

# **In Memoriam**

**George L. Spangler**

**March 30, 1864 • February 27, 1935**

**Washington County Bar Association  
District Court  
Nineteenth Judicial District  
Stillwater, Minnesota**

**May 13, 1935**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

DISTRICT COURT  
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMORIAL  
TO THE LATE  
GEORGE L. SPANGLER

TO THE HONORABLE ALFRED P. STOLBERG  
JUDGE OF THE ABOVE NAMED COURT:

On the 27th day of February, 1935, George L. Spangler, Forest Lake, Minnesota, and honored and respected member of the bar of Washington County, was called away by sudden death. His unexpected and quick departure from this life came as a great shock to his numerous friends, his clients and colleagues of the bar.

We mourn the sudden parting of our former associate in the profession but we take comfort from the knowledge that he always so practiced before this court and ever so conducted himself in his personal, business and professional relations with others that he stood prepared with or without notice to render unto his master a splendid accounting of his stewardship among his fellow man on earth.

George L. Spangler was born on March 30, 1864 in Saginaw, Michigan; there he grew to manhood, acquired his elementary education and graduated from the Michigan State College. In the year 1887 he was elected Clerk of the city of Lansing, Michigan, which position he held for two years. In the year 1888 he was admitted to the bar of that state. In the year 1889 Mr. Spangler, then a young lawyer possessed of an ambition and fortitude, left his native state and moved to the state of Minnesota, locating at Duluth, a city of promise and great industrial possibilities. Shortly after his arrival at Duluth he entered into a law partnership with one Joseph Cotton. This partnership continued for

about five years after which Mr. Spangler carried on a practice under his own name. In the year 1918 he left Duluth and moved to the village of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where he remained until the year 1920, when he located at Forest Lake in this county. From 1920 until the time of his death he continued to the practice of law at Forest Lake.

On September 21, 1922 Mr. Spangler married Edna K. Kewnewsy of Redfield, South Dakota. He is survived by his wife, his minor son George K. Spangler, his half-brother Charles Beard of Forest Lake, Minnesota, and his half-sister Mrs. Leila D Merrill, of East Lansing Michigan.

Mr. Spangler was an honest, upright, conscientious citizen. He was a sincere advocate before the Bar and in his relations with his fellow members of the profession, he was ever kind, considerate, accommodating and honorable. While he did not marry until after middle life he became a most devoted husband and father, an ardent admirer of his home and loved ones, seeming always to give them first consideration in all things.

He was a great lover of music and of the esthetic side of life, and, while it was not generally known among his friends of later years, he was an accomplished violinist, as was his father before him. During the later years of his life he took up the violin only rarely and then only for his personal enjoyment; but it has been very reliably said of him that his touch and technique was (sic) of a kind only known to artists.

We have never known Mr. Spangler to be proud, haughty or intolerant. He was a friend of mankind and he was especially a friend of the common people, among whom he labored and for whom he served the greater part of his professional life. Lincoln once said that "God must have loved the common people, because he made so many more of them". So must it have been with our departed friend and comrade of the Bar.

NOW THEREFORE, we the undersigned committee appointed by this Court to present, on behalf of the members of the Bar of Washington County, a memorial in honor of the late GEORGE L. SPANGLER respectfully present the foregoing to this Court for its consideration and pray that the same be adopted and spread upon the records of this Court in loving memory of our departed friend and that a copy hereof be sent to Mrs. Edna K. Spangler of Forest Lake, to Mr. Charles Beard of Forest Lake and to Mrs. Leila De Merrill of East Lansing, Michigan.

Dated at Stillwater,  
Minnesota, this 13th day  
of May, 1935.

*Rollin S. Johnson*  
*Ray W. North*

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Committee of the Washington  
County Bar.