



## Dillon Memorial

Main Street, Davenport, IA

The Indiana limestone carved in Romanesque style by sculptor Harry Liva is a memorial dedicated to John F. Dillon and was built in 1918.

John Dillon was the county attorney for Scott County and a justice of Iowa's Supreme Court in 1868 - 1870.

In 1868, he was a part of the debate that established the power of cities to do things like historic preservation, city planning, and ordinances.

Dillon's well debated efforts to establish state preeminence, known as Dillon's Rule, is dedicated here in Davenport. The State of Iowa and the Supreme Court of the United States ultimately sided with his opponents to establish the Home Rule doctrine, allowing cities to self-determine laws not covered by the State.

Following the US Supreme Court action, he became a Federal Circuit Court Judge by President Grant. He was a part of the US Supreme Court's decision during the Whisky Ring prosecutions.

Dillon ended his time as a Federal judge in 1879, becoming a professor of law at Columbia University until 1882. In 1882, he resumed private practice in New York City until his death in 1914.

