

MEMORIAL

FOR

FREDERICK WILLIAM ZOLLMAN
(1860 – 1933)

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

APRIL 15, 1933

STATE OF MINNESOTA
County of Ramsey

DISTRICT COURT
Second Judicial District

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL TERM FOR DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY BAR
SATURDAY MORNING, April 15th, 1933.**

To the Honorable the Judges of the
above named Court:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

The committee appointed by the President of the Bar Association respectfully presents to the Court this MEMORIAL to the late

FREDERICK WILLIAM ZOLLMAN.

Frederick William Zollman was born in the town of Tyrone, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, June 1st, 1860, and died in the city of St. Paul, April 10th, 1933.

He was the son of William and Barbara Zollman, territorial pioneers of this state. The Zollman family moved to this city when Mr. Zollman was but three years of age, traveling from their old home by steamboat, down the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers to St. Paul, where he lived until his death. His grade school education was received in the old Franklin school; his university training in Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois, whence he was graduated in 1881. Upon graduation first he acquired a shorthand and typewriting education at which for several year he was variously employed while starting upon his law studies, in pursuit of which he entered the office of the late State Senator John H. Ives, a prominent member of the Ramsey County Bar. Upon admission to the bar in the year 1887 Mr. Zollman entered into the practice

of the law as a junior partner of Mr. Ives, under the firm name of Ives and Zollman, and up to within two days of his death never discontinued the active practice of his profession. Mr. Zollman ever was interested in politics. As a candidate of the Republican party, in the early '90s, he unsuccessfully sought the office of county attorney. Later on, in the year 1897, he was appointed first assistant County Attorney, in which position he served from 1897 to 1901, through the respective terms of County Attorneys Samuel A. Anderson and Horace E. Bigelow. Here Mr. Zollman was given the opportunities to display his fine ability, handling much important public litigation, including a large volume of county tax matters. Mr. Zollman's compilation of the special laws pertaining to Ramsey County has become a standard text book in the offices of the members of the local bar. Upon retirement to private practice, he became associated in partnership with the late Darius F. Reese, (at one time clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota), under the firm name of Reese and Zollman, with offices in the old German American Bank Building. Shortly after the dissolution of this partnership Mr. Zollman was selected as counsel for the Minnesota Brewers' Association, which position he held until the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

For a short period Mr. Zollman was associated with Norbert F. Willwerscheid, and thereafter he specialized in the defence of litigation arising out of automobile accidents, as local counsel for various automobile liability companies. Just prior to this death he had been appointed Minnesota counsel for the Farmers' Mutual Association of California, which had recently entered the automobile liability business field here. He had procured a fine suite of offices in the Commerce Building, and was very happy and enthusiastic over the prospects of this last undertaking and its outlook.

Mr. Zollman was married in the year 1888 to Elizabeth Ives, sister of his then partner. His first wife died in 1918. Two sons by this

union survive him, William Zollman of this city, and John Zollman of Minneapolis. In 1919 he was married to Louise Holman, who survives him; their home being at 1097 Lincoln Avenue. He also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Shelp and Mrs. Louise T. Herman, both residents of this city.

Mr. Zollman devoted a great share of his busy life to the promotion of public and civic affairs. He was a clear and accurate thinker and a logical reasoner and debater, possessing a fine, analytical mind. He was patriotic to a high degree. He was a devoted and loving husband and father, and a loyal friend. His character and disposition were kind. He was thoughtful and considerate. With the advent and increasing use of the motor driven vehicle, Mr. Zollman became greatly concerned over what he termed the useless sacrifice of human life and limb, due in the main to careless and reckless driving of automobiles and to their operation by persons either physically or mentally not qualified. He deplored the fact that motor driven vehicles thus were being operated on the highways of our State without regard to qualifications of the drivers, or the responsibility of the owners and operators. Because of his great love of mankind and of his belief that a great many accidents could be prevented through proper regulation, he advocated strenuously the adoption of adequate laws to correct this situation. In carrying out what might be termed his "hobby", he associated himself with automobile organizations, taking a prominent part in the affairs of the Minnesota State Automobile Association and also as Director of the Automobile Club of St. Paul, of which he was elected President in 1925, in which position he continued to the time of his death. He was a member of the executive committee of the Minnesota State Automobile Association, and as Chairman of the legislative committee of that Association, during every session of the Legislature for practically a decade, he strove to have enacted traffic laws designed to safeguard human life and property.

Mr. Zollman was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church; of the Junior Pioneer Association of Ramsey County, serving at one time as president of that organization; of Damascus Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, and of other Masonic Orders; and of the Elk's fraternity.

His character was above reproach. His kindness to those who transgressed against him was exemplified by his deep capacity to forgive. His friends and associates ever will remember him as a kind and gentleman, a man of generous and charitable impulses.

With the passing of Frederick William Zollman the Ramsey County Bar lost one who ranks with the many distinguished leaders of our Bar who have gone before him.

Dated April 15th, 1933.

**Gustav C. Axelrod
Herbert J. Charles
Harry P. Churchill
Allen V. Junkin
Herbert P. Keller,
Chairman.**

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The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* reported Zollman's death on its front page in its April 11, 1933, edition:

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F. W. ZOLLMAN.

F. W. ZOLLMAN, HEAD OF AUTO CLUB, DIES

Was Son of Territorial Pioneers and Long in Law Practice Here.

F. W. Zollman, St. Paul lawyer and president of the St. Paul Automobile club, died Monday afternoon in Miller hospital following an operation performed Friday. He lived at 1097 Lincoln avenue.

Born June 1, 1860, on a farm in Tyrone township, Le Sueur county, the son of William and Barbara Zollman, territorial pioneers. Mr. Zollman moved to St. Paul with his parents when he was 3 years old, coming down the Minnesota river in a steamboat.

For his earlier education he attended the Franklin grade school here. In 1881 he was graduated from Northwestern college in Naperville, Ill., after which he returned to St. Paul and was a stenographer for several years. He began his study of law in the office of J. H. Ives and was admitted to the bar in 1887. He immediately took up practice in partnership with Mr. Ives.

Long on Charter Body.

In 1897 Mr. Zollman was appointed assistant county attorney, which position he held until January, 1901. After his retirement he was appointed a member of the St. Paul charter commission, and he served in this capacity for twelve years. For a number of years he was general counsel for the Minnesota State Brewers association. He resumed the general practice of law with the advent of prohibition.

Mr. Zollman was elected president of the St. Paul Automobile club in 1925 and had been re-elected yearly. He took an active interest in all safety projects and legislation. As a member of the executive committee of the Minnesota State Automobile association and chairman of the legislative committee he participated in the drafting and advocating of such legislation, particularly drivers' license and safety responsibility acts.

Was Junior Pioneer.

Mr. Zollman was a member of the Junior Pioneer association, one of its past presidents for six years and chairman of the civic committee. He was an Elk and a Mason. As a Mason he was a member of Ancient Landmark lodge, Osaman temple, and a past commander of Damascus Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.

Among the survivors are his widow, Louise M. Zollman; two sons, William of St. Paul and John of Minneapolis, children of a former wife who died, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Shelp and Mrs. L. T. Herrman of St. Paul.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed late Monday night.