

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD FRANCIS SPURCK

[August 31, 1896 - July 31, 1952]

**Hennepin County Bar Association
Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 1, 1954**

**MEMORIAL FOR
RICHARD FRANCIS SPURCK**

Richard Francis Spurck was born in Peoria, Illinois, on August 31, 1896. He received his elementary education at the public schools of Peoria. He came to Minneapolis in 1918 while a member of the Armed Forces. Here he met and married B. Lee Williams in December, 1918. Mr. Spurck, or "Dick" as he was known to his many friends, attended the Northwestern College of Law here in Minneapolis. While attending law school, he worked in the office of George Young, the then president of Northwestern College. After graduation in 1926 and admission to the bar that same year, he practised law with offices in the Plymouth Building. In 1934 he left private practice to work with the division of Social Welfare for the State of Minnesota. He was with this at the time of his death on July 31, 1952.

Mr. Spurck was an able lawyer. He was an acknowledged specialist in poor relief laws and compiled the first handy reference to these laws and the adjudications thereunder. This reference book was widely used throughout the state and requests for it were received from other states and foreign countries.

Although Mr. Spurck had no children, he was always interested in them. Prior to the second world war, he worked a great deal with delinquent children. He was also instrumental in organizing the boy scouts and girl scouts in Bloomington.

Richard Spurck was active in veteran's affairs. He was the Chairman of the Minnesota Veteran's Council Number Three from the date of its organization until 1942.

Not to be overlooked was Mr. Spurck's proficiency in the field of electrical engineering. He was an inventor of no little ability and his last device, a new type fraction horsepower electric motor switch, is now about to be produced commercially.

His service to the community and his profession has provided a lasting memorial for our sincere respect.

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Respectfully submitted,
Richard J. Haertzen

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