Mayor Frederick William Donnelly

1866-1935

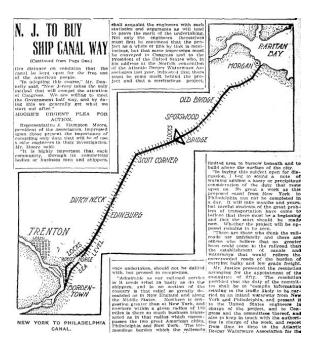


Frederick William Donnelly lived not in the shadow of his father, yet did have many parallels throughout his career in Trenton, NJ. His father Quartermaster General of New Jersey Richard Grant Augustus Donnelly briefly served as Mayor of Trenton, as well as was a long-time retailer in downtown Trenton. Unlike his father's active military engagement, Donnelly turned his attention and passion to advocating for deeper waterways and developed deep relationships in government from D.C. to N.Y.C. that would be the foundation for his path to politics.

ADVOCATE FOR DEEPER WATERWAYS

In the years prior to being Mayor of Trenton, Donnelly was very involved with the

NY-Trenton and Philadelphia Deeper Waterways Association, President of the Harbor Board of Trenton, served on the Special River Improvement Committee, and worked with helping get funding for the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress.



Dredging was essential to make the port at Trenton deep enough for larger ships to enter the port. This process has always been expensive, however with the advocacy of Donnelly and many others along the East Coast, Trenton from 1900 to 1935 had found the necessary means in the budget to dredge the Delaware River and other canals.

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

The city of Trenton in 1911 became a commission form of government, which was a merging of the legislative and executive branches of government. Frederick W. Donnelly was named President of the

Commission, which came with an honorary title of Mayor. The other four men elected in 1911 were William F. Burke (Rep.) Department of Parks and Public Property, J. Ridgeway Fell (Dem.) Department of Streets and Public Improvements, George B. La Barre (Dem.) Department of Public Safety and Edward W. Lee (Rep.) Department of Revenue and Finance. The Walsh Commission Government Act made this new form of government official in Trenton and existed from August 22, 1911 and lasted until 1935.

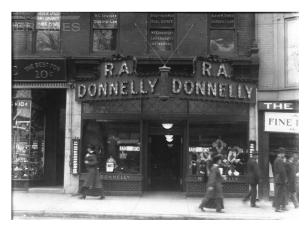
When Frederick William Donnelly was elected as mayor by his constituents, it was built on a foundation of a long time campaign of deeper waterways of the Delaware River to allow for larger ships to come to the port at Trenton. During his twenty-one year tenure as Mayor, there were 11 governors, with Woodrow Wilson starting his governorship at the same time as Donnelly.

In addition to the advocacy of deeper waterways, canals and channels that could allow for greater commerce between New York and Philadelphia. In analyzing the statistics in the mayoral records of Trenton, as the city population expanded, the need for the municipal services also needed to grow with these shifts.

In 1911, there were 14 wards, 78 firefighters, 114 Police (including chief and two captains) and a clear need for an improvement and expansion of municipal services in the areas of water, police, and sewage to name a few.

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R.A. Donnelly 1926



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