

M E M O R I A L

SAMUEL WHALEY
(1855 - 1934)

RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

APRIL 20, 1935

MEMORIAL IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF
OF SAMUEL WHALEY,
AS A MEMBER OF THE BAR OF RAMSEY COUNTY
PRESENTED TO THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT
AT SPECIAL TERM, APRIL 20, 1935.

**To the Honorable Judges of the District Court of Ramsey County,
Minnesota:**

The Committee of the Ramsey County Bar, appointed to present a memorial to Samuel Whaley, lately deceased, a member of the bar, submits the following in commemoration of his activities as a worker in his profession among us.

Samuel Whaley was born at Benton, Wisconsin, May 12, 1855. In his infancy his family removed to Hastings, Minnesota, and in the year 1869, Mr. Whaley came with his ancestral family to St. Paul, where he continued to reside up to his death.

He studied law in the office of John B. Sanborn and Walter B. Sanborn, the latter of whom later became Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. He was admitted to the bar in Ramsey County in the year 1876, and for some time thereafter practiced law in the Sanborn firm. Shortly afterwards he commenced the practice of law independently, and so continued to practice down to the year 1914.

On June 18, 1906, Mr. Whaley was appointed United States Commissioner for the District of Minnesota, for the customary four-year term, and thereafter was reappointed for successive terms down to the year 1930, when he retired from all legal activities, being compelled thereto

by failing health.

He died July 22, 1934, a short time after the completion his seventy-ninth year leaving surviving his widow and two daughters.

In addition to possessing a sound knowledge of the law in general, Mr. Whaley was versed to a remarkable degree in the course of the law as laid down by our Supreme Court. As a matter of first-hand knowledge by members of your committee, other active members of the local bar, and some of the most active, frequently referred to Mr. Whaley questions as to whether or not our court of last resort had decided some particular close point. He uniformly displayed a marked diligence and application in the preparation and presentation at his cases before the courts.

The bar of Ramsey County extends to the widow and daughters its sympathy in the passing of the husband and father.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lloyd Peabody

/s/ W. H. Williams

/s/ George C. Rogers

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