

*Presentation of Portrait  
and  
Memorial Proceedings*

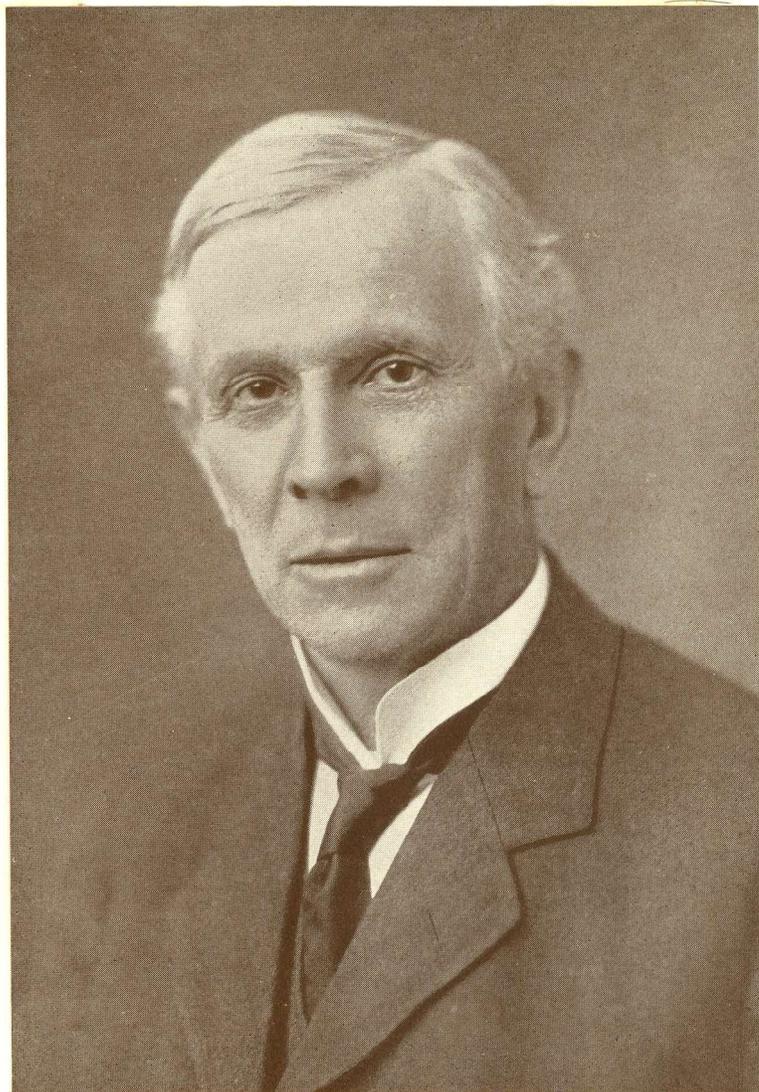
May Sixth and October Seventh,  
One Thousand Nine Hundred  
and Nineteen

**Christian C. Kohlsaatt**

United States Circuit Court of Appeals  
for the Seventh Circuit

**PRESENTATION** *of the* Portrait *of*  
*the* Honorable Christian C. Kohlsaas,  
*to the* United States Circuit Court  
*of Appeals for the* Seventh Circuit

Proceedings had on the Seventh  
day of October, one thousand  
nine hundred and nineteen





At a regular term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, begun and held in the United States Court Room, in the City of Chicago in said Seventh Circuit, on the seventh day of October, 1919, of the October Term, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and of our Independence the one hundred and forty-fourth year.

Tuesday  
October  
7, 1919

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On Tuesday, October 7, 1919, the court met pursuant to adjournment in the court room of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the City of Chicago, and was opened by proclamation of crier.

Present:

Hon. Francis E. Baker, Circuit Judge, presiding;  
Hon. Julian W. Mack, Circuit Judge;  
Hon. Samuel Alschuler, Circuit Judge;  
Hon. Evan A. Evans, Circuit Judge;  
Hon. George T. Page, Circuit Judge;  
Edward M. Holloway, Clerk;  
John J. Bradley, Marshal.

