

FRANK A. MOORE

Chief Justice from 1896 to 1898, 1903 to 1904, 1909 to 1910 and 1915 to 1916.

Judge Frank A. Moore was a native of the state of Maine, having been born at Ellsworth, November 5, 1844, son of Heard L. and Bathshaba (Higgins) Moore. He passed his early youth at his native birthplace, obtaining a common school education. At the age of eighteen years he removed to Iowa and soon entered actively in educational work, becoming a school teacher in the common public schools. In order to better fit himself for this work he completed an academic course of study at the normal institute at Falls City, Iowa. He then continued his educational work, and was honored by being elected county superintendent of common schools of Hardin county, Iowa, assuming the duties of his office in the year 1872, and served in that capacity until 1875.

In the year 1871 he began the systematic study of the law in connection with his educational work, reading under the direction of Lieutenant-Governor Enoch W. Eastman at Eldora, Iowa. By the earnest application of his spare time while acting as county superintendent, he was enabled to fit himself for admission to the bar, and was duly admitted to practice in the state of Iowa in 1874. He continued to fill the office of superintendent of schools until the year 1876, when he arranged to come west.

He arrived at St. Helens, Columbia county, Oregon, March 15, 1877, and entered immediately upon the active practice of the law. After five years of legal practice he was chosen county judge of Columbia county, an office which he filled with ability and efficiency until the year 1886, when he declined to be a candidate for reelection. Continuing the practice of the law in 1888, he was chosen state senator for Columbia county, serving four years until 1892. In the latter year he received the republican nomination for justice of the supreme court and was duly elected. By regular rotation he became chief Justice, from 1896 to 1898. In the year 1898 he was reelected a justice of the supreme court, and again in 1904, 1910 and 1916.

He was married April 15, 1866 to Emma Shuntaffer.

Judge Moore was a charter member of Chadwick Chapter O. E. S., Salem, and in 1900-1901 Grand Commander of the Commandery, K. T., of Oregon; 1892, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. F. & A. M., 33d degree Mason and member of B. P. O. E. fraternity. Republican.

Judge Moore died September 25, 1918.