office of Lorenzo Allis, Judge Cory and Mr. Beale for several years and was admitted to practice law in Minnesota on October 13, 1882. He maintained a law office for many years at 44-45-46 Gilfillan Block. At one time he had an office on the southwest corner of Fourth and Robert Street, in St. Paul, with Mr. Mickle, then a young attorney.

Later a taste for engineering, probably inherited from his father, who helped to survey the pioneer Sumner & Erie Railway line, led him to the study and practice of civil and hydraulic engineering. Under the direction of Maj. Allen he assisted in running one of the preliminary railroad lines in Montana. He continued to practice engineering up to the time of his death.

He was the author of two books entitled "Impressions of a

Laymen” and “Startling Statements.”

He organized and was commissioned first captain of “The St. Paul Cavalry Troop” on June 2, 1885, in which he followed the foot steps of his great grandfather, Abram Markoe, first captain of the “First City Troop of Philadelphia” in 1775, whose standard designed and presented by him, and still preserved in their armory, has the unique distinction of being considered by many to be the first flag in history to use the Thirteen Stripes to symbolize the thirteen Colonies. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Ralston J. Markoe died on December 27, 1927. He was a member of the Catholic Church and a devout man.

His interests were broad and varied and his mind was kept wholesome by association with nature. He was a loyal and patriotic citizen and although somewhat retiring in his private life, he had a circle of friends who found him genial, unselfish and lovable.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paul Jackson, Chairman

/s/ William Foulke

/s/ Bruce W. Sanborn

/s/ Wm. T. Hunt

/s/ Leonard A. Straight

/s/ A. E. Horn

/s/ Milton P. Firestone

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