There were also present and sitting with the court:

Hon. George B. Carpenter, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.  
Hon. Ferdinand A. Geiger, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

**Committee**      On behalf of the following members of the Bar  
**and**              of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for  
**Contributors**   the Seventh Circuit, the Committee, consisting of:

John S. Miller, Chairman  
Frank H. Scott                      Mitchell D. Follansbee  
Robert H. Parkinson              Lessing Rosenthal  
Jacob M. Dickinson              Horace Kent Tenney  
Stephen S. Gregory              Roy O. West  
Charles A. Brown

presented to the court a portrait of the Honorable  
Christian C. Kohlsaat:

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| Albert H. Adams      | Louis T. Breist      |
| Elmer H. Adams       | Charles A. Brown     |
| Keene H. Addington   | Frank T. Brown       |
| W. T. Alden          | Frederick A. Brown   |
| Edwin M. Ashcraft    | Taylor E. Brown      |
| C. A. Atkinson       | George T. Buckingham |
| Alfred S. Austrian   | A. W. Bulkley        |
| Benjamin C. Bachrach | Wm. H. Burgess       |
| Edgar A. Bancroft    | Clarence A. Burley   |
| Frederick A. Bangs   | William Burry        |
| Thomas A. Banning    | Charles S. Burton    |
| Otto R. Barnett      | Rush C. Butler       |
| Wm. G. Beale         | Otto C. Butz         |
| Benjamin T. Becker   | R. W. Campbell       |
| Frank L. Belknap     | Donald M. Carter     |
| Wm. O. Belt          | Walter H. Chamberlin |
| Cyrus Bentley        | Justus Chancellor    |
| John D. Black        | Dwight B. Cheever    |
| Gale Blocki          | George L. Chindahl   |
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| Dwight S. Bobb       | Axel Chytraus        |
| Arthur H. Boettcher  | Henry Lincoln Clapp  |
| William P. Bond      | Charles D. Clark     |
| W. M. Borders        | Henry Love Clark     |
| Wm. C. Boyden        | Chester C. Cleveland |

Howard M. Cox  
Ralph Crews  
Wm. Navarre Cromwell  
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Wm. B. Davies  
Brode B. Davis  
Clyde L. Day  
Donald Defrees  
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Charles S. Deneen  
Homer T. Dick  
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Wm. H. Dixon  
Harry Lea Dodson  
Frank H. Drury  
Arthur F. Durand  
Arthur Dyrenforth  
W. H. Dyrenforth  
Albert N. Eastman  
Sidney C. Eastman  
Marquis Eaton  
P. B. Eckhart  
Arthur J. Eddy  
John G. Elliott  
George P. Fisher  
Gustave F. Fischer  
George A. Follansbee  
Mitchell D. Follansbee  
Wm. S. Forrest  
Colin C. H. Fyffe  
David B. Gann  
Barry Gilbert  
Louis K. Gillson  
Edward T. Glennon  
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William W. Gurley  
George I. Haight

Charles H. Hamill  
Harvey L. Hanson  
Charles F. Harding  
Louis E. Hart  
W. Knox Haynes  
Frank A. Helmer  
Charles W. Hills  
Nathan Haffenberg  
Charles R. Holden  
Charles S. Holt  
Walter S. Horton  
Francis J. Houlihan  
Frank A. Howard  
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Blewett Lee  
John H. Lee  
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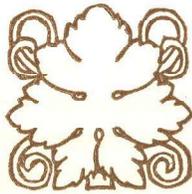
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*Mr. John S. Miller on behalf of the Committee and members of the Bar of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, making the presentation, addressed the court as follows:* **Presentation by Mr. Miller**

May it please the court: Before the business of the day is entered upon, I beg leave to say that a large number of the lawyers who were practitioners in his Court, have regarded it as their great privilege and pleasure to secure the making and to present to the Court a portrait of your late lamented associate, Judge Kohlsaat, to be hung with those of the other jurists who have sat here and whose portraits hang upon its walls. A Committee was selected consisting of Robert H. Parkinson, Stephen S. Gregory, Jacob M. Dickinson, Charles A. Brown, Frank H. Scott, Mitchell D. Follansbee, Charles S. Holt, Lessing Rosenthal, Horace Kent Tenney and Roy O. West, with myself as chairman. Acting not alone upon the best judgment we were able to exercise, but with the advice of others of knowledge and skill in such matters, the Committee engaged Mr. Ralph Clarkson, a painter of great distinction as a portrait painter, and we have here today to present to the court a portrait of our lamented friend which we believe to be entirely worthy of the distinguished subject—of the artist—and of a place among the others which look down here upon us today.

