

MEMORIAL SERVICES

**FOR DECEASED MEMBERS
RAMSEY COUNTY BAR**

**HELD AT THE
COURTHOUSE, MARCH 27, 1937**



THIS PAMPHLET COURTESY SAINT PAUL LEGAL LEDGER

Judge Hugo: Hanft: A year has passed since last we met in this room upon a similar occasion, another year of momentous import to State and Nation as well as Bench and Bar, so closely associated.

It is fitting that at stated times Bench and Bar cease their labors to pay tribute to the memory of those of their associates whose voices in the halls of justice have been sealed forever. This is the day set apart by the judges of the district court for such memorial exercises, and all matters upon special term are passed for one week

Mr. Ryan, as president of the Ramsey Bar Association, if you kindly report the names of the members deceased during the past year, together with the members of the committee who have been appointed to prepare the memorials.

Mr. Ryan: (Reads as requested) and moves the memorials be read upon the minutes.

Memorials to the following were presented:

Francis Buchanan Tiffany
Henry B. Wenzell
Frederic A. Pike
Stiles W. Burr
Morton Barrows
Frank Ford
Frederick Boyd Phillips

Judge Hanft: The judges of this court concur with the sentiment expressed in the various memorials. The motion of the President of the Bar Association is granted. The clerk is instructed to spread these memorials upon the minutes of this court, and to furnish copies thereof to the families of various deceased.

As a further token of respect to the memory of those of our brethren who have departed this mundane sphere, this court now stands adjourned without date.

Memorial to FRANCIS BUCHANAN TIFFANY, presented by the Ramsey County Bar Association to the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota, at a special term of the Court held on Saturday, March 27, 1937.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

On behalf of the Bar of Ramsey County, the following memorial to Francis Buchanan Tiffany is respectfully submitted:

Francis Buchanan Tiffany was of New England parentage and his boyhood days and early life were spent in the East.

He was born in Springfield., Massachusetts, on April 26, 1855. His father was a distinguished Unitarian Minister, the Reverend Francis Tiffany. His mother was Esther Brown

After attending grammar and preparatory school, he studied for a short time in Germany and then entered Harvard University, from which he graduated with a Bachelor Arts degree in the year 1877.

Upon his graduation, he determined to study law, and matriculated in the Harvard Law School, from which he received a Bachelor of Laws degree in the year 1880. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in the year 1881, and began the practice of the law in Boston in that year. He remained in active practice in Boston until 1887, when he came to St. Paul, where he remained until his death. He was married to Nina Moore on October 16, 1889.

His first associate in St. Paul was Mr. Henry B. Wenzel, for many years the Minnesota Supreme Court reporter. Thereafter he became associated with Mr. Wade Hampton under the firm name of Yardley & Tiffany, and continued in the active practice of the law until Mr. Tiffany retired from active practice in 1930.

Mr. Tiffany was truly a student of the law. He delighted in original research work and in the exploration of legal fields, new or old. He was profound and thorough in all that he did. For several years he was a

member of the American Law Institute and took a keen interest in the work of that body. He was recognized by the bar as a legal author of ability. In 1893, he wrote a text book on the subject of "Death by Wrongful Act." In 1895, he wrote a text book entitled "Hand Book of the Law Of Sales," followed in 1903 by "Hand Book of the Law of Principal and Agent" and in 1912 "Hand Book of the Law of Banks and Banking." He was the author of "Tiffany's Form Book."

Mr. Tiffany annotated the General Statutes of 1894, which were compiled by his associate, Mr. Henry B. Wenzel. In 1912, he was retained by the Minnesota Statutes Compilation Commission, as editor of the Minnesota General Statutes 1913. He also compiled the 1917 supplement to the General Statutes of Minnesota.

While modest and retiring by nature, he was at the same time much interested in civic matters and was unusually well informed, on all public affairs. In 1906, at the insistence of many of his friends, and rather against his own inclinations he became a candidate for the Council of the City of St. Paul and was elected as Alderman for the Seventh Ward, which position he held in the years 1906 and 1907.

Deeply and sincerely interested in legal subjects and legal education, and feeling that there was need for a night school taught by lawyers in active practice, it was natural that Mr. Tiffany should have been one of a group of earnest men to organize the St. Paul College of Law. That school was founded in 1900 and Mr. Tiffany then became a member of the faculty and so remained for almost thirty years. In 1916, he became the Secretary of the Law School, which position he held until he retired from active practice in 1930.

