

EDWARD GEORGE NEWELL

Born: February 5, 1898, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Died: April 21, 1960, West Palm Beach, Florida

Parents: Fred Webster Newell-Educator and Engineer
Sophie George Newell-Educator

Ancestors on both sides go back to pre-revolutionary days.

Education: Mingo Junction High
Mingo Junction, Ohio

Western Reserve University (one semester)
Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio
Bachelor of Science, 1923

Harvard Law College, LLB, 1926

Military Service: Volunteered with U.S. Marine Corps after one semester of college. Saw much combat, particularly with the 5th Marines at Chateau Thierry and Ballaeu Woods. He also served with the Army of Occupation for several months following the armistice.

Family: Married Elma Dorsey, a farmer's daughter from Centerville, Pa., whom he met while both attended Mount Union. Following their marriage in 1926, they moved to Florida sight unseen, and became pioneer residents of Kelsey City (now Lake Park).

The had two children, Emery J. Newell, who was the first son of a Palm Beach County judge to also assume the bench and Kathleen May who served for many years as a staff person for two U.S. Representatives, Harry Johnston and Clay Shaw.

Legal Career: Upon arrival in West Palm Beach, became a law associate with Baker and White – L.R. (Jack) Baker later became sheriff of Palm Beach County and Joseph S. White was to become the county's second Circuit Judge.

The "Great Depression" broke up the firm and he was a sole practitioner until his son joined him in 1953.

For many years he was town attorney for both Lake Park and Riviera Beach.

He was elected Judge of the Criminal Court of Record in 1944. This was a part time judgeship until the mid- 1950's when he became its first full time judge. He served on the bench until his death in 1960.

**Significant Activities
Or Achievements:**

Governor and Lt. Governor of Florida Kiwanis
President, West Palm Beach Kiwanis
Exalted Ruler, West Palm Beach Elks
President, Resources Development Board (the first countywide Chamber of Commerce)
President of Board of Directors and Superintendant of Sunday School at Lake Park Community Church (non-denomination) for some 15 years.
Officer or member, W.P.B. Chamber American Red Cross, YMCA, Boys Scouts of America, Sons of American Revolution, American Legion and the VFW.