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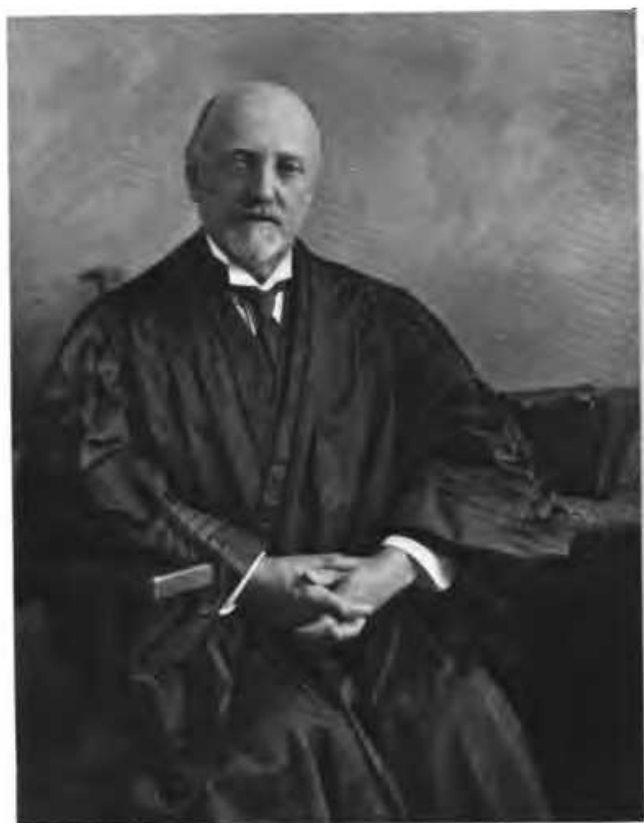
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Judge Knappen: Governor Harmon, will you present the Memorial?

Governor Harmon: May it please the court, the committee appointed by the court for the purpose, reports the following Memorial of the late Judge Warrington:



JOHN WESLEY WARRINGTON was born near South Charleston, Ohio, July 22, 1844, in a log house which is still standing. His father, a native of England, was a Methodist minister. He died very young, when John was only five years old. The mother, Mary Davisson, was the granddaughter of an officer in the Revolutionary war. Her father crossed the mountains from Virginia late in the eighteenth century and settled on the farm on which Judge Warrington was born. He was one of the pioneers of that region.

After the father's death the mother went to live on the farm and there brought up her family, displaying the well-known traits of American mothers in such emergencies.

John was the eldest boy and led the usual life of the farm, getting only such education as country schools afforded, in those times, from late fall to early spring.

Near the close of his eighteenth year he enlisted in the 110th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which became part of the Ohio Brigade in the Sixth Corps of the Army of the Potomac, commanded by General Sedgwick. He took part in all the battles in which that famous corps was engaged, including those of the Wilderness and of General Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah Valley. He was close by when that General reached the field after his celebrated ride. His regiment was one of those sent to New York to suppress the draft riots, and was part of the small force at the battle of Monocacy with which General Lew Wallace held back the Confederate Army under General Early long enough to save Washington from capture.

At the battle of Petersburg, shortly before the surrender of General Lee's army, he was severely wounded in the knee. Only his determined opposition, backed by an army nurse, prevented amputation. The generous nature which endeared him through life to all who came in touch with him appeared years later, when he was in full practice. Learning that this nurse was to pass through the city, he closed his desk, left his office, met her at the train, and devoted the

entire day to her entertainment. This wound, which shattered his kneecap, gave him pain at times, and caused a limp which he did his best to hide.

After six months in the hospital he returned home with awakened ambition and a broadened outlook on life. His younger brothers had grown into a share of the work of the farm, and, realizing the scantiness of his education, he devoted all the time he could control to study under direction of a minister of the neighborhood, not feeling free—if, indeed, he had the means—to go away to college and leave to his mother the entire responsibility for farm and family.

During this period he also gave some study to the law, and on his mother's death in 1868 he became a student in the office of McGuffey & Morrill in Cincinnati. He entered the Cincinnati Law School in September of that year, graduated after a single term, and was admitted to practice in March, 1869, but before commencing practice he, with several of his classmates, attended the law school another year.

With exceptional men, like Judge Warrington, it may be doubted whether the lack of full, regular courses of study is, in the final outcome, a real disadvantage. They escape the not uncommon delusion among college men that they have secured an education when they have only made a start, and so remain students