Respected by all who came in contact with him his character and attributes impressed themselves upon the school and upon its students. His influence and the high standard set by him are in large measure responsible for the enviable position now held by the St. Paul College of Law.

There are many members of this bar who were fortunate enough to have

studied under him. They remember his sincerity, his complete mastery of the subject taught by him, his kindly patience, his thorough and learned presentation.

His students respected him, admired him, venerated him. He was never too busy to help them and assist them in their problems. With that kindly smile of his and showing the deepest sympathy, he inspired confidence.

He was a man of the highest integrity, exemplified the finest ideals of the profession and was regarded by all who came in contact with him with respect and affection.

For more than thirty years, he had been an active member of the Unity Church of St. Paul, and during that period of time, he held various positions of responsibility in the church.

Mr. Tiffany died in this City on the 25th day of October, 1936, survived by his widow, Nina M. Tiffany, their daughter, Esther Allison Tiffany, and a brother, Walter C. Tiffany, who resides in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Tiffany's memory will long be cherished; his influence will long be felt.

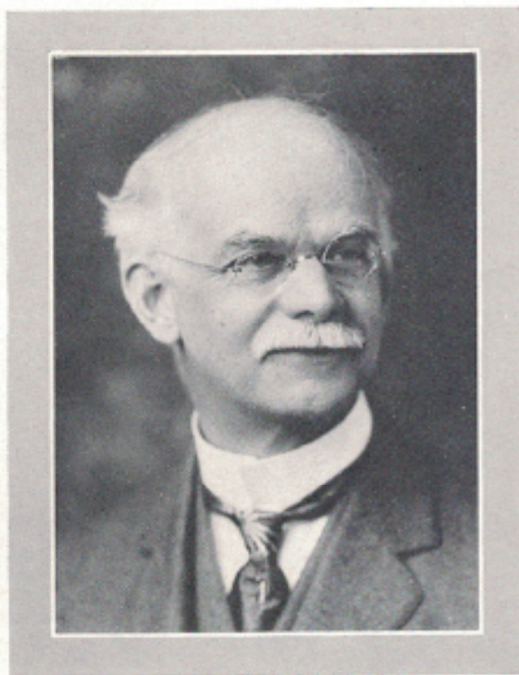
Respectfully submitted,
JUDGE OSCAR HALLAM,
W. H. GURNEE,
JAMES C. OTIS, Chairman.

Memorial to HENRY B. WENZELL, presented by the Ramsey County Bar Association to the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota, at a special term of the Court held on Saturday, March 27, 1937.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

On behalf of the Bar of Ramsey County, the following memorial to Henry B. Wenzell is respectfully submitted:

In concluding an introductory note to the 59th volume of *Minnesota Reports* Charles C. Willson wrote, "I have resigned my labors as reporter close with this my twelfth volume." That was in 1896. With the



HENRY B. WENZELL
ST. PAUL.
LAWYER, SUPREME COURT REPORTER (1895—).

60th volume Henry B. Wenzell began his notable career extending over a period of thirty-seven years as Reporter for the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota. He resigned in 1931 at the age of 78, having reported and edited 123 volumes comprising approximately 20,000 decided cases. Under an earlier practice these would be known as the Wenzell Reports.

Henry Burleigh Wetzell was born in Newton, Massachusetts, on April 21, 1853. He attended the Cambridge High School and was graduated from Harvard College with the class of 1875. After three years of travel in Europe and study at the Universities of Leipzig and Goettingen he entered the

Harvard Law School in the fall of 1879, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1881.

Frail in body as a young man and denied insurance at the usual rates, he came to Minnesota soon after graduation where he lived in health and happiness to the ripe age of 83.

Here he was admitted to the Bar on April 20, 1883, and soon formed a partnership with his college friend and classmate, Francis B. Tiffany, whose memory we also honor today. Together they annotated and published the first compilation of the General Statutes of Minnesota in 1894.

He was married on June 19, 1909, to Susan Maria Morin. They lived during their later years at Stillwater in a spacious homestead overlooking the valley of the St. Croix. Her death preceded his own on October 23, 1936 by only twenty-three days.

As a lawyer Mr. Wenzell was diligent and able. His private practice continued in a measure over a period of thirty years, and for fourteen of those years he was local attorney for the Wisconsin Central Railroad.

