

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

IN DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

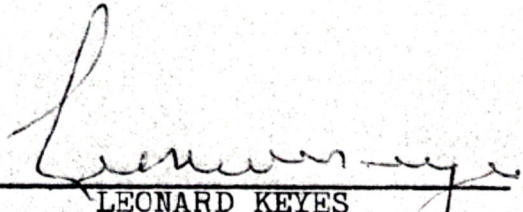
IN THE MATTER OF THE DEATH OF
JOHN E. HARRIGAN, A MEMBER OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, John E. Harrigan, a member of the Washington County Bar, passed away on September 20th, 1957, and

WHEREAS, suitable exercises should be held in his memory, and a committee should be appointed to prepare resolutions pertinent to such exercises,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that Goodrich M. Sullivan, William T. Johnson and John T. McDonough, members of the Washington County Bar, be and they are hereby appointed to prepare suitable resolutions to be submitted to the Court in connection with exercises to be held in memory of said decedent at the opening of the General Term of this Court on the first Monday in October, 1957.

Dated at Chambers, Stillwater, Minnesota,
this 30th day of September, 1957.


LEONARD KEYES
Chief Judge of the District Court

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IN THE MATTER OF A MEMORIAL
BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
TO THE LATE HONORABLE JOHN E. HARRIGAN

TO THE HONORABLE LEONARD KEYES, JUDGE OF THE ABOVE
NAMED COURT:
MAY IT PLEASE THE 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 the 7th day of October, 1957, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in honor of John E. Harrigan, Attorney at Law, practicing before this Court and the Courts of Minnesota for many years, respectfully present to this Court the following:

On September 20, 1957, the Bar of Minnesota was shocked with the announcement that John E. Harrigan was called to his eternal home. That shock was intensified by the fact that few knew that Mr. Harrigan was seriously ill, and the suddenness of his passing created within the hearts of all who knew him a void that will take years to fill.

It is indeed meet and fitting that your committee review the life of our dear departed counsellor and friend; that such review attest not only to his

accomplishments and warm personality, but also be a reminder to us all that the qualities of fidelity, honesty, intelligence, and charity walked throughout our community in the person of Mr. Harrigan, making the lives of those who knew him richer and more rewarding.

Mr. Harrigan was born on May 9, 1906, on a farm beyond the crest of what he warmly described, as "Pest House Hill", on outskirts of the City of Stillwater, in the County of Washington, State of Minnesota. He was the son of Robert and Mary V. Harrigan and a descendent of a pioneer family that for three generations left their mark on our community for their industry, honesty and charity.

A close student, naturally gifted, Mr. Harrigan attended elementary and secondary schools located in the Saint Croix Valley. Upon graduation from the Stillwater High School in 1923, he entered the Saint Thomas College, Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he took the prescribed two year course leading to enrollment at the Law School of the University of Minnesota. After completing that course, and after a short time spent in mercantile pursuits at Saint Paul, Minnesota, Mr Harrigan entered the law school at our State University and graduated therefrom during the heights of the Great Depression in 1930. Mr. Harrigan's early desire to become a lawyer was fulfilled when he was admitted to the Bar the same year.

On September 12, 1931, Mr. Harrigan entered into that sacred contract of matrimony with Miss Ruth Armstrong, a native of Rochester, Minnesota; the relationship created by that contract continued throughout the years to

the date of his passing; it was a relationship of mutual love and respect, endearing and enduring, and from that relationship, Mr. and Mrs. Harrigan were single he blessed with the birth of two sons, John W Harrigan, Jr., age 25, a student at the alma mater of Mr. Harrigan, the University of Minnesota Law School, and Thomas J. Harrigan, age 19, a student at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

Upon graduation. from law school and admission to the Bar, Mr Harrigan entered the employ of the Travelers Insurance Company of America, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. His tireless industry and capacity for work, his intelligence and ability were soon recognized by his employer and he was transferred to Waterloo, Iowa, where he held supervisory positions in the legal department of that company until his return to Minnesota and Stillwater in 1944.

Upon Mr. Harrigan's return to the green valley of his forebears, to the City and County he loved so well. Mr. Harrigan entered into the practice of law with Karl G. Neumeier which resulted in the formation of the partnership known as "Neumeier and Harrigan" in the year 1945.

