



225th Anniversary
1789-2014



Francis Asbury Winslow

Born:

October 16, 1866
Ossining, NY

Received Commission:

January 4, 1923

Died:

March 29, 1932
Yonkers, NY

Francis Asbury Winslow was born in Westchester County, NY but raised in New York City, where he attended the public schools. Both his parents were descendants of Revolutionary War soldiers. Winslow attended the City University of New York, where he earned a B.S. in 1887. Immediately thereafter he attended Columbia Law School which awarded him an LL.B. in 1889. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1889 also.

Judge Winslow established a private practice in Yonkers, NY, and served as that city's Corporation Counsel for the years 1901, 1903, and 1905. From 1907 to 1914 he served as Westchester County District Attorney. Through efficient administration, he was able to clear up a large back-log of criminal cases, and earn commendations from other judges, the bar, and grand juries. Judge Winslow was also elected president of the District Attorney's Association of New York State. He then continued his public service as counsel for the New York State Comptroller and the New York State Tax Commission (1915 -1922).

Judge Winslow only served 6 years on the District Court. During that time, one of his major cases was a fare dispute between the I.R.T. Company and the city of New York in which he ruled that the matter was properly within federal jurisdiction. The Supreme Court disagreed, and moved the case back to state court. He left the District Court, however, due to an investigation prompted by statements to Congress by then-Representative Fiorello La Guardia. It charged that Judge Winslow showed favoritism in his appointments of receivers in bankruptcy proceedings. He resigned on April 1, 1929, citing the great financial drain he anticipated from fighting the charges. Judge Winslow returned to private practice, until his death in 1932.

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