As a reporter he was meticulous. His work gave him a wide acquaintance among the members of the Bar. It was his constant purpose to make the official reports available as promptly as careful preparation would permit. As a man he was upright, friendly and vital.

Deprived through deafness of many of the social intimacies, he was deeply attached to his older friends, and endowed with an alert intellect and a genial nature, he was well beloved by those who knew him best.

Mr. Wenzell came of distinguished New England lineage and, as a foster-brother in Boston writes, "he was very proud of his numerous Revolutionary ancestors." History and genealogy were among his chief avocations. He was a life member of the Minnesota Historical Association and a member of the Society of Colonial Wars and of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The son of a Harvard graduate and himself the recipient of two degrees from that University, he was throughout his life a loyal son of Harvard. For more than twenty years was Secretary of the Minnesota Harvard Club, and was a member and Corresponding Secretary for Minnesota of the Harvard Law School Association. He carried the familiar green bag to the end of his days.

In his professional relations Mr. Wenzell was active and helpful. He was a member of the Minnesota and American Bar Associations and at different times served the Ramsey County Association as Treasurer and as a member of its governing Board. He considered himself a debtor to his profession.

The name of Henry Burleigh Wenzell will be remembered with peculiar pleasure and affection by those who knew him while memory lasts, and will be perpetuated in the books as long as decided cases are consulted in deciding the case at bar.

Respectfully submitted,
HOMER CLARK,
NORMAN FETTER,
LOUIS HEADLEY, Chairman.

[Wenzell's photograph is from *Men of Minnesota* (1915)]

Memorial to FREDERIC A. PIKE, presented by the Ramsey County Bar Association to the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota, at a special term of the Court held on Saturday, March 27, 1937.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

On behalf of the Bar of Ramsey County, the following memorial to Frederic A. Pike is respectfully submitted:

On this occasion we can only briefly relate a few of the incidents and activities in the long life of public and private professional service of Frederic A. Pike and inadequately express our loss in his sudden death on September 17th of the year just passed. He was suddenly stricken by a heart attack while conversing with friends in the corridor of the State Capitol, thus bringing to a close the career of one of our most useful, citizens.

Mr. Pike was born at Oshkosh, Wis., in 1863, the son of Charles Edward Pike, also a lawyer and the founder and editor of the Oshkosh Northwestern. He attended the University at Madison, where he received his A.B. degree in 1885 and the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1888. He came to St. Paul and was admitted to practice in December, 1888, by Judge William Louis Kelly. He was assistant city attorney of St. Paul from 1893 to 1895 and served as a member of the city council in 1892 when the council was elected from the city at large.

In those days he lived in what is now called the Midway District and frequently rode to and from the city on his bicycle. In 1913 he was appointed special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States and given charge of the litigation to protect the rights of the Chippewa Indians. Many Years later, when he was in the office of the Attorney General of, Minnesota, he was visited by a delegation of Indians who remembered his services in behalf of their tribe and called to pay their respects and express their gratitude.

His preparation for his life work was thorough. His legal research and his expression of legal principles were greatly aided by his thorough knowledge of Latin. Every resource, whether arising from his native

ability, his academic and legal education or his broad experience, was always at his command. With his clear powerful voice, a remarkable command of English and a general appearance which inspired confidence, he was always able to present his arguments and ideas to Court, the jury or an audience in pleasing and convincing manner.

He enjoyed the fellowship of his friends and they enjoyed the frank and hearty expression of his jovial personality in their association with him. He had a keen sense of humor and his hearty laugh will long echo in the ears of his friends.

He was well acquainted with the Bible and could quote many passages readily and aptly. He taught a Sunday School class in his early years and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Peoples Church at the time of his death.

Love of art and poetry is but another avenue of expression of the versatile personality of Fred Pike.

In his later years his chief pleasure was in living over again his life as a student at Wisconsin. He attended the reunions of his class and collected much original material from old records. In 1935 he published a book entitled "A Student at Wisconsin Fifty Years Ago," a beautiful Memorial to his love of his Alma Mater and his appreciation of those halcyon days.

He gladly gave of his time and talent in the performance of the duties of citizenship. From the history of his forebears we might conclude that he inherited this sense of civic duty. His father was a member of the Maine Legislature as an anti-slavery Whig; later, one of the founders of the Republican party in Mass. and a member of the Legislature there. Another ancestor, Major Robert Pike, commemorated by Whittier in prose and verse, opposed the witchcraft hysteria and the persecution of the Quakers.

