

RAY McADAMS -- IN MEMORIUM

In the death of Colonel Ray McAdams the City of Fort Wayne has lost a valuable citizen and the bar has lost an able lawyer and a congenial friend and associate.

Ray McAdams was born in Rushsylvania, Ohio, on the 27th day of November, 1882, and obtained his legal education at Ohio Northern University. He came to Indiana in 1905 and first engaged in the practice of law in Huntington County where he was deputy prosecuting Attorney for two years. In 1909 he moved to Fort Wayne and engaged in the practice of law here until his death with the exception of the years he devoted to the military service of his country.

For a number of years he was associated with the late Lee J. Hartzell in the practice of his profession in the firm of McAdams & Hartzell. This relationship was terminated by his call to the service of his country.

His military career was outstanding. As a youth, before he came to Indiana, he enlisted in the Ohio National Guard and has the distinction of having stood as a military guard at the funeral of President McKinley. In 1914 he terminated his association with Mr. Hartzell and participated in the military operations on the Mexican border; thereafter he served with outstanding distinction in Europe in World War I, during which he held the rank of Captain of Infantry, was advanced to Major and retired with the rank of Colonel. He also served on General Pershing's staff and for the last six months in Europe he taught law in Paris to the American soldiers located there who were interested in the subject.

He was a member of Jim Eby Post No. 857 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served for many years as its Judge in the local post and as its Judge Advocate. He was also a National Judge Advocate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the years 1929 and 1930. After his return from the war Colonel McAdams again engaged in the practice of law in Allen County. From 1931 to 1947 he was associated with Chester A. Lincoln and in recent years until the time of his death with Herman Busse.

On November 20, 1936, he was united in marriage to Irene Rohyans, a life-long resident of Fort Wayne, who survives him.

To the members of the profession he was always kind and genial, and, while he was firm in his protection of the rights of his clients, he was broad minded enough and had the experience to know that after there are two sides to a question. You could always sit down and talk over a case with Ray McAdams. He never took the attitude that you were his personal enemy because you were on the opposite side of a case, and he effected many compromises which were more beneficial to his clients than a law suit would be. He had a keen sense of humor and a ready, quiet, unassuming and inoffensive wit, and underneath he had a deep sense of justice and a profound understanding of the law.

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