

A MEMORIAL

TO

FRANK W. SHAW

(August 28, 1857 – October 7, 1933)

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HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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A MEMORIAL TO FRANK W. SHAW
DELIVERED BEFORE THE FULL HENNEPIN COUNTY BENCH
AND THE MINNEAPOLIS BAR

Saturday, February 3d, 1934, at 10:30 A. M.

YOUR HONORS
and MEMBERS OF THE MINNEAPOLIS BAR:

With your kind permission I pay my full and sincere respect to the memories of the members of the bar whose names we honor by this meeting, and offer this humble tribute of respect to the memory of my former partner and friend, FRANK W. SHAW.

Death came to Mr. Shaw on Saturday, October 7th, 1933, in this city. He was born in Moulton, Maine, August 28th, 1857, the son of Charles and Mary Wiggin Shaw, who were also natives of Maine. The family came originally from England to Salem, Massachusetts, in earliest colonial times.

Mr. Shaw attended the public schools and Ricker Classical Institute in Moulton, Maine, and graduated from Colby University in Waterville, Maine. He came to Minneapolis in 1880, and immediately entered the study of law in the offices of Rea, Woolley & Kitchel. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1883, and from that time he actively and continuously practiced law in Minneapolis until shortly before his death, — a period of more than fifty years. His professional associates during that period included some of the outstanding men in the history of the Minneapolis Bar, — men with colorful personalities and eminent legal capacities and attainments, namely, — Stanley H. Kitchel, John G. Woolley, Emanuel Cohen and John B. Atwater.

Mr. Shaw is survived by his widow, Julia Fairbairn Shaw, four sons and two daughters.

Mr. Shaw as a member of the legal profession possessed a clear, orderly mind, good industry, and the ability to accurately complete a vast amount of legal work, without apparent stress or confusion. He was

learned and scholarly, without pretense. His discrimination was keen, and his judgment was sound. His standards of personal conduct and his professional ethics were always of the highest. To forsake a friend or client, to deceive a court, or to take an unfair advantage of an opponent, were matters entirely outside the pale of his personal or professional philosophy. Some of his clients were rich, and many of them were poor, but he was equally and easily accessible to both, and the affairs of all received his full and best attention. His manner was cheerful, pleasant and courteous to all persons. He had dignity, because his standards of personal conduct gave him self-respect, but it was a simple, charming dignity, because he was not opinionated and he had full respect for the opinions and rights of other men. His associates in the office, who knew him best, loved him most.

Mr. Shaw was a good husband, a kind father and a good neighbor. He took an intelligent, sincere interest in the affairs of government, and in his younger days took an active personal part in most public civic affairs. He always gave most generously from his modest means to the cultural and charitable institutions of this city.

In conclusion may I suggest that FRANK W. SHAW, by the example of his life as a lawyer, has made a rich contribution to the best traditions of the Minneapolis Bar, and may we, into whose hands its honor is now committed, take inspiration from his example.

February 3d, 1934.

Respectfully submitted by

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