With this background it is easy to see, how, in his young, manhood, Fred Pike was greatly influenced in his political philosophy by two books of Edward Bellamy: "Looking Backward," published in 1888 and "Equality" in 1897. From these he drew an idealism which was

characteristic of his political activities. While he was a firm believer in democracy he was not blind to the difficulties which hindered the accomplishment of his ideals.

When he was appointed Deputy Attorney General in 1933 he was assigned to the telephone rate case. This involved the assimilation of a mass of evidence already taken and the preparation and presentation of a large amount of additional evidence. In the successful handling of this problem he demonstrated his capacity to comprehend and analyze a mass of facts and figures, and computations of a most intricate character and then evolve a theory of rate determination favorable to the State and yet contrary to prior theories and decisions on rate making.

Another noteworthy accomplishment was drafting the laws to carry out the new Industrial Program of North Dakota. In the face of adverse public opinion and the opposition of able counsel he charted a course in a new field which avoided the constitutional pitfalls and which he was able to successfully defend in the Supreme Court of the United States.

These are two outstanding examples of his unusual mental capacity. No problem appalled him. With calm deliberation he approached every question and applied the fundamental principles in which he was so thoroughly grounded.

While he enjoyed the contemplation and solution of these professional problems, he derived as much pleasure and showed as much skill in frequent contests with the expert exponents of the game of chess.

As co-workers in the political field we have won and lost together. His optimism and faith and cheer have tempered the loss. His diplomacy has settled many party differences; his judgment pointed the way to continue the battle. While recollections last we shall cherish these memories of Fred Pike.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK N. DICKSON,
ASA G. BRIGGS,
ROY C. SMELKER, Chairman.

Memorial to STILES W. BURR, presented by the Ramsey County Bar Association to the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota, at a special term of the Court held on Saturday, March 27, 1937.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

On behalf of the Bar of Ramsey County, the following memorial to Stiles W. Burr is respectfully submitted:

Stiles W. Burr was born November 13, 1868, at Mount Vernon, Ohio, the son of Walter T. Burr and Clara Martin Burr. He died July 18, 1936, at Spokane, Washington.

His father, Walter T. Burr, served throughout the Civil War in an Ohio Calvary Regiment. Shortly after the birth of Stiles the family moved to Washington, D. C., where they lived for a time, and in 1876 they came to St. Paul, where the father, Walter T. Burr, practiced law and served as Judge of the Municipal Court. Stiles attended the public schools of St. Paul and the University of Minnesota, and graduated from the University Law School in 1889, when he was not yet 21 years of age.

His father died about this time, and Stiles took over his father's law practice and the responsibility of caring for his widowed mother and the younger children of the family, although it was several months before he attained his majority and could be admitted to the Bar. During the interval his guide and counsellor was the late Timothy Palmer, a St. Paul attorney whom many will recall, who gave free of his advice and assistance to the young lawyer, and loaned his name to Stiles' pleadings; and in after years Stiles oft expressed his deep appreciation of this kindness he had received at the hands of "Tim" Palmer.

To the older lawyers of St. Paul, who knew Stiles Burr, it unnecessary to say that from the beginning of his practice, he displayed a vigor and energy, which, with his fine mind and character, soon brought him to the forefront of his contemporaries in the practice of the law. He practiced in St. Paul independently until the year 1913, when he became partner in the firm of Davis, Kellogg & Severance. At the end of that year he withdrew from that firm and continued his individual practice, in

association with Horace H. Glenn until the year 1923, when he removed to Washington, D.C., his practice at that time having become specialized in Federal income and capital stock tax matters, in which he became recognized authority. In the summer of 1935 he returned St. Paul for the last time, on his way west on a customary annual western vacation trip, in failing health, and went immediately to Spokane, Washington, where he remained until his death in July, 1936.

He was married at St. Paul in 1897 to Jane Humbird, and of this marriage there were born three children, John Burr, Miss Eleanor H. Burr, and Miss Margaret Burr, all whom survive him and reside in St. Paul, In 1923 he was married a second time, to Marion Koehler of Washington, D. C., who survives him.

