

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

DISTRICT COURT  
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORIAL  
TO DAVID A. CONNORS, DECEASED

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

The undersigned members of the Washington County Bar Association of the State of Minnesota, as a committee appointed by you to present a Memorial to this Court at a special term thereof on January 12, 1931, at 1:30 P.M., in honor of the late David A. Connors, Clerk of this Court for many years, respectfully present to this Court the following:

David A. Connors who served this Court, and the Bar of the State of Minnesota and the public in general with great fidelity and efficiency for the last eighteen years was born October 18, 1859, seventy-one years ago, in Cambellton, New Brunswick, Canada. As a small boy he moved with is parents to Oconto, Wisconsin, where he lived until he was sixteen years of age, at which time, he and his family moved to the City of Stillwater where he lived ever since, excepting a short period of time during which he lived in Duluth.

On April 16, 1885, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Frey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frey. Three children were born to them all of whom survive. They are Albert J. Connors, District Attorney at Barron, Wisconsin, Mrs. Lois P. Doyle of St. Paul and Mrs. H. L. Bleecker of Hart, Michigan. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and by his sister, Miss. Annie Connors of this City and by his brother, Charles E. Connors of South Bend, Washington.

Mr. Connors was a member of the Episcopal church of Stillwater, the Lions Club of Stillwater, Stillwater Lodge 179 B.P.O.E., Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, Improved Order of Redmen and also served as a member of Company K, First Regiment.

As a young man, he worked with his father in manufacturing carriages and in doing general blacksmithing. He made his entry into public life in 1908 as assistant County Treasurer to the late Fred S. Foster. In the Fall of 1912, he made his first campaign for the office of the Clerk of this Court, was elected and became Clerk of this Court on January 1st, 1913, and continually held that office ever since until the day of his death, December 6, 1930.

By virtue of his character, disposition and ability he at once won the confidence of the Bar and the public in carrying out the duties of his office. His was an ideal temperament for this work. He treated everyone with unvarying courtesy and friendliness. No man was ever more conscientious in performing every detail of his work. He was modest, unassuming, and naturally made a great many friends. His friends, his family, for he was an ideal husband and father, were his principal thought. He loved them and acted accordingly. He was generous to the last degree and no one ever appealed to him in vain for help. He had but little love or thought for money. To him the accumulation of worldly wealth seemed but little worthwhile. Money was but of little moment to him except as it enabled him to live in his simple unassuming manner or as it enabled him to give pleasure to his family and friends.

As we would expect in a man of his nature and likes, he loved the out-of-doors and spent many of his vacation days at his camp at Square Lake. He appreciated and responded to the beauties of God and Nature just as he did to the goodness and finer characteristics of man.

On behalf of the bar of this county, we express our regret at his passing for men, such as he, are rare. We will ever remember his kindness, his nobility of character, his true courtesy, his charitable manner. It was a real pleasure to have known him and to have enjoyed his friendship for many years. May we all take example from the pages of his life as he daily lived and pattern ourselves to follow his goodly qualities.

The Lord has seen fit to call him to his reward, where his fidelity, charity, gentleness and humility will be recompensed. Let us hope that his spirit, free from its earthly tabernacle, is enjoying that pure indescribable happiness and gorgeous unreachd beauty of an endless eternity, created by God for those who keep his commandments.

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Court and sent to the family of the deceased.

Dated at Stillwater, Minnesota, this 12th day of January, 1931.

/s/ Karl G. Neumeier  
/s/ H. H. Gillen  
/s/ Ralph W. McGrath  
Committee

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