

# **In Memoriam**

**Bernard A. Ober**

**May 14, 1881 – January 14, 1947**

**Hennepin County Bar Association  
District Court  
Fourth Judicial District  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
February 28th, 1948**

## **MEMOIR OF B. A. OBER**

**(1881 - 1947)**

**Mr. Bernard A. Ober was born on a farm in Anoka County, Minnesota, May 14th, 1881. He was the eldest of a family of nine children.**

**He went to the country school with his sister, Mary, who died early in life of diphtheria. Her memory and that of the country was always dear to him.**

**Soon after his sister's death, the father of Mr. Ober became ill and bed-ridden. Although only a boy of nine years, he assisted his dear mother with two smaller children on the then long trip to California, where they went for his father's health. A few years later, upon returning to Minneapolis, he attended the St. Boniface grade school, East High School and the Law School of the University of Minnesota.**

**During his student days his class associates and professors meant much to him; he kept in close contact with them for many years after graduation. President Folwell, President Northrup, and Dean Pattee, of the University of Minnesota and Mr. Webster of East High School, were men he held in high esteem.**

**Upon receiving his law degree in 1907, Mr. Ober spent some time in Minnesota survey and also with the Interstate Adjustment Company. He later entered the practice of law in Duluth with Bernard Goldberg, later on with Henry Louisell, also Duluth Minnesota.**

**In 1918, he returned to Minneapolis, to be with his aging parents.**

**In 1928 (sic), he collaborated with another Attorney in compiling the Minnesota Statutes as his name thereon appears.**

**In Minneapolis, he practiced law and maintained an office in the New York Life Building, with Mr. Henry A. Cousineau, for a period of ten years.**

Mr. Ober was a quiet and kindly type of man, absolutely honest, of good character and reputation, upright, conducting himself at all times as a good attorney should and was always fair to his clients.

**From the Preface to the General Statutes of Minnesota 1923  
compiled and edited by Hubert Harvey of the St. Paul Bar:**

**PREFACE**

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Following the precedent of General Statutes 1913, the Legislature by Laws 1923 ch. 95, created the Minnesota Statutes Compilation Commission, consisting of the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Attorney General and provided for a new compilation and annotation of all general laws, including Laws 1923.

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In the discharge of this considerable task of compilation and annotation, the editor has been given assistance of incalculable benefit by the Hon. George Nordlin of the Senate and St. Paul Bar. Mr. Nordlin compiled and annotated many of the most difficult subjects, and, drawing from his wide legislative experience and very considerable knowledge of the statute law of the state, at all times acted as a counsellor and adviser. B. A. Ober, Esq., of the Minneapolis Bar, collaborated with the editor in much of the work and freely gave of his time, energy and scholarship.

He was a member of the Minnesota Bar Association, The German Beneficial Union and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

The end of his career came suddenly and unexpectedly. He had been working at his desk in his home and decided to take a short nap. It proved to be a nap from which he did not awaken on January 14th, 1947.

**Mr. Ober was survived by four sisters, Mrs. Catherine Fronney, Miss Marguerite Ober, Mrs. Louis Gauthier and Miss Elsie Ober.**

**He was buried in St. Anthony Cemetery in Minneapolis Minnesota.**

**Henry A. Cousineau**

**Dated February 28th, 1948.**

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### **Acknowledgments**

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