

**In Memoriam**

**HOWARD S. ABBOTT**

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Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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## **HOWARD S. ABBOTT MEMORIAL**

**It is impossible, in the five minutes properly allotted, to really pay tribute to the many accomplishments of Howard S. Abbott. However, accomplishments themselves, speak for themselves.**

**Howard S. Abbott was born in Farmington, Minnesota, on September 15, 1863. He was a son of Rev. Abiel H. Abbott, a pioneer Methodist Minister, and his wife Mary L. Strickland. Howard S. Abbott died on January 7, 1944. Mr. Abbott received a Bachelor of Law degree from the University Minnesota in 1885, and was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and he married Mary Louise Johnson on June 29, 1898. She survives him, together with his son Howard J. Abbott, who lives at Fort Bragg, California, and who is in the lumber business, and his daughter Emily Louise Abbott, who is an artist and lives in Minneapolis.**

**Mr. Abbott was admitted to the bar in 1887, having studied in various law offices, and from 1888 to 1890, he was Secretary of the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Pacific Railroad Company; and, during the same period, 1887 to 1890, he was the Assistant General Solicitor of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Company, and of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railroad Company, in the latter year going to Chicago as attorney for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad where he remained until 1897.**

**His varied experience in the railroad business, with railroad law, and his resultant intimate knowledge of the practical side of railroading, caused him to be appointed as the Special Master in Chancery in the Federal Court of the Receivership of the Union Pacific R. R.; The Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester and Dubuque R. R.; and the Minneapolis, and St. Louis R. R. Receivership, and the results of these Receiverships are a credit to his management and control of the same. For many years Mr. Abbott was Commissioner and Master in Chancery in the federal court in Minneapolis, and those who appeared before him will recall**

with respect the dignity and accuracy with which he functioned as such Commissioner and Master, and his kind, courteous attitude.

But his life was not devoted to just the above work, and accomplishments. He was a very deep student of the law, and had a very analytical mind. Mr. Abbott was the author of seven (7) textbooks, and of the Assembly of Cases in respect to corporation law, which have been used by the courts numerous times as authority. These textbooks and the Assembling of Cases in respect to Corporation Law are as follows: Municipal Corporations; Private Corporations; Notes and Deductions on Corporations; another 3-volume work on Municipal Corporations; a Summary of Laws on Public Corporations; an Elementary Treatise on the Law of Private Corporations; and Abbott's Law of Public Securities. In connection with his other literary work, Mr. Abbott wrote a number of poems and had some published.



Residence of Howard and Mary Abbott (1902).  
900 6th Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection, Hennepin County Library.

While engaged in all of the above, Mr. Abbott was a Professor of Public and Private Corporations and Civil Law at the University Minnesota Law school from 1897 to 1928, and those who were favored by being his students will always carry in their hearts the love and affection that is due a man who was human, kind, and considerate in his relations with others and his students, and in their brains they will remember him with great respect for his great and logical mind which logically and easily could convey to his students the fundamental principles of the law he taught.

Many of us, who are fortunate in later life to be able to drop in and visit him in the Federal Building, will recall with love and affection the kind and humorous manner in which he discussed the problems that we submitted to him, both in law and in life, we shall always be indebted to him for our association with him.

One of the greatest pleasures of Mr. Abbott's life was seeing whom he called his "Old Boys." When he came home at night, after a visit with one or two of them, he was full of interesting talk and vivacity in telling his family what "his boys" were doing, and that he had seen them.

Mr. Abbott did not confine himself to all of the above, as he had a business career connection with some. From 1902 to 1920 he was the Director of Minneapolis Trust Company, gave that responsibility his most careful attention. Although born a Methodist, he entered the Episcopal Church as a young man, and was for many years a Vestryman of St. Mark's Cathedral, and also, a Trustee of the Episcopal Dioceses of Minnesota, and worked very closely in Church Work with Bishop Edsall and Bishop Freeman. Those members of the Episcopal denomination who associated with him in Church Work will always remember the intense and active work and attention he always gave to his Church Life.

