

In Memoriam

Judge Woodfin D. Robinson

Woodfin D. Robinson was born on January 27, 1857, near Lincoln, Illinois, the son of James Allen and Louisa Robinson, and died at his home in Evansville on May 8, 1930, at the age of 73 years. He was actively engaged in the practice of the law at the time of his death and worked at his office until the day before he was stricken with a heart attack.

Judge Robinson was graduated from Indiana University in June, 1879, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then taught school in Gibson County and for about two years was superintendent of schools in that county, later attending the University of Virginia Law School and the Law School of Michigan University from which latter institution he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of LL. B.

Returning to Princeton Judge Robinson, with Arthur W. Twineham, engaged in the practice of law there from 1883 until 1897 when he went to Indianapolis to assume his duties as one of the Judges of the Indiana Appellate Court. While practicing law in Princeton he founded a newspaper known as the "Gibson County Leader," of which he was editor for a number of years. In 1895 he served as Representative from Gibson County in the Indiana General Assembly for one term.

For several years Judge Robinson was a member of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University, in which institution he maintained a great interest. He was a member of the faculty of the Indiana University Law School for several years, during which period he wrote numerous articles on various legal subjects for legal periodicals. He was the author of "Indiana County

and Township Officers." The first edition of this work, which was regarded as an authority on that subject, appeared in 1892, and the second edition in 1897.

Woodfin D. Robinson was elected a Judge of the Indiana Appellate Court in 1896 and began his duties on that bench on January 1, 1897, serving continuously as a judge of that court for a period of 10 years. His opinions are to be found in volumes 16 to 39 inclusive, Indiana Appellate Court Reports.

Upon his retirement from the bench Judge Robinson located in Evansville, and formed a partnership with the late William E. Stilwell. He was a painstaking and thorough student of the law and maintained a keen interest in legal scholarship. Shortly before his death he finished a thorough treatise on the "Law of Infants," which is to be published posthumously by his family.

Judge Robinson was an able lawyer and his opinions were clear, logical and to the point. It has always been a pleasure to have him appear before this court as attorney for litigants since he re-entered the practice of law.

We sincerely regret his passing. We extend our sympathy to his bereaved family and friends. We feel keenly the loss of a great lawyer and judge.