

IN MEMORIAM

IRVING OTIS FOSSEEN

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**HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

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Irving Otis Fosseen was born in Leland, Illinois, on March 28th, 1882, and died after a long illness, on June 5th, 1943.

When he was about six months old, the family moved to a farm near Ellsworth, Iowa, where he remained until he was eight years of age. At that time, his father believing that the cities afforded better educational opportunities for his children, left the farm and moved to Minneapolis.

He entered the public schools of Minneapolis and in due time was graduated from South High School, becoming president of the Alumni Association of that school the following year. He then entered the University of Minnesota as a medical student, becoming a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. It wasn't long, however, until he discovered that he had no liking for the study of medicine, especially when it came to dissection. He left college and secured work in the County Auditor's office, where he rose to the position of Secretary to the County Commissioners. About this time he married Rosetta Monahan and a son was born of that union.

Being interested in good government, he began to take an active part in politics, and in the years that followed served the Republican Party of this county in many capacities, becoming an Eleventh Ward Chairman of the Hennepin County Republican Committee; which chairmanship he held for about sixteen years. He was a member of the Roosevelt Club, of happy memory, and made the trip to Washington with the Club, to witness the inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt as President of the United States.

Having come from a family many of whose members were lawyers, and having a real liking for the study of law himself, he entered the

Minnesota College of Law and was graduated from that school; having been elected President of his graduating class and later being admitted to the Bar this State. *

Although handicapped by ill health for so many years, he nevertheless made a significant contribution to his community as his host of friends attest.

He is survived by his widow and his son, Lt. Irving J. Fosseen, the Field Artillery, now stationed at Fort Ord, California, and two brothers, Judge Manley L. Fosseen of Minneapolis and Arthur B. Fosseen of Spokane, Washington, and one sister, Mrs. G. H. Thacker of Minneapolis.



* Irving O. Fosseen was admitted to the bar on September 16, 1927. Roll of Attorneys, Supreme Court, State of Minnesota, 1858-1970, at 198 (Minnesota Digital Library).