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#### Born:

July 6, 1876, Wilton Junction, Muscatine Co., Iowa; son of Norvel Wilson and Margaret Emma (Hill) McVicker;

*Married* Virginia Matilda Constant of Lone Tree, Iowa, Mar. 12, 1905;

*Children:* Bernadine Constant (McVicker) Norman; Mildred Hill (McVicker) Kelso; Benjamin Franklin; Thomas Edison; and Patricia Virginia.

### **Education:**

B.S., Valparaiso University, 1902;

A.B., 1911,

A.M., 1912,

LL.B., 1913,

PH.D., 1925,

J.D., 1925, State University of Iowa;

LL.M., 1931,

S.J.D., 1932, Law School of Harvard University

**Ph.D.** dissertation: Studies in the Administration of Justice in the Iowa County.

**S.J.D.** dissertation: The Organization of Administrative Work in Courts.

## Experience:

Clerk of the District Court, Keokuk Co., Iowa, 1903-07;

Principal, Fremont, Iowa, Schools, January-June, 1907;

Superintendent, Keota, Iowa Schools, 1907-10;

Superintendent, Hortonville, Wisconsin, Schools, 1917-18;

Superintendent, Dow City, Iowa, Consolidated Schools, 1918-19;

Superintendent, Belle Plaine, Iowa, Schools, 1919-23;

Graduate Assistant, Political Science, University of Iowa, Jan.-June, 1924;

Acting professor of Political Science, University of Kansas, summers 1925-28;

Practiced Law individually at Sigourney, Iowa, 1913-15, in partnership with Honorable W.H.

Hamilton at Sigourney, Iowa, in practice of law, 1915-17, he being now a Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa; member of practicing law firm, Watsabaugh & McVicker, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1925-26;

Practiced law individually at Iowa City, Iowa, 1933-35;

Professor of Law, University of Detroit Law School, 1926-28;

Professor of Law, Chicago-Kent. College Of Law (Chicago, Illinois), 1929-30;

Acting Professor of Law, University of Kentucky, College of Law, 1935-36. Honorable Position:

Chairman, Hortonville (Wisconsin) Four Minute Men, 1917-18;

Outagamie County Council of Defense, Wisconsin, 1917-18, Member and special committeeman.

Member: Phi Delta Kappa;

life member The State Historical Society of Iowa;

A.F. & A.M., Webb Lodge No. 182, Sigourney, Iowa (1900-36);

The University of Kentucky Club (Lexington, Kentucky);

National Defense Organizations; Major Officers' Reserve corps; member Reserve Officers'

Association of the U.S.

### Author:

The Administration of Justice in the County, The Clerk of the District Court, The County Attorney, being Chapters VI, VII & XI in Volume entitled "County Government and Administration in Iowa," 1925 (published by the State Historical Society of Iowa); History of the Iowa State Bar Association and Law Reform, published in the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, April, 1926.

Contributor: Iowa Journal of History and Politics; Law Reviews. Researcher: Local

Government: The Organization and Administrative Work of the Courts;

The Seventeenth Century Justice of the Peace in England;

The Arbitration of International Investment Controversies;

The Development of the Law of Arrest; Fair Comment and Defense to Libel in Illinois.

#### War record:

Corporal, Company "F" 51st Iowa Infantry Volunteers in the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection, in the Philippines, 1898-99.

## Travel:

As an American Soldier in the Orient, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands, China, Japan, 1898-99.

# Special Interest:

Judicial Administration.

# Achievements of general interest:

A clearing up of the delinquent probate administration in old executorships, administration-ships and guardianships while serving as Clerk of the District Court of Keokuk County, Iowa, 1903-07:

A published study on the status, functions, duties and influences of the Prosecuting Attorney in the preponderantly rural county as distinguished from the Prosecuting Attorney in urban communities.

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