

WHEREAS, Thomas Zeno Minehart, the oldest member of the Franklin County Bar, both in years of life and membership of the Bar, passed away at the Chambersburg Hospital on May 11, 1962, in his 95th year.

RESOLVED That we, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association, express our sorrow at his death and place upon the records of the Association the following memorial:

Mr. Minehart was born in Lurgan Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on September 18, 1867 and resided in Franklin County his entire life. As a youth he worked in the grist mill and saw mill of his father, Jacob S. Minehart, attended the Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., and Gettysburg College. After reading law in the office of the late Judge W. Rush Gillan he was admitted to this bar on February 26, 1894 and subsequently to the Superior and Supreme Courts. He practiced actively until his age and failing health caused him to cease, although he always retained an interest in the affairs of the bar and the county.

Through his long life he was engaged actively in nearly every phase of community life. Although conducting a very large general practice, which included at one time one of the largest office and Orphans' Court practices in the County, he with his great energy engaged prominently in politics, banking, church work, fraternal organizations and volunteer fire companies.

Mr. Minehart, a life-long Democrat, served his party as County Chairman, State Committeeman and delegate to National conventions. He became a member of the State Legislature in 1906 and was School Director in Chambersburg in the early nineteen hundreds. He helped organize the Farmers & Merchants Trust Co., The Orrstown Bank, and later became President of each, and was for many years a director of The National Bank of Chambersburg. As a volunteer fireman he was a member of the Old Hope Hose Co. and one of the organizers of the Franklin Fire Company. In church work for over 30 years he taught a Sunday School class at the First Lutheran Church and for many years was Sunday School Superintendent. His remarkable constitution enabled him to travel much in his later years, both in this country and abroad.

In spite of his many activities and his continual residence in Chambersburg, his heart remained in Lurgan Township and Orrstown, where were his lasting friendships, many beginning in boyhood, and where, as one of his last important acts he erected and endowed a museum, near The Orrstown Bank, which was dedicated in June, 1955 and wherein repose many historical items of Franklin County, especially his beloved Orrstown community.

It can truly be said of "Tom" Minehart, as we knew him, that he lived a long, varied and fruitful life and we shall miss his forceful presence and our many contacts with him.

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Chairman



May 15, 1962

Minutes of a special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association held in the Court Room of the Franklin County Court House, Chambersburg, Penna. on Tuesday, May 15, 1962 at 1:00 o'clock P.M. E.D.S.T. 12:00 o'clock P.M. E.S.T.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Daniel W. Long.

The following members were present: J. Glenn Benedict, George S. Black, Paul M. Crider, Charles H. Davison, Stenger Diehl, George C. Eppinger, Daniel W. Long, Blake E. Martin, Paul F. Mower, John McD. Sharpe, Sr., Albert Strite, James A. Strite, George E. Wenger, Edmund C. Wingerd, Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., Roy S.F. Angle, and Thomas J. MacBride.

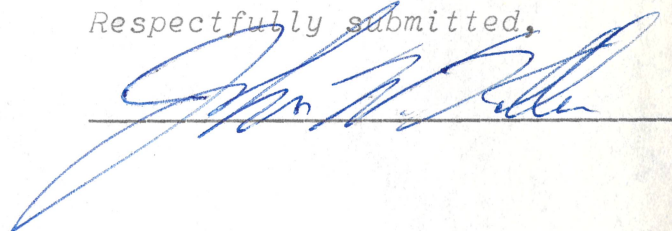
The President announced that the association had gathered together to consider a Resolution to be offered on the death of Thomas Zeno Minehart. Edmund C. Wingerd, Sr., Chariman of the Resolution's committee read the Resolution prepared by Edmund C. Wingerd, Sr. John McD. Sharpe, Sr., J. Glenn Benedict, Paul M. Crider and Paul F. Mower; a copy of which is attached hereto and moved the adoption of the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Paul M. Crider, Paul F. Mower, John McD. Sharpe, Sr., J. Glenn Benedict and Daniel W. Long.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by the membership.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel W. Long", is written over a horizontal line.