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The Court of Appeals Branch of the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit has continued its project to record oral history interviews of all of the circuit judges who will reach the age of 70 by 2021. This program has been generously supported by the Eighth Circuit's Attorney Admission Fee Fund.

Having recently completed oral histories of the Honorable David R. Hansen Of Iowa, the Honorable Diana E. Murphy of Minnesota, the Honorable Roger L. Wollman of South Dakota, and Honorable William J. Riley of Nebraska, the branch is currently seeking to make arrangements for interviews of the Honorable Michael Melloy of Iowa and the Honorable James Loken of Minnesota.

Our branch has also continued to make regular contributions to the Eighth Circuit Bar Association's newsletter, most recently providing a tribute to Walter H. Sanborn and John B. Sanborn, Jr., cousins who served on the Eighth Circuit in succession from 1892 to 1964—some 72 years. The article, *Walter H. Sanborn and John B. Sanborn: "The Hands of the Eighth Circuit,"* was published in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the beginning of this distinguished judicial dynasty.

In the near future, the Court of Appeals Branch plans to prepare short biographical sketches of the Eighth Circuit judges whose portraits are located in the Warren E. Burger Federal Building and Courthouse in St. Paul. It is our hope that these sketches, along with a digital image of the portrait, can be added to the Court's website. Eventually, our branch is hopeful that this project can be expanded to include all of the portraits of the Eighth Circuit judges located in the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse in St. Louis as well as in courthouses elsewhere throughout the circuit.

Our branch will continue its work and appreciates the support of the Eighth Circuit in preserving the history of its federal courts and judges.