He was elected to honorary membership of the Eugene Field Society, national literary organization, in March, 1942, for his many standard legal treatises in which, according to the scholarly citation, he showed "literary skill and craftsmanship."

Like all men of many diversified interest, he had several hobbies. One was his collection of the U. S., British North American, and various European stamps. In November, in 1919, the Sunday Journal wrote up his stamp collection as the largest and most complete stamp history of the New Europe in the Northwest.

He was also very of much interested in genealogy, and spent a great deal of time tracing the genealogies of the Abbott and Strickland families.

IN CONCLUSION, a great, lovable man has passed to the Beyond, and we who knew him well will always be inspired and comforted by remembrances of our association with him.

Louis H. Joss.

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\*In these articles Abbott’s birth year is listed as 1862, 1863 or 1864. 1864 is the true date.

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From Warren Upham & Rose Barteau Dunlap, *Minnesota Biographies, 1655-1912* 2 (14 Collections Minn. Hist. Soc., 1912):

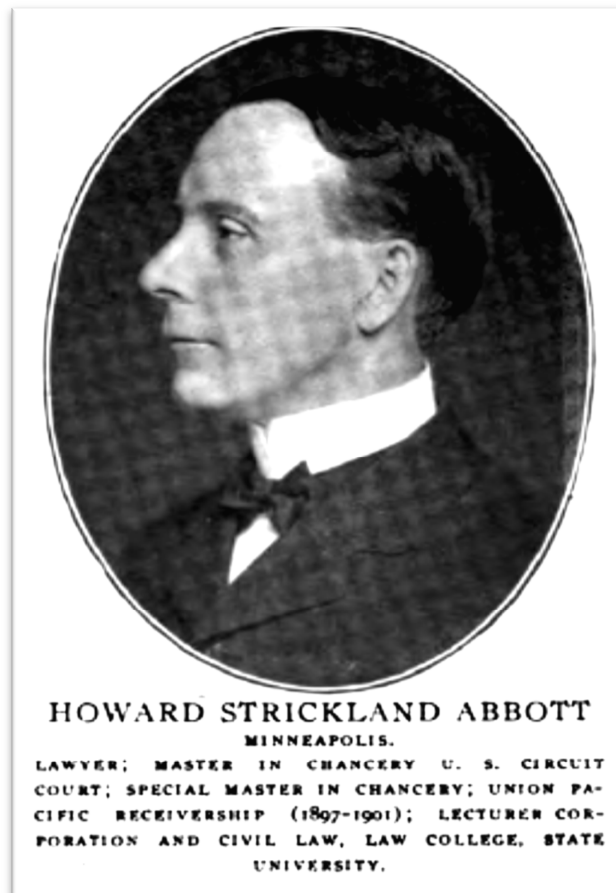
ABBOTT, HOWARD STRICKLAND, lawyer, b. in Farmington, Minn., Sept. 15, 1864; was graduated at the University of Minnesota, 1885; was admitted to the bar in 1887, and has since practiced in Minneapolis; lecturer in the department of corporation law in the University of Minnesota since 1897; author of several text-books on law.

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From Hiram Fairchild Stevens, ed., *2 History of the Bench and Bar of Minnesota* 156-157 (1904):

H. S. Abbott was born at Farmington, Dakota county, Minnesota, September 15, 1864, His parents were Abiel H. and Mary Ellen Abbott. His education was completed at the state university, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1885. He was admitted to practice April 17, 1887. While Mr. Abbott is a good general lawyer, he is perhaps best known for his work as a corporation attorney and for his thorough knowledge of the law of corporations. Soon after his admission to the bar he was appointed assistant general counsel of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, and served in that position from 1887 to 1889. Subsequently, from 1889 to 1896, he was assistant general attorney of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe System, He was special master in chancery in all of the cases involving the receivership of the Union Pacific Railway Company from 1897 to 1901. At present he is the standing master in chancery of the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota. He is lecturer on corporation law in the college of law,

or what is commonly called the law department of the State University of Minnesota. He is a communicant of St. Mark's (Episcopal) church, Minneapolis, and belongs to the college fraternities of Phi Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon. He was married June 29, 1898, at Racine, Wisconsin, to Mary Louise Johnson, and has one child, a daughter, named Mary Louise.



