

In Memoriam

Adolf E. Hoitomt

(October 9, 1895 – April 17, 1958)

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ADOLF E. HOITOMT was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 9, 1895, and died in Minneapolis on the 17th day of April, 1958, at the age of 62 years. He was a son of Peter Hoitomt and Pauline Haugen Hoitomt, both natives of Norway.

He received his early education at Greeley school, and the South High school of Minneapolis, having graduated from South High in 1913.

He took his law course at the University of Minnesota, and was admitted to the Bar in 1917 (sic). For several years he was engaged in private practice, but on January 5, 1918, he enlisted in the army in a Machine-gun Battalion, having taken his officer's training in Michigan. He was honorably discharged from the army December 5, 1918, and from then until September, 1931, he continued in private practice of law in the city of Minneapolis.

In September 1931, he entered the Rural Credit Department of the State of Minnesota and continued in that department until March 1938, when he transferred to the Legal Department of the Securities Division of this State. On July 8, 1940, he joined the Legal Section of the Insurance Department of the State and continued in this position until his death.

Mr. Hoitomt was married to Josephine Vixen, in October 1923; to their marriage was born three children – Ray Elliott, now 32 years and now of Los Alamos, New Mexico; Constance Hoitomt, now Mrs. Gerald Ireland of Grand Rapids, Minnesota and Joan Hoitomt, now Mrs. Carl Groettum of Brooklyn Center.

Mrs. Hoitomt, the three children and eight Grandchildren survive him.

Adolf Hoitomt was not the meteoric type, his name never appeared in the public press, he was not a headline hunter; such would have been repugnant to him and everything for which he stood.

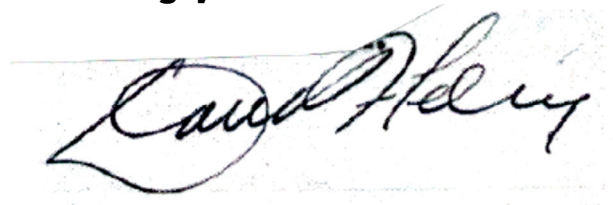
A long course of experience in the Securities Department of the State of Minnesota; in the Rural Credit Department, and the Insurance Department, stamped his character and marked his work as being that of a high order. Responsible people in the Insurance Department of the State of Minnesota, have given me their personal assurance that willingly and beyond the call of duty he helped individually the employees of the State and the various Departments in the State when his services at capacity were needed.

A man of religious convictions, he was baptized and confirmed at "Our Saviors Lutheran Church" where he was a reliable and steady member. He was a member of the Kuhran Lodge of the Masons, the Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. A sharp sense of humor; a Sportsman; Golf; Fishing and Hunting; his home; his family; his work; the American Legion; his church – those were the things that characterized him and to which he dedicated his life.

Thousands of nameless and humble citizens throughout the State of Minnesota are indebted to him, as I am told by responsible officials of the State Capitol, for his kindly, patient and generous services freely and cheerfully given. The attendance at his funeral alone, marked the deep sense of respect and wide acquaintanceship and friendship which he established.

People in Minnesota are indeed fortunate in the service of such men as Adolf Hoitomt. It is such as he who justify our confidence and faith in a free democracy. It is service and character of this type that gives confidence in the integrity of government. It is such character and purpose, and for a fidelity to duty, and a subjective approach that justifies and typifies the principles of democracy in action.

A worthy citizen has passed, and an honorable member of the Bar is gone; but the State of Minnesota is enduringly richer that he lived.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Henry", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Appendix

Adolf Eskild Hoitmot graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School on June 17, 1920.

University of Minnesota, 48th Annual Commencement, at 10 (1920).

He was admitted to the bar on March 30, 1920. He resided at 2405 13th Avenue South in Minneapolis at the time.

Roll of Attorneys, Supreme Court, State of Minnesota, 1858-1970, at 159 (Minnesota Digital Library).

