

A Memorial

For

Louis A. Hubachek

{ August 25, 1872 ♦ December 20, 1956 }

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

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Louis A. Hubacek was born at Racine, Wisconsin August 25, 1872. He died at Palo Alto, California December 20, 1956 at the age of 84 years and five months. Mr. Hubacek's death was instantly caused by a heart attack.

With his family Mr. Hubacek moved to Minneapolis where he attended the University of Minnesota. He graduated from the University Minnesota Law School in the class of 1901 and in that same year he was admitted to the bar. In the early years of his practice he officed to the Phoenix Building and roomed at 1331 Hawthorne Avenue.

Soon after 1910 Mr. Hubacek moved his office to 610 McKnight Building where he was associated for time with Anthony X. Schall as Hubacek & Schall. For more than 35 years before his retirement in 1947 Mr. Hubacek officed in the McKnight Building.

Louis Hubacek was a brother of Frank R. Hubacek whose practice in Minneapolis spanned the years 1889 to 1943. At the turn-of-the-century Frank R. Hubacek was a member of the then prominent law firm of Welch, Hayne & Hubacek. After the dissolution of that firm Judge Welch and Frank R. Hubacek continued to practice together and Louis A. Hubacek practiced with them. From 1922 to 1929 Mr. Hubacek was also associated with his brother's son, Frank B. Hubacek. In 1929 Frank B. Hubacek moved to Chicago where he has since practiced law with another Minnesota man, Charles Scott Kelly, as Hubacek & Kelly. Mr. Frank B. Hubacek mastered both law and business so that he became Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the nationwide Household Finance Company.

In the early years of Louie A. Hubacek's practice it was largely commercial. As time passed his practice became general. He handled a considerable amount of important litigation and a number of the substantial estates. At times he collaborated with the late Jim O'Brien. Louie Hubacek frequently advised younger attorneys when they had a tough case or problem, to hire the

best man available, get his advice and opinion, and then make a thorough study of the matter and do the job himself.

Louis A. Hubachek was a quiet, scholarly, industrious, loyal, kindly and efficient lawyer and gentleman. He was not given to having pride of opinion. Another lawyer, – even a younger one, – might question his judgment or his opinion. Such question only evoked quiet discussion of all phases of the problem at hand. But let anyone, – no matter how exalted an office he may have held, – question Louie's devotion to his client's interest, and Louie's response with prompt, to the point, and in the most forceful of language.

Louie Hubachek made friends easily. He kept the friends he made. In his early practice he became acquainted with numerous families whose names are prominent in the early business history of Minneapolis. These families remained Louie's friends and clients and he probated many of their estates and set up their trusts. At the Court House Louie had the esteem of the clerks in the various offices and of the judges of the various courts. They all appreciated his friendliness, his businesslike straightforwardness and his sterling character.

Age did not lessen Mr. Hubachek's capacity for friendship. In his later practice in Minneapolis he continued to be interested in and make friends among younger members of the Bar. During the Second World War he showed great interest in young men of service age, men still too young to have studied law, and he did many thoughtful and generous acts for them. They in turn were proud of the older man's interest in them.

Louie Hubachek married Sophie Hyde of Chicago and soon thereafter resided at 2681 Lake of the Isles Boulevard. Later the Hubacheks lived at 5136 Harriet Avenue and from about 1940 to the time they left Minneapolis in 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Hubachek resided at 2615 Park Avenue.

Mrs. Hubachek was an intellectual woman and was a trained librarian. She and Louie were interested in politics, civic affairs and all the current problems of the day. They were active members of the foreign policy association. Mrs. Hubachek for many years was very active in the Minneapolis Women's

Welfare League and both she and Louie were among its staunchest financial supporters.

Louie and Sophie were a very happy couple. They complemented each other in everything Louie did outside his law office. Mrs. Hubachek passed away in 1955. From the time of her death until his death last December, Louie Hubachek was a very lonely man.

April 2, 1909 Louis A. Hubachek became a member of Cataract Lodge No. 2 A F & A M; and he was also a member of the Chapter and the Commandery. He was a member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club and of the Hennepin County Bar Association. For many years even after his removal to California, he made annual contribution to the Hennepin County Bar Association Relief Fund.

Mr. Hubachek left a considerable estate. His will reflects the man and demonstrates the breadth of his interests. After small bequests to female cousins, a longtime secretary, Miss Florence Rice of Minneapolis, and to a young man whom he was educating, he left his estate in equal parts to the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, the Minneapolis Association for the Blind, the Minnesota Masonic Home, the Minneapolis Jewish Welfare Association, the Minneapolis Salvation Army, and the Hennepin County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Hubachek is survived by one brother, Lambert W. Hubachek of Billings, Montana, age 87, his nephew Frank B. Hubachek of Chicago and the latter's two children and five grandchildren.

In Mr. Hubachek's passing we have lost a fine lawyer and a good friend, and this earth has lost a wonderful man.

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