

work to secure from the General Assembly an appropriation to purchase seed for the spring planting. The constitutionality of such appropriation was questioned but Senator Fairall argued the point in a convincing speech and won the case for the settlers. The men and women who passed through that experience are rapidly diminishing, but they should keep green the memory of Sam Fairall and look to it that the survivors do not suffer forgetfulness. Judge Fairall stood high in his profession. He loved men and loved life. Even the poorest found in him a friend and helper, and his love for brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren was a genuine affection.

On March 8, 1909, Judge Fairall passed away at his home in Iowa City, one that he had occupied for over fifty years, and on March 10, he was quietly laid away to eternal rest in the family lot in beautiful Oakland. The masonic fraternity, of which he was a member, being in charge of the ceremony, which were in accordance with the beautiful rites of the order. Peace to his ashes.

WHEREAS, His life, character and services to the state were such as to entitle him to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

*Resolved*, That in the death of this prominent citizen, his city, county and state has suffered the loss of an active, energetic and influential citizen and his family the loss of a kind and indulgent father.

*Resolved*, That we do hereby extend to his children and those near and dear to him our sincere sympathy in this hour of sorrow, and,

*Be it further resolved*, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the decedent.

J. A. WHITE,

J. H. ALLEN,

J. D. BROWN,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Hunter, from the Special Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions commemorative of the life of the Hon. Joseph S. Lawrence, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the life and services of the Honorable Joseph S. Lawrence, late of Sioux City, Iowa, beg leave to submit, herewith, the following report:

Joseph S. Lawrence was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 12, 1853 and was a son of the late William Spencer Lawrence, born in Providence, Rhode Island, 1824 and Mary Jane Lawrence, Nee Mangam, born in Hyde Park, New York, 1825.

After the completion of an academic course of study in his native city he entered Madison University at Hamilton, New York, from which institution he was graduated in 1875. Immediately following his graduation he took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of

Henry L. Clinton of New York and later pursued a course in the New York Law University.

He was admitted to the bar in 1877 and began practice in Mohawk, Herkimer County, New York. He removed to Sioux City, Iowa in 1883, where he continued in the practice of law until the time of his death.

In 1875 he was united in marriage with Miss Dorothy Imogene Treadway in Herkimer County, New York. He is survived by her and their two children, Mrs. George W. Avery and William Marshall Lawrence.

In 1892 he became interested in street railway properties in Sioux City and during the years to 1899 affected the consolidation of all the street railway lines of the city under the present Sioux City Traction Company.

This was one of the most important events in the finances of Sioux City and perhaps the greatest accomplishment of his busy career. He was president of the new company and after retiring from the active management, served as general counsel for the company until his death.

For many years he was a prominent figure in Iowa politics.

In 1887 he was elected to the State Senate from Woodbury County and served with distinction in this body during the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies.

He was permanent chairman of the Republican State Convention of 1893.

He was always a staunch republican but liberal and broad minded in dealing with the advocates of other policies. He cared but little for office but was always active and intensely interested in the growth and welfare of our state and nation.

He was ever wide awake to the needs of the time and faithful in all trusts placed in his hands, never swerving from the path of duty and rights as he saw it. He rendered his state a faithful service and won for himself credit and honor.

As a lawyer he was learned and able, gifted with good judgment and unusual eloquence and ever loyal to his client.

He was possessed of a large knowledge of men and was a man of large affairs and of wide business experiences.

He was a voracious reader and his collection of books at Elmwood, his suburban home, is one of the largest private libraries in our state.

He died at Sioux City, Iowa, January 8, 1909.

WHEREAS, Honorable Joseph S. Lawrence, a member of this body in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, departed this life in his home in Sioux City, Iowa, on the 8th day of January, 1909.

*Therefore be it Resolved*, That the Senate of the State of Iowa has heard with great sorrow and regret of his death and it recognizes that in his departure the State of Iowa has lost one of her honored and useful citizens, who rendered great and lasting service to his state. In his service as a member of this body he was a valued legislator, counselor and servant, distinguished by his ability and eloquence and his integrity in public duty.

*Resolved* That the Senate of the State of Iowa joins with his neighbors and friends in sorrow and regret and hereby tenders to his family its sincere sympathy in this time of great bereavement.

*Be it Further Resolved*, That these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that an engrossed copy authenticated by the President and Secretary to be sent to the widow and family of the deceased.

ROBERT HUNTER,

C. C. DOWELL,

J. U. SAMMIS,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

Senator Hunter in moving the adoption of the resolutions spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—On moving the adoption of the resolutions I wish to say a few words concerning our departed friend. It was my good fortune to have known Senator Lawrence for nearly a quarter of a century. During all of my acquaintances with him he was always the same congenial Joe Lawrence; courteous, dignified and manly.

Some might say he belonged to an aristocracy but if so his was an aristocracy of a splendid intellect, high ideals and a warm and sympathetic heart.

He was ever ready to help the needy in distress without public show or ostentation. He was always willing to give of his splendid abilities, his talents and his energy for the uplifting of all humanity, rich or poor.

He was the prince of orators and his dignified, knightly bearing was eloquent of his manly character.

With many of the idle diversions of life he had little to do. He could absorb himself and the activities of his fertile mind in the midst of his splendid library in the study of nature and in lofty contemplation. To him such things were both work and recreation.

We come today and stand by the new made tomb of our honored and lamented brother and co-worker and lay upon his grave the flower of our appreciation.

As we thus stand on the brink of the dark and trackless valley into which a fellow traveller has disappeared, and we are unable to call back from its depths either the form or voice of him who has entered through its only portal—an entrance impossible to us in life—bereavement can do but little more or better than draw the mantle of sorrow more closely about her and bow the head in silence.

No words can call back our dead; no words drive away bereavement. It is, however, a potent faculty and a beautiful element in human nature which prompts and enables us to keep alive our dead, by the marvelous and blessed power of memory.

So we turn from the forbidding darkness of death to the light and beauty of their remembered life.

As we thus contemplate the virtues of our departed friend he still lives and dwells with us in mighty influence. As unseen and unheard the marvelous laws and forces of nature teach the flower how to grow—the