In the course of his practice Mr. Burr successfully engaged in some notable cases, among which was the litigation about thirty years ago in connection with the Minnesota railroad rate legislation of that time, which was attacked by the rail road interests as an unconstitutional interference with interstate commerce, and in the Chicago Great Western Railroad receivership which began in the year 1908. He also represented important western lumber and timber interests and was engaged for many years in a course of litigation involving western timber land titles, in the Interior Department at Washington and in the Federal courts. A number of these cases were carried to the United States Supreme Court and established important principles of law in that field. Mr. Burr became a recognized authority in these matters, and in fact in anything of a legal nature which he undertook. Later he came to specialize in the Federal taxation problems of many clients, and it was this work which took him from St. Paul to Washington.

While living in St. Paul Mr. Burr was a member of the Minnesota Club, the Town & Country Club, and the White Bear Yacht Club, and after he left St. Paul he retained a non-resident membership in the Minnesota Club.

Mr. Burr at all times took an active interest in the organized activities of his profession. He was a charter and life member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and at one he served as its President [1915]. While

living in St. Paul he consistently active in the affairs of the Ramsey County Bar Association, and was at one time its President. He had a



long record of service on the boards of governors and various committees of both the county and state associations, including the chairmanship of the Ethics Committees of both associations from time to time. He was also a member of the American Bar Association, and was particularly active in the adjunct of that association known as the Conference of Bar Association Delegates. In this work Mr. Burr formed a warm personal friendship with the late Elihu Root, who was active in the same matter. It was this Conference of Bar Association Delegates which initiated the movement which has culminated in the plan now before the American Bar Association for the integration with that organization of

the various State Bar Associations.

Mr. Glenn, one of the members of the committee preparing this memorial, had the inestimable privilege of receiving his early legal training in Mr. Burr's office, while attending night law school; and it is his belief that no student of the law could have had a more fortunate situation or association. The thorough industry, the meticulous accuracy, and the fine sense of fiduciary responsibility for the interests of clients, with which that office was conducted, provided the finest possible training school for a law student or a young lawyer; and Mr. Burr's friendly and generous appreciation of services rendered him by subordinates, and his interest in their advancement were something never to be forgotten.

I cannot refrain, before ending the presentation of this memorial, from speaking of my own thirty-eight years of friendship and professional

association with Stiles Burr. The friendship, never to be dimmed, commenced when I was a student in my father's law office, in the old National German American Bank Building. Mr. Burr's office was next door, and many were the hours he spent with me in friendly discussions, more valuable to me than any formal instruction. Mr. Burr was then only thirty years of age, but I have never known any lawyer so thoroughly versed in Minnesota law and decisions as he was at that early age. During the last 17 years of his active life, most of which were spent in Washington, he and I were constantly associated in the joint handling of many tax problems of the clients of both. Of this period his professional life I can probably speak with more intimate knowledge than any other person. It is a privilege to testify not only to his charm as a companion and his loyalty as a friend, but to his amazing industry in research and to his mastery of the intricacies of the rapidly changing federal tax laws; and to the respect and admiration in which was held by Treasury officials and by the many outstanding lawyers throughout the country who came to consult him and to profit by his experience, his skill, and his industry.

Respectfully submitted,
HORACE GLENN,
A. W. CLAPP, Chairman.

[Burr's photograph is from the *Proceedings of the Minnesota State Bar Association* (1915)].

Memorial to MORTON BARROWS, presented by the Ramsey County Bar Association to the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota, at a special term of the Court held on Saturday, March 27, 1937.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

On behalf of the Bar of Ramsey County, the follow memorial to Morton Barrows is respectfully submitted:

Morton Barrows, for 53 years a member of the Bar of this Court and a former president of the Ramsey County Association, died August 17th, 1936 at his home in St. Paul.

Mr. Barrows was born June 14th, 1856 at Reading, Massachusetts, the son of an eminent Congregational minister of New England. His boyhood and early youth were spent Massachusetts. He prepared for Harvard at Phillips Academy. He graduated from Harvard in the Class of 1880, one of classmates being Theodore Roosevelt, and until the latter's death the two men were fast friends. During the many years of my association with Mr. Barrows, Mr. Roosevelt's picture hung over his desk. Mr. Barrows was bitterly disappointed when his old friend bolted the Republican party in 1912 and for sometime the picture hung face to the wall, but friendship soon prevailed over political differences and the picture was restored to its place of honor. After graduation from Harvard, Mr. Barrows studied law at Boston University Law School and for a brief time in Indianapolis. He came to St. Paul 1883 and was immediately admitted to the Bar of this State. He very soon became recognized as a brilliant trial lawyer. For the fifty years of his active practice he enjoyed a very extensive trial practice and he was a familiar figure in the Courts of every county in Minnesota and many of those in Wisconsin and North Dakota. Possessed of a ready wit, pleasing personality, and very comprehensive knowledge of the law, he soon became recognized as one of the most able and successful lawyers of our Bar. Mr. Barrows was never active in political or public affairs but he was always deeply interested in the affairs of his chosen profession. For 15 years he was a member of the faculty of the St. Paul College of Law,

