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Fund At IU Will Honor Former Law Dean Banta

Indiana University's first law school dean, who was so determined to pursue a legal education that he walked all the way from Iowa to the Hoosier state, will be memorialized by a new scholarship fund established at I.U. by his grandson, a successful Wisconsin publisher. 11/25/57

George Banta Jr., chairman of the board of George Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wis., presented the University with a gift of \$5,000 to create the David D. Banta Award.

Law School Dean Leon H. Wallace said income from the grant will be used to present an annual award to a full-time law student chosen by the Law School faculty.

The Wisconsin publisher created the David D. Banta Award at I.U. not only to commemorate his grandfather's career, but to instill his spirit of determination in others.

Dean Banta, who held both bachelor of science and law degrees from I.U., served as dean of the Law School from 1889

until his death in 1896. Prior to this, he had served six years as judge of the Franklin Circuit Court (1870-1876), and 12 years as a member of the I.U. board of trustees (1877-1889). He was president of the board from 1882 until his resignation to accept the deanship.

His early desire and determination to become a lawyer prompted the walk from Fairfield, Iowa, across Illinois to Indiana where he undertook an undergraduate program at Franklin College — a program that later led to the satisfaction of his wish.

The donor is an alumnus of Lawrence College in Appleton, Wis., and of Wabash College. He also is editor of Banta's Greek Exchange, vice president of the First National Bank in Menasha and a member of the board of trustees at Lawrence College, from which he holds an honorary degree.