

IN MEMORIAM

WALTER H. HENNESSEY

(February 23, 1885 - February 3, 1936)

**DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HENNEPIN COUNTY**

HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

(ca. 1936)

WALTER H. HENNESSEY

Walter H. Hennessey was the son of James and Mary Donaghue Hennessey. They came to Minneapolis in 1878, locating in the hotel business at what was then called "St. Anthony". They had four sons, Edmond, James, Jr., Walter H. and Joseph P., and two daughters, Nellie and Martha. Walter was born in Minneapolis February 23, 1885. His father died in 1903, leaving Walter to make his own way in the world. He was educated in the Minneapolis public schools and was graduated from the University night law school in 1912, and was admitted to practice law.* For three years prior to entering the University night law school, Walter was a railroad engineer and during the entire time he attended the University night school he was employed as a bookkeeper by the then Northwestern Telephone Company in St. Paul.

In 1926 Walter married Margaret Walters, of Sioux City, Iowa, who survives him. They had no children. Besides Mrs. Hennessey, Walter is survived by his brothers, Edmund, James and Joseph, and his sister, Martha.

Walter was a successful lawyer, handling many matters of large importance. One settlement of a claim that he made on behalf of a client resulted in his obtaining a certified check payable to his client for \$273,000. He was a careful and conscientious counsellor, and had the respect of his clients and fellow lawyers. He was a member of the Basilica of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He died of cancer February 3, 1936 after being sick and absent from his office for a year.

As one of his friends, I wish to express my high regard for his ability and character.

Paul J. Thompson

* He was admitted August 12, 1913. 1 *Roll of Attorneys: Supreme Court, State of Minnesota, 1858-1970* 124-25 (State Law Library, 2011). ■

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