Men of Minnesota (1902).

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From *Little Sketches of Big Folks in Minnesota* (1907):

ABBOTT Howard Strickland, Minneapolis. Res 900 6th st S E, office 402 P O bldg. Lawyer. Born Sept 15, 1864 in Farmington Minn, son of Rev Abiel H and Mary Ellen (Strickland) Abbott. Married Mary L Johnson of Racine Wis. Attended Minneapolis Academy 1878;



graduated U of M, B L 1885; managing editor of "The Ariel" and "Junior Annual," college papers at the university; asst gen solicitor Minn & St Louis and "Soo" Rys 1887-90; sec Wis Minn & Pacific Ry 1887-90; asst atty A T & S Fe Ry 1890-97; Special Master in Chancery U P Ry receivership 1897-1901; Master in Chancery U S Circuit Court of Minn 1899 to date. Lecturer on "Public and Private Corporations" Law College U of M, also on "Civil Law;" author of "Notes, Authorities and Deductions on Corporations;" "Abbott's Case Books;" "Public and Private Corporations;" "Municipal Corporations," a legal text-book in 3 vols recently published; and "Summary of the Law of Municipal Corporations" in 1 volume. Member of executive committee and director Minneapolis Trust Co; member Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity; Minn State and Amer Bar assns; Minneapolis, Minikahda and Lafayette clubs Minneapolis.

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From Albert N. Marquis, ed., *The Book of Minnesotans: A Biographical Dictionary of Leading Men of the State of Minnesota* 9 (1907):

ABBOTT, Howard Strickland, lawyer; born at Farmington, Minn., Sept. 16, 1864: son of Rev. Abiel H. and Mary Ellen (Strickland) Abbott; graduated from University of Minnesota, degree of B.L., 1885; married at Racine, Wis., 1898, to Mary L. Johnson. Assistant general solicitor Minneapolis & St. Louis and "Soo" railways, 1887-90; secretary Wisconsin, Minnesota & Pacific Ry., 1887-90; attorney, Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Ry., 1890-97; special master In chancery, Union Pacific Ry. receiverships, 1897-1901; master in chancery, U. S. Circuit Court, Minnesota, from 1898. Lecturer on public and private corporations and civil law at College of Law, University of Minnesota. Author: Cases Public Corporations (1 vol.); Private Corporations (1 vol.); Notes. Authorities and Deductions on Corporations (1 vol.); Municipal Corporations (3 vols.). While at college was managing editor of college papers. The Ariel and Junior Annual; secretary and treasurer Athletic Association. Director and

member executive committee. Minneapolis Trust Co. Episcopalian; member vestry, St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, and Board of Trustees, Diocese of Minnesota. Member of the American Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Clubs: Minneapolis, Minikahda, Lafayette. Office: Federal Bldg. Residence: 900 Sixth St., S. E., Minneapolis.



Men of Minnesota (1915)

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From *"Courts and Lawyers of Minneapolis"* in Horace B. Hudson, ed., *A Half Century of Minneapolis* 141 (1908) (MLHP, 2013-1915).

ABBOTT, Howard Strickland, son of the Rev. Abiel H., and Mary Ellen Strickland Abbott, was born Sept. 15th, 1863 at Farmington. Minn., and spent his boyhood in Minnesota. His father became a member of the Minnesota Methodist Church Conference, which he joined in 1855, continuing to be an active clerical worker until his death in 1903. The son Howard came near being a victim of the Sioux Indian massacre in 1862, his father being then stationed at St. Peter. When fourteen years old he taught school, and, after preparation at the Minneapolis Academy, he entered the state university, graduating in 1885 with the degree of B. L. He studied law in Minneapolis with James D. Springer, then general solicitor for the Minneapolis & St. Louis and the "Soo" railway companies, and was admitted to the bar, after oral examination by the Supreme Court, in April, 1887.

