

In Memoriam

Thomas C. Myers

[December 25, 1890 – February 14, 1948]

**HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT COURT
HENNEPIN COUNTY
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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(1890 – 1948)

Thomas Corwin Myers, or Tom Myers as his many friends knew him, was born at Verndale, Minnesota on December 25, 1890. He died after a lingering illness and several severe heart attacks on February 14, 1948.

His mother died while he was an infant. He was reared and received his elementary and high school education at Park Rapids, Minnesota where his father was for a number of years the Register of Deeds. He finished the usual four year high school course in three years.

Mr. Myers received pre-legal education at the University of Minnesota, but was forced to leave school because of football injuries. His legal education was acquired at Northwestern College of Law, St. Paul College of Law and Gonzaga University in Spokane. His attendance at Gonzaga was occasioned by a government assignment in Spokane during the 1st World War.

Tom Myers was admitted to the Bar in Minnesota [on June 16,] 1921 and later in Illinois. He practiced in Minneapolis but left in 1926 due to his health and practiced in Painesville, Minnesota. He was later associated with Arthur T. McIntosh and Company in Chicago and other parts of Illinois. He returned to practice in Minneapolis in 1934 and remained here until his death.

Mr. Myers married Agnes B. Hoffman of St. Paul in 1916. There were six children born to them of whom five survived. One son, Benjamin P. Myers was killed while serving as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. This son was engaged in the famed mission over Rjukan, the German heavy-water plant in Norway, in November, 1943. Another son, Thomas C. Jr., who is now a law student, was a Captain in the Army and served in England through most of the War.

Mr. Myers was greatly interested in music from his childhood. Most of his children play one or more instruments. He sang in the Apollo Club for a number of years. He assisted in the organization of a choir in a

newly founded parish called the Church of St. Jude at New Lennox, Illinois. That choir sang regularly in the several penitentiaries in Joliet, Illinois which was close to New Lennox.

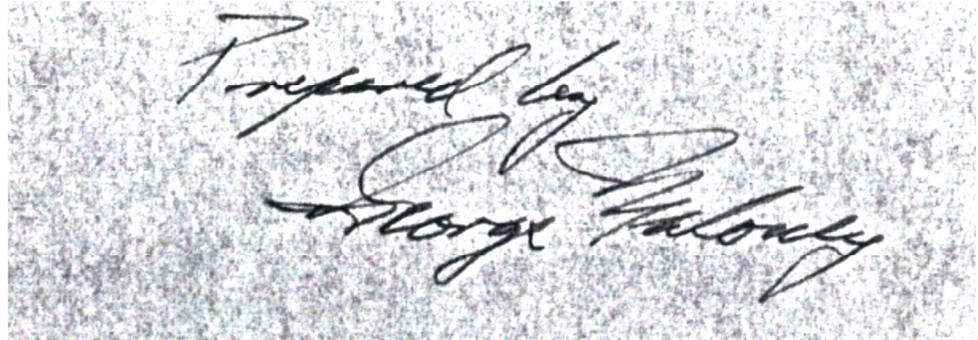
In his law practice, Mr. Myers specialized in real property law. He and his brother, the late Benjamin P. Myers, were frequently consulted by other lawyers because of their knowledge in this field. Both will long be remembered for their generous and gratuitous help to those of us less studious in this branch of the law.

He was one of the organizers of War Dads of Minnesota and served as State president of that organization for a year. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Minneapolis.

Tom Myers was one of those members of the bar whose unspectacular daily life and practice was replete with charity and goodwill for his fellow men. An employee of one of his clients, who had to go to his office frequently on dull and routine title matters, has said that she looked forward to these calls because Mr. Myers always had some pleasant message to brighten the day. We lawyers who are frequenters of the Register of Deed's vault are acquainted with the bits of humor he could glean from the dull record books and pass along to us.

He was a man of such strong fibre that his true strength and courage were little known. Most of his years of practice were hampered by great physical suffering and yet not even his close friends suspected more than passing disabilities. From November, 1943 until the date of his death, he underwent the terrible mental torture of knowing his son was missing in action but not knowing for certain whether he was alive or dead. Even in those years he presented to the world the chewed cheerful exterior, and seemed more concerned for the troubles of others than his own.

We who survive and seek a model to emulate should forget the places of the high and mighty. Let us strive as citizens, gentlemen and lawyers to do nearly as well as Tom Myers.



Prepared by
George Hallock

Afterward

Thomas C. Myers, Jr., was admitted to the Minnesota bar on May 21, 1951. See Roll of Attorneys, Supreme Court, State of Minnesota, 1858-1970, at 302 (Minnesota Digital Library).

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