lecturing on the subject of torts. He was the author of a textbook "Barrows on Negligence" which was for many years the textbook on that subject in many law colleges.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota Bar Association and the Ramsey County Bar Association.

While his extensive practice required close application, he had three hobbies which he cultivated with the same zeal and enthusiasm that he displayed in his practice. His many friends and others interested in the same hobbies long regarded him as an authority on fishing, hunting and the cultivation of flowers. Few streams and hunting grounds in the Northwest were unfamiliar to him. His garden always contained the rarest and most beautiful flowers. He knew them all by their common names and their Latin names. He knew all of their characteristics, cared for them and loved them.

Mr. Barrows was well known throughout the state for his wit and brilliance as an after dinner speaker. His close friends also knew him as a thoroughly informed student of history and classics. He loved poetry and it was always a great pleasure to him to find a poem which appealed to him and these he carefully saved. In his desk he had a large file of poems clipped from magazines and newspapers to which he frequently referred and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Barrows was married to Ada Noble of St. Paul in 1885. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary less than a year before his death. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy B. Hill of Pasadena, California, and Mrs. Marjorie B. Jackson of St. Paul. Morton Barrows lived a full life. I think he enjoyed practically every minute of it. He loved his profession; he loved his family and his friends, and at his death he left hundreds of close friends who will long remember his ability as a lawyer, his wide knowledge and experience, his unfailing good humor and his loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. COUNTRYMAN,
W. H. OPPENHEIMER,
ARTHUR A. STEWART, Chairman.

Memorial to FRANK FORD, presented by the Ramsey County Bar Association to the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota, at a special term of the Court held on Saturday, March 27, 1937.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

On behalf of the Bar of Ramsey County, the following memorial to Frank Ford is respectfully submitted:

The Committee of the Ramsey County Bar Association & Minnesota presents to the court the following as a memorial of our fellow member Frank Ford:



FRANK E. FORD
ST. PAUL.
GENERAL AGENT THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE.

Frank Ford, a member of the Bar of St. Paul, was born at South Plymouth, Ohio, July 22, 1856. He died at St. Pat Minnesota, October 21st, 1936.

He attended Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio, an educational institution carried on under the auspices of the Universalist Church, with which he was affiliated. He received his legal education at the Cincinnati Law School, Ohio, from which he received his diploma May 31, 1882. He was admitted the Bar at Columbus, Ohio, June 3, 1882.

He came to St. Paul in November, 1882. In 1886 he became Special Judge of the Municipal Court of St. Paul, the only public office he ever held. This was for a short time only, until the court was re-organized.

In 1885 he married Laura Humphrey of St. Paul, whose father was an old resident here, also a lawyer. Mr. Ford's widow, and a son and daughter, all residents of St. Paul, survive him.

In the important events of a man's life we may read the elements of his character. Stability and fidelity were Ford's prominent traits. He came to

St. Paul at a time when many young men were attracted here as the place to begin a career. The City was then one of the prominent growing communities of the Northwest. A roster of the Bar shows a surprising number who in the decade from 1880 made a home here in the beginning of their professional life, quickly outnumbering the older lawyers of established reputations who had given St. Paul a high, rank for the legal ability of its Bench and Bar. These young men soon became leaders here.

Mr. Ford first entered the office of Lorenzo Allis, a leader at that time among the local lawyers. It was characteristic that Mr. Ford retained his office until his death in the building in which shortly after his arrival here he first established himself. The Gilfillan Building was then the newest and best office building in the City.

With an ancestry which because of military service qualified him as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution Mr. Ford maintained a high regard for the institutions of this country. He was a member of the Democratic party. He did not seek public office, but could always be relied on to perform a public duty and stand for those policies and methods which seemed best for the general good.

