

MEMORIAL

FOR

ANTHONY E. HARROUN

( September 17, 1890 – October 14, 1956 )

Hennepin County Bar Association

(ca. 1957)

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It is difficult for any one person to try to evaluate the impact of an individual on his community. For me to appraise Anthony Harroun as a lawyer is especially difficult for I always think of him first as my father, and only secondly as a lawyer.

Tony Harroun, as he was most commonly known, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 17, 1890, and died on October 14, 1956 in Minneapolis. Of those of sixty six years and twenty seven days of his life he spent thirty seven of them as a lawyer,

Those who knew him only in passing, generally knew him as the lawyer for the plumber, in that for years he represented a large number of them both individually and as an association. It was in this work, for those who labored at a trade, that he developed his special interest and talent, the Mechanics Lien.

My father fought no famous cases, however he had many important one[s], important to his client and important to him.

No forensic orator, he was a student of the law. One of my strongest recollections of my father, when I was a child, was of him sitting in his library at our home, curled into his chair, a pile of law books beside him, a yellow pad in his lap, reading.

He was a member of several organizations within and without the Bar, but his membership consisted

generally of paying his dues and buying tickets for their various functions. He rarely went to their meetings and he never aspired to their office.

He tried few cases, he held no offices and he wrote no books, and yet I feel that in many ways he represented the very essence of the Bar. For in his years as a lawyer he dedicated his talents to achieving for his client the full measure of the laws protection and relief. In doing this I believe that he did as much as any man can toward preserving and fostering the system of law and justice to which he devoted his life.

Bernard M. Harroun

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This memorial is not dated, but it probably was delivered in the spring of 1957 during the annual bar memorial session of the Hennepin County Bar Association. ■

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