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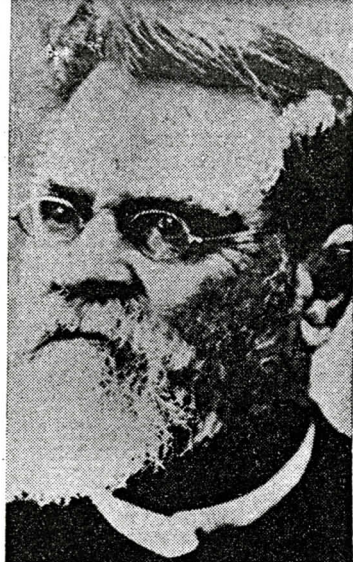


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Plans to dedicate Indiana University's new Law School building this week started an alumnus to thinking of the days when he drove cows across the campus.

Luther M. Grimes of Des Moines, Iowa, believed to be the only living member of the law class of 1893, has decided at the age of 87½ that he is too old to make the trip to Bloomington for the ceremonies.

In his reply to Law Dean Leon H. Wallace, Grimes recalled the present campus was then a pasture. His father, the writer noted, who was a student at I.U. at the outset of the Civil War, sold to the university what is now part of the athletic field.

"My people, the Woodward and Ketchams, had much to do with establishing the county (Monroe), the university and the now city of Bloomington," the alumnus explained.

Grimes was highly complimentary of the law professors of his day, singling out Judge D. D. Banta, the first law dean, and Prof. William P. Rogers, who was awarded the deanship in 1896 following the death of Judge Banta. "Our teachers in law-----were of the best," he said.

In remembering his "personal" relationship with Prof. Rogers, Grimes related the time when a member of the class put a stray dog in the professor's desk. During recitation, the dog began to whine.

As he freed the animal Prof. Rogers replied, "We have a new student." The incident did not turn out to be as humorous as the class had hoped, Grimes wrote. The professor dismissed the group and announced his intentions to resign "as it is evident that my teachings are not satisfactory."

Grimes and other classmates visited the dean-to-be at his home and "finally convinced him that his work was satisfactory and his inference was far from the right one."

Prof. Rogers did resign in 1902 to become dean of the University of Cincinnati School of Law.

These and other incidents from out of the past lead up to the present—the dedication Thursday, Friday and Saturday—and the ceremony is sure to take on additional meaning as a result of the best wishes relayed from Des Moines.