Mr. Ford valued friendships and in consequence himself had many friends. His sincere and kind nature was manifest. His work, like that of most of his associates, who did not seek public applause, found its satisfactions as well as its value in the opportunity the profession affords, to be of service to others. In this he did his full share.

A life of eighty years well spent, with family, business associates and friends does not come to all. Mr. Ford was given to live the full allotted span of the Psalmist, and life in all its fullness was his.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER L. CHAPIN, Chairman.
L. F. METTLEMAN,
Committee.

[Ford's Photograph is from *Men of Minnesota* (1915)]

Memorial to FREDERICK BOYD PHILLIPS, presented by the Ramsey County Bar Association to the District Court of Ramsey County, Minnesota, at a special term of the Court held on Saturday, March 27, 1937.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

On behalf of the Bar of Ramsey County, the following memorial to Frederick Boyd Phillips is respectfully submitted:

Frederick Boyd Phillips was born in South Oda, New York, December 21st, 1874, the son of Robert D. Phillips, a Methodist minister, and Jennie Boyd Phillips. His parents were in very straitened circumstances, and it was necessary for him to work at odd jobs among the farmers and villagers . While he was obtaining his common school and high school education, his course was beset with many problems and setbacks, but he met each of them in a cheerful and courageous spirit, which was characteristic of him through life.

Before he could realize his lifelong ambition to study law the war with Spain occurred and he enlisted as a volunteer. When mustered out he was given the sum of \$51.01 as travel pay and allowances and bought a ticket for Valparaiso, Indiana, where he entered the Valparaiso University and took a law course. It was necessary that he support himself while he studied law and after his graduation, with the degree of LL.B., he came to St. Paul and entered the St. Paul College of Law in order to secure his degree, a necessary requirement at that time for admission to practice in Minnesota. He graduated with the first senior class of the St. Paul College of Law in 1902, after one year's course of study, received his degree of LL.B., and since that time was constantly engaged in the practice of law in St. Paul.

The citizens of his District honored him by electing as a member of the Legislature in 1907, and he served with ability and distinction during that session.

He was a valued and influential member of some Veterans' organizations, and was honored by his comrades by being elected Junior and

Senior Vice Commander, and Commander of Worth Bagley Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans and at the time of his death was serving the second year of a three-year term as Trustee of the Camp.

The legal vocation of Frederick B. Phillips was a definite one. The ambition to become a lawyer was a fixed purpose in his mind, even as a child. He put his fortune to the trial as soon as his years permitted, and with a cheerful courage set out on his chosen career, and to all of us who knew him and his work there can be no doubt that it was the right one. He prepared his cases carefully and presented them in court quietly and courteously, but with a natural and unassuming confidence in his own powers that was notably effective.

Frederick B. Phillips died in St. Paul February 27th, 1937 and was buried at Roselawn Cemetery with full military honors with his Camp officiating. He was a great lover of home and humanity, and left a wife and daughter to mourn the loss of a kind, loving, and indulgent husband and father. He took a great interest in civic and charitable matters, and particularly matters relating to Veterans' affairs and legislation, and did a vast amount of charitable work, both actively, and through contributions, and even after his health became impaired so that he was unable to actively engage in the practice of his profession he still continued in his quiet, unostentatious way to take an active interest in these affairs and to contribute to them in many ways.

He was a simple and kindhearted man, very fond of children, and liked nothing better than to entertain friends and children in his own home. His many friends and acquaintances when visiting at his home were charmed by his delightful hospitality. Although physically incapacitated and confined to his home for several months before his death he still continued in many ways to render the same faithful service to his friends.

As a lawyer he was well grounded by study and experience, in the essentials of law, and had a high regard for his profession, and never harbored a grudge. As a comrade and officer of the War Veterans' Organizations he was exceptionally well-liked by his comrades, always

meeting them with a smile and willing to render to them any service within his power. He will always be remembered by them and all who knew him as a loyal, faithful comrade, and a patriotic, upright life.

He stood for the best traditions of his profession in protecting the rights of litigants entrusted to his care. He had a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the rules and evidence, and of trial procedure, which were productive of excellent results for his clients, and from a technical and professional point of view he conducted a trial in accordance with the best traditions of the profession.

He was faithful to his friends, true to his clients, and lived and died a loyal and professing member of the religious faith of his fathers.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS W. McMEEKIN,
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