

Five early circuit judges were also IU trustees

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familiar with Bloomington when he was named circuit judge, since he had been coming to the fledgling Indiana College campus for Trustee meetings since his appointment to the Board in 1828. His tenure spanned the period of transformation from college to university.

After the flamboyant General Washington Johnston's term on the circuit bench, Amory Kinney of Terre Haute began to make the circuit here. His main contribution to the legal profession was his ability to spot potential legal minds and take them under his wing for training in his law office.

ANOTHER OF OUR CIRCUIT judges, Elisha Huntington, was appointed to the IU Board of Trustees, but did not serve, since he had a conflict of interest as a federal land commissioner. The New Yorker had found his way to frontier Indiana in 1822 and gained admission to the bar by 1827. After only one year on the bench here (1837-38) he went on to serve the federal government as appointed commissioner of the general land office and judge of the United States Circuit for Indiana.

Of all of the Monroe Circuit judges, it was David McDonald who was to shape the future of Indiana's early legal profession. Brought to Indiana with his family from Bourbon County, Ky., he managed to scrounge a frontier education in crude Daviess County log schools. During a stint of teaching and preaching in Presbyterian churches, he was kicked out of that denomination for his association with the New Light movement. Joining the Methodists, he later served a brief stint as president of Indiana Asbury University and as president of the Board of Trustees of DePauw University.

MCDONALD WAS ADMITTED to the bar in 1830, and he was one of the few early circuit judges who resided in Bloomington. It was a year

after his move here in 1841 that he was appointed the first professor of law at Indiana University and served in that post until August 1853. The previous year the University had been impressed enough with McDonald to grant him an LL.D. degree.

Another IU law professor, Trustee, and circuit court judge was James Hughes. Like McDonald, he chose to live in Bloomington. In fact, the Maryland-born Hughes was enrolled at IU at the age of 17 and admitted to the bar two years later, though he did not study law at IU.

HIS CAREER INCLUDED a term in U.S. Congress, an unpopular stand as a pro-slaveryite, and Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Mopeds involved in 2 accidents

H-T Report

Bloomington streets were rough on moped riders Friday with two accidents, one resulting in a fractured femur for one passenger.

Tara McDonald, 16, 3921 Maybury Road, was a passenger on a moped driven by Rodney Allen Fultz, 16, 4240 S. Harrell Road, when it was struck by a vehicle pulling onto South Walnut from the Southgate Shopping Center.

Fultz was not injured in the accident, which occurred at 11:30 a.m. The driver of the car which struck the moped was Sandra K. Shell, 35, Bloomfield.

In an earlier accident, Theodore Capshaw, 18, 915 Maxwell Lane, ran a moped into the back of a vehicle which had stopped to let off a passenger.

No one was transported to the hospital. The driver of the car was Albert Magness, 46, Bloomfield.