Our meeting here to day is not for the purpose of recalling at any length and testifying to the great virtues and qualities which distinguished our lamented friend, and which were so well recognized. Such an appropriate meeting has already been held. It is proper, however, as we are now met to speak

**Presentation** a few words of the thoughts of him that come to us  
**by Mr. Miller** on this occasion and arise as we look upon his por-  
trait. A few of us seniors knew him so long and so  
favorably as neighbor and friend—as husband and  
father—as a lawyer and judge. Judge Kohlsaas was  
made of strong, straight-grained timber. His long  
life and its activities in every relation, showed this  
sterling quality. We are sure your honors will be  
glad to hear a few words appropriate to this occasion  
from Mr. Frank H. Scott, and Mr. Charles A. Brown,  
who have long been members of the bar of the Court  
in different fields of the practice, and are members  
of our Committee.



*Mr. Frank H. Scott addressed the court as follows:*

**Address  
by  
Mr. Scott**

May it please the court: But few words need to be said in performing the grateful duty which has been assigned to me by the members of the Committee.

At the last term of this court there was spread upon its records a written memorial to Judge Kohlsaak, and the Presiding Justice, and representatives of the Bar of this Circuit expressed in fitting terms the high esteem and affectionate regard in which he was held. To-day we are here to present to the Court his portrait, in order to preserve for ourselves and for those who may hereafter sit upon this bench and practice at this Bar, a visible memorial of the nature of the man; for truly, the face and features of Judge Kohlsaak accurately reflected the kind of man he was. They revealed the simplicity and directness of his nature, his kindness, his thoughtfulness, the instinctive recognition of what was right and just—all in fact, that went to make up the character of the man as we knew him.

For more than half a century Judge Kohlsaak practiced law, or administered it from the Bench, in this community. For more than forty years of that time, pursuing the same profession, I knew him, first as a practicing lawyer, and then successively as Probate Judge, and a member of the Federal Bench, and I knew his relations to his fellow members of the Bar. In that time radical changes have come to pass, in social and industrial life, and they have been reflected in a marked degree in changes in the practice of the law—in a greater degree I am sure than any of the newer generation can realize.

**Address**      The kind of achievements which marked men as  
**by**              leaders of the Bar at the time when Judge Kohlsaat  
**Mr. Scott**    entered upon the practice of the law, were not the  
same as they were when his career was closed by  
death. But throughout all those years, the measure  
which determined the place held by members of our  
profession in the respect and esteem of their fellows,  
did not change. That measure was character.

Judge Kohlsaat, throughout all his career as a  
practicing lawyer, as Probate Judge, as District  
Judge, and as a member of this court, deservedly  
held in a high degree, the respect of members of the  
Bar, and the affection of those who knew him best.

In this last public appreciation of Judge Kohl-  
saat's work, I think a word should be said as to his  
service for nine years as Probate Judge of Cook  
County. In administering the affairs of that court,  
a judge leaves no record written upon the pages of  
law reports. All knowledge of the merit and value  
of his work disappears with the passing of those who  
came in contact with it. But the care, the faithful-  
ness and the degree of conscientious devotion with  
which the duties of the judge of that court are  
discharged, is recorded and reflected in the results  
upon the lives of those whose interests are com-  
mitted to its care. We who have been familiar with  
the history of that court from the time it was estab-  
lished, recognize how singularly fortunate this  
county has been in the standard of service all its  
judges have measured up to, and never has it earned  
and held the confidence and grateful appreciation of  
this people more than when its affairs were admin-  
istered by Judge Kohlsaat.

