

MEMORIAL

JOEL MARK DICKEY

(1864 – 1933)

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

March 31, 1934

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Our true friend, Joel Mark Dickey, departed this life at Saint Paul, Minnesota, August 10, 1933.

He will be greatly missed by all members at the bar throughout the State of Minnesota, where he was so well known and in each district of which he numbered his friends.

Mr. Dickey was born at Hanover, Indiana, November 28, 1864, the son of Joel and Sarah Arbuckle Dickey. He attended the public schools at Madison, Indiana, the high school at Marysville, California, from which he entered Buchtel College of Akron, Ohio, and later the College of Law of the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in the year 1895, and was immediately admitted to the practice of law in the State of Minnesota.

Since 1890 when Mr. Dickey entered the office of Eugene G. Hay, United States District Attorney for Minnesota, Mr. Dickey had until his death, with the exception of about one year, been connected with the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, having served as clerk and as Assistant to United States District Attorney Edwin C. Stringer from 1894 to 1898, as Assistant to United States District Attorney Charles G. Haupt, three terms from 1902 to 1910, and as Assistant to United States Attorney Albert Jaques from 1914 to 1921, and as Clerk of the United States District Court from 1921 to 1933 – a service of some forty-three years in that department. Such service itself being a remarkable tribute to Mr. Dickey's ability, efficiency and integrity.

While acting as Assistant United States Attorney he resigned in August 1920 to enter private practice in St. Paul. Upon the retirement of Charles L. Spencer as Clerk of the United States District Court Mr. Dickey was on November 14, 1921, appointed by Judge Page Morris, then Senior Judge, to the office of Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, which office he held until his death.

Mr. Dickey was married in Minneapolis June 1, 1892, to Miss Bessie B. Sparks who survives him. There were no children,

Joel Dickey had the rare and happy faculty of making friends. A jovial disposition made him a much desired fishing companion and partner in golf. Any who came in contact with him at the federal building found the day bright because of such visit.

He will be long remembered by the many who knew him well, for his fine qualities of heart and mind, for his unswerving loyalty and his devotion to duty exemplified by his enviable record in his long public service.

John H. Bradford Chairman
Joseph W. Finley
Baldwin Schroeder

Dated March 31, 1934.

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