As a lawyer who possessed that rare faculty of applying correct legal principles to the case in hand; who had a great ability in presenting both law and facts to Court and Jury; as a student who arrived at conclusions only after patient and thorough investigation, it followed as a natural course that the talents of Mr. Harrigan became well known throughout the area and he was in demand as a lawyer, counsellor and advocate. In 1954, the

firm of Neumeier, Harrigan and Eckberg was dissolved and Mr. Harrigan opened his own and separate practice in which he continued until 1956 when he entered into a partnership with Mr. Robert Walter, under the firm name of Harrigan and Walter, with offices in Stillwater, Minnesota.

This Court is familiar with the splendid services performed by Mr. Harrigan as a lawyer representing his many clients. Above all, this Court doubtlessly appreciated that Mr. Harrigan was at all times perfectly frank and never attempted to gain any mean advantage for a client. He advocated and supported only an honest cause and strove to prevail through diligence and hard work. His integrity reflected credit to the County, State and National Bar Associations and he was everywhere respected as an honorable counsel. He held high the ethics of his profession and the profession honored him for it.

Mr. Harrigan was a member of the Washington County, State of Minnesota, and American Bar Associations. Mr. Harrigan was a member of the Iowa State Bar and the Iowa State Bar Association. He gave freely of his time and services to the many service organizations and lodges located in Washington County; the Elks, of which he was a Past Exalted Ruler and District Deputy; to the Lions Club; the Knights of Columbus; the St. Paul Athletic Club; the memberships which he held in the various organizations and the offices held therein gave testimony to his well acknowledged capacity of being able to work and cooperate with men of different types of character. He enjoyed the better things of life. He was broad-minded and tolerant of other thoughts and creeds; to the opinions of all he would listen

and to them he gave serious consideration; he loved his friends and his friends loved him.

As a citizen, as a person, he was an honest man, and a most excellent neighbor; and in his death this community has lost an able counselor and leader. Mr. Harrigan, at all times, had the best interest of the community in which he lived at heart, and he was ever ready and willing to defend and sustain the rights of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community.

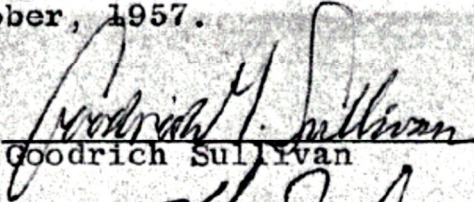
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Members of the Washington County Bar Association, that, in the death of our late member, the Honorable John E. Harrigan, this Association loses a brilliant member, an honest lawyer, a devoted friend; one whose usefulness was only in its prime, and that by his untimely call to the choirs of the angels, there has been caused a vacancy which it will be hard to fill, and which each individual member of this Association will long and sincerely mourn. That this community has, in the passing of our late member, lost a sincere friend, an able counsellor, and a valued citizen.

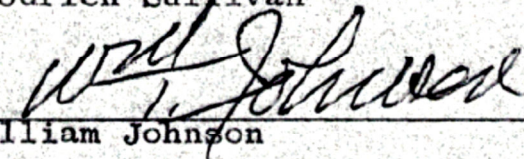
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That to Mrs. Ruth Armstrong Harrigan, the widow of our late friend and co-laborer; to his sons, John W. Harrigan and Thomas H. Harrigan, this Association collectively and individually extend in this hour our sincerest and heartfelt sympathy; to each we extend our most sincere regrets and condolences.

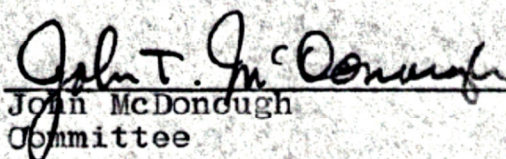
NOW, THEREFORE, WE respectfully move the District Court, Third

Judicial District, Washington County, Minnesota, to spread upon its records this memorial, and direct that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to Mrs. Ruth Armstrong Harrigan, the widow of our late friend, brother, counsellor and advocate.

Dated this 7th day of October, 1957.

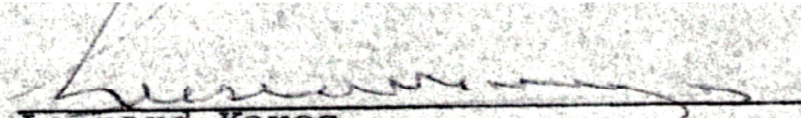

Goodrich Sullivan


William Johnson


John McDonough
Committee

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this above Memorial to the memory of the Honorable John E. Harrigan be spread upon the records of this Court and that the Clerk of Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this Memorial to Mrs. Ruth Armstrong Harrigan, the widow of the Honorable John E. Harrigan.


Leonard Keyes
Judge of District Court
Washington County, Minnesota