When hereafter we come into this court room, and our eyes rest upon this portrait of Judge Kohlsaatsat, the memories of him which it will recall to us will be pleasant ones. For while he maintained, with complete simplicity, the dignity of the court, he did not fail of consideration and kindness to the lawyers who appeared before him. He possessed as a man, and exhibited as a judge, absolute intellectual honesty, unembarrassed by pride or opinion. And so he listened patiently, and with an open mind, ready to be convinced by the better reason, whatever his first impressions might be. Upright himself, in the highest degree, it was as natural for him to see where was the right and justice of the particular case before him for decision, as it was for him to do right, and be just, in his relations with his fellow men. And seeing the right and justice of the case, in so far as it was possible to do so without violating legal principles, he decided accordingly, unaffected by subtle refinements, or mere technicalities.

Address  
by  
Mr. Scott

We present this portrait of Judge Kohlsaatsat, to be hung as a permanent memorial upon the walls of this court room, with a sense of satisfaction, which we know will be shared by you, his former associates on the bench, in receiving it.

**Address** *Mr. Charles A. Brown addressed the court as follows:*  
**by**  
**Mr. Brown**

May it please your Honors: I shall in a few words, attempt to express, particularly on behalf of the Patent Bar, the deep and sincere regard in which we hold the memory of Judge Kohlsaat whose portrait is presented to-day to this Court.

We who knew him need no assistance to keep his memory fresh in our minds. His kindness, his integrity, his patience, his judicial acumen, his fairness and his genial humor have wrought themselves into the figure of a man and a judge, fixed permanently in our memory and "grappled to our hearts with hooks of steel."

Of all the notable men who have sat upon the Federal Bench here and whose portraits continue from these walls the admonition and inspiration of their noble lives, I remember none who appealed more strongly to the affectionate and admiring regard of those who came in contact with him than did Judge Kohlsaat.

We of the patent bar learned not only to esteem and trust him, but to have high respect for his judicial qualities.

In the abstruse and bewildering technicalities of scientific questions with which our practice has largely to do, it is not strange that minds not specially trained along those lines may, if attempting to grope their way unaided, become hopelessly lost, and if following the guidance of one side or the other, be misled by plausible but specious arguments.

It was a distinction of Judge Kohlsaat's that the clearness of his mental vision saved him from both

errors. By a sort of judicial intuition he was able to select the true from the false, even in matters concerning which he was obliged to depend on secondary information. But above and beyond his qualities as a judge, distinguished as they were, shone the beautiful attributes of the man.

Address  
by  
Mr. Brown

Through all the vicissitudes of a strenuous life he carried, unsullied and unwasted, like the precious contents of a Holy Grail, the firm and abiding belief in the power of right and the efficacy of a lofty ideal.

Happy in his domestic life, adored by his family, loved by his neighbors and troops of friends, respected far and wide, wherever his reputation was known, devoting himself to congenial and distinguished service to his country, what human life, that "vision between a sleep and a sleep" can present a more complete and perfect picture.

Now we would perpetuate, not so much for ourselves as for those who come after us, the memory of that spiritual nature which shone forth from the serene features we knew and loved so well.

Recollections of him, fresh and vivid in the minds of all who knew his qualities, will not be allowed to cease their inspiration for generations yet unborn, and all these recollections, to us and to those who follow, are at once the proclamation and the proof of the faith which was his, that

"There is surely a piece of divinity in us; something that was before the elements, and owes no homage unto the sun."

**Response** *Response to presentation of Judge Kohlsaat's Portrait,*  
**by Judge** *by Honorable Samuel Alschuler, Circuit Judge.*  
**Alschuler**

We accept with sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude your tender of this very excellent likeness of our much loved departed brother. Surely the limner has "touched the canvas into life," and this faithful reproduction of his features, together with this morning's not less life-like word-portrayal of him, makes us realize the more that Judge Kohlsaat is indeed still with us. And here shall he abide—not momentarily or intermittently, but always—in the hearts of those who in life's closer association with him have had the benediction of his wholesome companionship, his wise counsel, and his ever considerate and courteous contact, and in the world at large, to which he left a rich legacy in the enduring record and example of his well lived life.

With the other portraits upon these walls, this one, in every way well worth of full fellowship in that most estimable and distinguished company, will have place, a continuing stimulus to us all, to right living, right thinking, and right doing.