

In Memoriam

A. William Groth

November 4, 1892 • October 9, 1947

Hennepin County Bar Association  
District Court  
Fourth Judicial District  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
1948

William Groth  
1892-1947

A. William Groth, Counsel for the Northern States Power Company, died October 9, 1947 after a long illness and was buried at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Mr. Groth was born November 4, 1892 in Chicago. Both of his parents came from Germany and he was the youngest of a family of 9 children. After finishing his elementary schooling he attended Northwestern University Law School at Evanston, Illinois. His studies there were interrupted by the First World War when in May, 1917 he was selected for and entered the First Officer's Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He served overseas in the Field Artillery and was discharged from military service in January, 1919 with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Upon his return from service he completed his studies at Northwestern Law School and was graduated in 1919. He was a member of the Order of Coif.

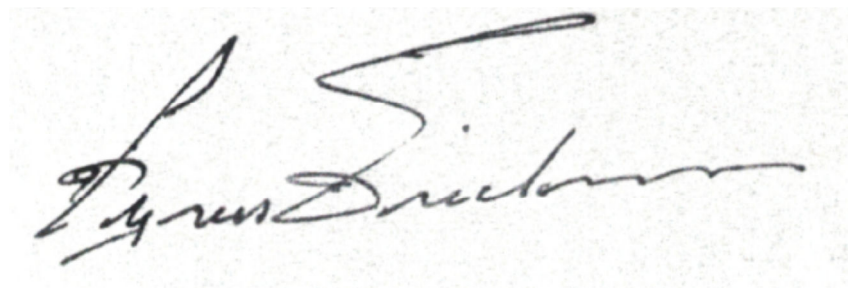
After his admission to the bar Mr. Goff engaged in the general practice of law in Chicago for five years. He first became associated with the Northern States Power Company in 1924, when he came to Minneapolis as a representative of the law firm Cummins, Roemer and Flynn of Chicago, who were then the Company's counsel. When the Company established its own Law Department in 1936 he was placed in charge and until his death he performed his many and varied duties as Counsel for the Company with loyalty and with skill.

Shortly after coming to Minneapolis he became interested in the opportunities for hunting and fishing which this State and surrounding territory had to offer. For many years he would spend a week or more each summer in the Nippigon area on the North Shore of Lake Superior and many trips to the streams of

northern Wisconsin and the lakes of Minnesota. Bill, as he was known to his friends, was an enthusiastic golfer as well, and at the time of his death was a member of the Minikahda Club. The same vigor and enthusiasm which characterized his interest in fishing, hunting and golf, was also characteristic of his work. He was a person who enjoyed life to the full, and his many friends were saddened by his early death, at age 54.

Mr. Groth was a member of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church and active in its affairs. He was also a member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, the University Club of Minneapolis, the American Bar Association and the Hennepin County and State Bar Associations.

On June 9, 1917 Mr. Groth was married to Blanche Irmis in Chicago. He is survived by his wife and two children, - a daughter, Jeanne Antoinette (Mrs. Salyards Hofmeister) now living in Miami, Florida, and a son William Irmis, now attending Princeton University. The Groth family resided in Interlachen Park firm many years.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynus Erickson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.



University Club Bridge Tournament at the University Club of Minneapolis.

Left to right: M. H. Strothman, Jr., William Groth,  
Mrs. M. H. Strothman, Jr., and Alfred B. Greene.

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