

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD A. RANDALL

(August 11, 1863 – November 23, 1921)

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
WINONA COUNTY

WINONA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

(January 1922)

To the District Court of Winona County:

This is the first General Term of this Court since the death of our friend and brother attorney, Richard A. Randall. Our sense of loss is still new; and before beginning the regular work of the court we wish to give some expression to our feeling of bereavement. His character as a man and his life work as a lawyer are both worthy of commemoration. In order that they may be preserved in the records of this court, the Winona County Bar Association desires to present the following memorial:

Richard A. Randall was born August 11, 1863, at Fort Ridgely, Minnesota. He was the son of Major B. H. Randall. He studied law at the University of Minnesota and was for a time in the office of Tawney & Randall in Winona. After his admission to the bar he entered into partnership with his brother, Frank L. Randall, who also has died during the past year. He continued as a member of the firm of Randall and Randall until his brother became Superintendent of the State Reformatory at St. Cloud. He served one term as County Attorney of Winona County, having been elected to this office in 1904. In 1905 he became City Attorney of this city, and thereafter held that office continuously, for over 16 years, until his death. A large portion of his time was devoted to this work. He always took a very active interest in municipal affairs and his long experience had made him a valued counselor. He was for many years Secretary of the Winona County Bar Association. During the past few years he was also a member of the faculty of the College of St. Teresa, and devoted several evenings of each week teaching law at the college. He greatly enjoyed this work, and his pupils found him a very interesting instructor. Mr.

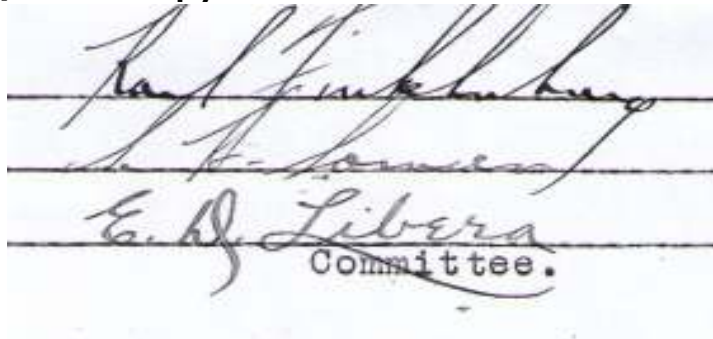
Randall's death occurred on November 23rd, 1921, at St. Mary's hospital at Rochester after a very short illness. He is survived by his widow and three children, Mrs. James Miller of Minneapolis, Estelle Randall of Rochester, and Charles Randall of Winona.

We shall naturally remember Mr. Randall as a brother attorney; but while we think of him thus we unconsciously find our attention turning from his profession to his personality, until, before we know it, we have almost forgotten his professional character and are affectionately regarding him as a personal friend.

His was a friendly nature. Whenever you entered his office, even tho you came purely on business, he always managed to give the conversation something of a personal turn, so that you could not help but feel that your visit was largely of a social character. His friendship was irresistible. Unless you were very careful you would forget that you were in a hurry, and would end by staying a most unreasonable length of time.

As a lawyer Mr. Randall was a careful and conscientious worker. He never drew a paper or gave an opinion without thoro preparation, never relying upon intuition, and always giving the most careful attention to all details. As the result of his painstaking methods, his work was uniformly accurate, and his opinions reliable and sound. He worked long hours—more than his strength could endure—and his short vacations were far apart. He gave to his work the fullest measure of dutiful attention and sincere devotion.

The committee presents this memorial and asks that it be received as a tribute from the bar of Winona County to the memory of Mr. Randall, and that it be entered on the minutes of the Court, and a copy be sent to Mrs. Randall.



R. J. [unclear]
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E. H. Libera
Committee.

ADDENDUM

Randall was a member of the class of 1893. His entry in the Law College's alumni directory provides:

Richard A. Randall,
LL. B., 93; Lawyer; City Atty. since 1907;
County Atty. (Winona Co.), 05-06;
mem. Winona Assn. of Com.; Arlington;
Winona Clubs. Exchange Bldg. and
420 Sanborn St., Winona, Minn.

Alumni of the College of Law, 1889-1915, at 248 (online).

The Third Judicial District encompassed the counties of Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona. The First General Term in Winona County commenced the "second Monday in January." In 1922, Charles E. Callaghan was the sole judge in this district.

While the memorial is not dated, it was recorded by the clerk of court in "January 1922." It is filed at the Historical Society.

For Frank Randall's bar memorial, see "Frank L. Randall (1856-1921)" (MLHP, 2012). ■

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