

MEMORIAL

John Ely Burchard
(1864 – 1934)

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

April 20, 1935

JOHN ELY BURCHARD

John Ely Burchard died at his home at St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 27, 1934. His death was occasioned by pneumonia following an extended period of ill health.

Mr. Burchard was born in the City of Clinton, Oneida County, New York, on January 30, 1864, and received his education at the University of Michigan where he was graduated in 1885. He married Miss Mary Hitt of Urbana, Ohio, and left surviving him a son, Henry McNiell Burchard, and a daughter, Mrs. L. J. Shields, both of St. Paul. For some years he was engaged in newspaper work being at one time the editor of a newspaper at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. Subsequently he removed to Marshall, Minnesota, where he practiced law until 1900 at which time he moved with his family to the City of St. Paul.

Mr. Burchard was engaged in the real estate business — particularly farm lands with which he was most familiar — for a period in excess of thirty years. He was prominent in civic and political affairs as well as in his business connections, having served as Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee for more than fifteen years.

He was for more than twenty-six years a Trustee of The Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company of St. Paul, with whom he also served in an executive capacity during the later years of his life in mortgage loan and other investment work.

Mr. Burchard was in a true sense a pioneer and sought the truth without regard to his own opinions or the preferences of others. He was an acknowledged expert in the work he chose to follow during the major part of his business career and established an enviable reputation for his wide range of information and his

demonstrated ability. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him, and he bequeaths a tradition of loyalty and devotion to duty that will continue to serve as an inspiration to his many friends. The simple story of his life, worthily lived, and his career of usefulness is in itself a greater eulogy than his friends can speak.

/s/ Dillon J. O'Brien

/s/ Edward S. Stringer

/s/ E. A. Roberts



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