

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of a Memorial
for HENRY CLAY CARLSON.
Deceased.

To the Court: --

Henry Clay Carlson, a member of the Bar of this Court, died at his home in West Los Angeles, California, on October 7, 1944. He was born on February 27, 1872, at Clark's Grove in Freeborn County, Minnesota. After graduating from Albert Lea High School, he went to Washington, D.C., and entered George Washington University (now Georgetown University) for the study of law, graduating therefrom in 1897.

On being admitted to practice in Minnesota, he formed the partnership of Todd & Carlson in Albert Lea, and was later succeeded by the law firm of Dunn & Carlson. During these years he enjoyed an active practice before all the courts in Southern Minnesota Districts.

Mr. Carlson married Mabel DuToit of Chaska, Minnesota, on January 16, 1901. To this union four children were born, namely: Margaret Carlson, now deceased; Henry Clay Carlson, Jr., of Minneapolis Minnesota, is now associated with the Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company; Mrs. Ruth Carlson Finneran of Los Angeles, California; and Lieutenant Richard DuToit Carlson (the talented movie actor), Bureau of Air, Washington, D. C.

To give his children the educational advantages available here, Mr. Carlson came to Minneapolis in 1918, and for a time was associated with the Lancaster, Simpson law firm, and in 1919 he became a member of the

law firm of Fowler, Carlson, Furber & Johnson, of which he remained a member until his retirement in 1939.

After retirement, he established his home in West Los Angeles, California, where he lived with Mrs. Carlson until his death on October 7, 1944. Two brothers, Charles E. Carlson of Minneapolis and Chris Carlson of Blue Earth, Minnesota, both practicing lawyers, also survive him.

Though not actively active politically, Henry Carlson generally supported Republican policies, but was an independent voter.

As a churchman, he was of the Episcopalian faith, having been a vestryman at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis.

Concerning the contribution which Henry Clay Carlson made to the bar, it may be said to an unusual degree he possessed a logical mind and retentive memory. He was by nature methodical and painstaking, with a great gift of expression. In his early years of practice in southern Minnesota as a country lawyer, he acquired a fundamental store of knowledge, general information and familiarity with legal precedents and procedure that to an unusual degree aided and back-grounded his great legal talents during the twenty years of his practice in Minneapolis before his retirement. During this period his work was principally in the Supreme Court and before the Federal Courts. He proved a wise and honest counselor who could readily draw on his wealth of study and past experience in the disposal of current problems. He was always already to give freely, advice, suggestion and encouragement to younger men who sought his counsel.

Always habitually courteous and careful of statement, he very well portrayed the virtues which all lawyers recognize to be essential to the practice of their profession, vis., common sense, courtesy, probity of statement, loyalty and that careful attention to detail that marks the well-grounded lawyer in the service of his client. For all these things and

more, Henry Clay Carlson was a great lawyer, and a high-minded gentlemen, as well as valuable citizen to his City, State and Country.

Respectfully submitted,



for and in behalf of
FOWLER, YOUNGQUIST, FURBER,
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ATTORNEYS FOR: Minnesota State Bankers Association, Northwestern Retail Lumber Dealers Association; American Surety Company, of New York; New Amsterdam Casualty Company, of Baltimore; Deere & Webber Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; Marquette Trust Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

This profile of the firm appeared in James Clark Fifield, ed., *The American Bar: A Biographical Directory of Contemporary Lawyers of the United States and Canada* 504 (1922):

FOWLER, CARLSON, FURBER & JOHNSON

General practice. Specialize in Banking, Corporation, Insurance and Income Tax law. Firm consists of: Charles R. Fowler, Henry C. Carlson, Fred N. Furber, Clay W. Johnson. Associates: Ralph H. Comaford, W. C. Preus.

Charles R. Fowler, b. Jordan, Minn., Sept. 17, 1869; a. to bar, 1892, Minn.; ed. pub. schs., Jordan; legal ed. Univ. of Minn., LL.M., 1892. Representative, Minn. State Legislature, 1911, 1912; State Senator, Minn. State Legislature, 1919, 1921. Mem. Hennepin Co., Minn. State, and American Bar Ass'ns.

Henry C. Carlson, b. Freeborn Co., Minn., Feb. 22, 1872; a. to bar, 1897, Minn.; ed. pub. schs., Albert Lea; legal ed. Columbian Univ., Washington, D. C., LL.B., 1897. Mem. Minn. State Bar Ass'n.

Fred N. Furber, b. Detroit, Minn., Dec. 17, 1882; a. to bar, 1904, Minn.; ed. pub. schs., Detroit; legal ed. Univ. of Minn. College of Law, LL.B., 1904, LL.M., 1905. Special Atty. for U. S., Dept. of Internal Revenue, office of Solicitor of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., Feb. 1920-Oct. 1920. Mem. Minn. State, and American Bar Ass'ns.

Clay W. Johnson, b. Fergus Falls, Minn., Mar. 29, 1889; a. to bar, 1914, Minn.; ed. pub. schs., Fergus Falls; legal ed. Univ. of Minn., LL.B., 1914. Mem. Hennepin Co., and Minn. State Bar Ass'ns.

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Former Attorney General Youngquist joined the firm after Carlson's retirement and its name changed. See "The Autobiography of G. Aaron Youngquist" 117 (1959) (MLHP, 2018).

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