

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SAINT PAUL



IN THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF
HON. W. J. McALLISTER, JUDGE OF
PROBATE FOR MURRAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
AS PROVIDED FOR BY CHAPTER 253
SESSION LAWS OF MINNESOTA FOR 1931.

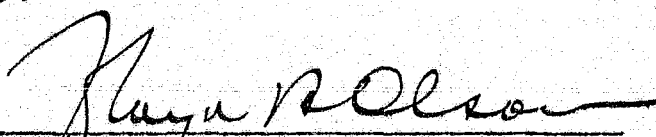
ORDER DIRECTING RETIREMENT

WHEREAS it has been determined upon investigation that the Honorable W. J. McAllister, Judge of Probate for Murray County, Minnesota, has become incapacitated physically and mentally from performing his judicial duties during the remainder of his term of office, and

WHEREAS the public is suffering and will continue to suffer by reason of such disability,

I, THEREFORE, ORDER AND DIRECT the retirement of said Honorable W. J. McAllister, Judge of Probate for Murray County, Minnesota, for the unexpired portion of his present term of office to which he was duly elected.

Dated December 12th, 1933.


Governor of Minnesota.

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W. J. McALLISTER
Judge of Probate for Murray County
SLAYTON, MINNESOTA

Oct. 14, 1933

Hon. Floyd B. Olson,
Governor of Minnesota,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I am dictating this letter from my bedroom. The following is a statement of what my condition has been and is today. On the morning of the 23rd day of August, I suffered a fainting spell, caused by excessive blood pressure. When the doctor arrived, he found my blood pressure to be 196, since which time I have been under his care and there seems to be a partial paralysis in my lower back and legs, so that I have to have help to be dressed and undressed every day, and to walk around my room. My eye sight is also failing so that some one of the family has to read to me to keep me up on the current news of the day.

I am just past 83 years of age, and have served Murray County, as Judge of Probate for 25 years. I have worked in the Court House, here in Murray County, in some capacity, practically, all of the time, since the county seat was established in Slayton. I was re-elected Judge of Probate in November 1932, by a majority of about 600 votes, and feel that the voters of Murray County are strongly behind me.

It is with great regret that I am forced to ask to take advantage of Section 1 & 2-Chapter 253 of the Minnesota Laws of 1931. I had no idea, during my recent campaign, that I should be incapacitated to the extent, that I could not finish out my term; but my condition has changed so radically, since my recent illness, that I shall have to submit my resignation to you as Governor of Minnesota, knowing that I can receive my salary for the remainder of my term, if I live that long.

When the time comes and you have made proper investigation, as to my condition of health, and have declared the office of the Judge of Probate vacant, and have some one under consideration to appoint in my place, personally, I would greatly appreciate it, if you would consider the appointment of my clerk, Mrs. Irene McAllister, for the remainder of my term. She has been my very efficient clerk for nearly nine years, during which time she has studied Probate Law and Procedure, under my direction, and is thoroughly qualified to fill said vacancy. She is a graduate of Slayton High School, also Mankato Commercial College. The attorneys of Murray County will attest as to her capability as she has had entire charge of the office during my illness. Judge Pierce of

W. J. McALLISTER
Judge of Probate for Murray County
SLAYTON, MINNESOTA

Pipestone County, one of your own appointees, who has acted as Judge of Probate for Murray County, during my illness, can also inform you as to her efficiency. Mrs. McAllister is my daughter-in-law and virtually the support of herself and husband, a World War Veteran, who has had no regular employment for about three years, first, because of illness and later, the depression.

As to my physical condition, I refer you to Dr. L. A. Williams of Slayton, who has been my family physician for over 30 years. As to my eye sight, I refer you to Dr. H. C. Doms of Slayton, and R. Curry of Windom.

I wish to congratulate you most heartily on your Chicago Address before the Century of Progress Exposition, which I heard over the radio; also upon the address you made here at Slayton, recently, especially in regard to your ideas concerning the NRA. One of my family reported your talk to me. I am sure that you have made a host of friends by your appearance here in person.

I feel, being one of the oldest residents of Murray County, and also one of the founders of the Village of Slayton, that you will act in all fairness as to my wishes, for I am sure that my recommendation would meet with the approval of the majority of the voters of Murray County.

I herewith tender my resignation as Judge of Probate of Murray County, Minnesota.

Yours most sincerely,

W. J. McAllister

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DR. C. H. CURRY

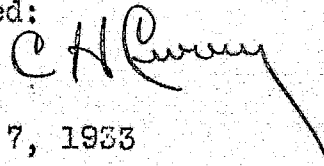
WINDOM, MINNESOTA

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to W. J. McAllister, Probate Judge of Murray County, he is at this time and has been for several months and, in my opinion, will be permanently unable physically to fulfill his duties as Probate Judge. His vision is especially poor, being totally blind in one eye.

W. J. McAllister has been a conscientious and popular official, and I believe is entitled to every consideration and courtesy that can possibly be extended to him under the law.

Signed:



Dec. 7, 1933

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Received at

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DR. HENRY C. DOMS
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
SLAYTON, MINNESOTA

December, 9, 1933

Honorable Floyd B. Olson
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Governor Olson:

In re Hon. W.J. McAllister,
Probate Judge.

Replying to your inquiry of Dec.

6, concerning the above named Probate Judge, will say that he has become both physically and mentally incapacitated to the extent that he will be unable to perform his judicial duties during the remainder of his term of office.

He is suffering from high blood pressure, kidney and bladder complications, and is confined to the house and most of the time in bed. His prognosis is very unfavorable.

Very truly yours,

Henry C. Doms, M.D.
Henry C. Doms M.D.

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Dr. Leon A. Williams
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Slayton, Minnesota

December 8, 1933.

Honorable Floyd B. Olson,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Governor Olson:

In re Hon. W. J. McAllister,
Probate Judge.

Replying to your inquiry of Dec. 6 concerning the above named Probate Judge, would say that in my judgment he has become incapacitated both physically and mentally to the extent that he will be unable to perform his judicial duties during the remainder of his term of office.

He had a severe convulsion August 25, 1933 and has been confined to the house and most of the time in bed. He is suffering from high blood pressure, kidney and bladder complications and the prognosis in his case is not very good.

Very truly yours,

Leon A. Williams
Leon A. Williams

LAW--MBC

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