After admission, he was appointed assistant general solicitor for the M. & St. L., and "Soo" railways and, in 1890, became assistant counsel for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., at Chicago and then at St. Louis. From 1886 to 1890 he was secretary of the Wisconsin, Minnesota & Pacific Ry. Co., and in 1897 succeeded W. D. Cornish as special master in chancery of the Union Pacific Railway Company, then in the hands of receivers. He devoted himself for the next four years to the task of closing up the affairs of that corporation, which involved the solution of many difficult problems and the supervision of the proper disbursement of many millions of dollars paying claims and operating the road besides writing decisions as to disbursements and questions of policy which were in no case reversed on appeal. Mr. Abbott, upon the termination of this work, came to Minneapolis and was appointed Standing Master in Chancery, U. S. Circuit Court, District of

Minnesota, and has lectured on public and private corporations and civil law in the law department of the state university.

Mr. Abbott is the author of several valuable works on the law of corporations, the most recent being a three volume work on municipal corporations, which has received the highest encomiums from judges and lawyers as a discussion of rare scholarship and analytical acuteness. Mr. Abbott has also distinguished himself as a bond and security expert and an authority on railway questions. He is now a director of the Minneapolis Trust Co., and a member of the executive committee.

The family, which is descended from George Abbott of Rowley, Mass., who came to this country in 1632, can boast of many members who have done notable work in literature, as the historian J. S. C. Abbott, Jacob Abbott, noted as an educator and writer, and Austin and Benjamin Vaughn Abbott as lawyers and the distinguished Dr. Lyman Abbott, who are near relatives of Howard S. Abbott. Mr. Abbott is a member of the Minneapolis, the Minikahda and the Lafayette Clubs and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity.

He attends St. Mark's Episcopal Church and is a member of the vestry of that parish and one of the trustees of the Diocese of Minnesota. He was married on June 28, 1898, to Mary Louise Johnson, of Racine, Wis. To them two children have been born, Emily Louise and Howard Johnson.

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**Return I. Holcome & William B. Bingham, eds., *Compendium of History and Biography of Minneapolis and Hennepin County, Minnesota 185-186* (1914):**

**HOWARD STRICKLAND ABBOTT.**

Born, reared and educated in Minnesota, both in his youth and throughout his manhood to the present time Howard Strickland Abbott has dignified and adorned the citizenship of the state and creditably kept up the record of his distinguished ancestry and near relations. His father, Rev. Abiel Howard Abbott, a Methodist clergyman of renown, was related directly or by marriage to Oliver Ellsworth, the third Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court; former President Ulysses S. Grant; the distinguished authors, John S. C. and Jacob Abbott; the prominent lawyers Austin and Benjamin V. Abbott; Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of *The Outlook Magazine*; Bishop Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts of the Protestant Episcopal church; Albert L. Lowell, at this time (1914) president of Harvard University, and Ezra Abbott, the noted biblical scholar, besides other persons prominent and widely renowned.

The paternal grandmother belonged to the famous Townshend family, the elder branch of which remained in England and there produced such men as Charles Townshend, prime minister, and the other Charles Townshend, chancellor of the exchequer, during the years preceding the American Revolution. On his mother's, the Strickland, side of the house Mr. Abbott can trace his ancestry directly back to Sir Thomas Strickland of Sizerg castle, Westmoreland county, England.

Howard Strickland Abbott was born on September 15, 1863, at Farmington, Minnesota, a son of Rev. Abiel Howard and Mary Ellen (Strickland) Abbott. His early life was passed in Minnesota, and at the Minneapolis Academy he was prepared for the State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Literature in 1885. He showed a tendency to authorship in early life,

and during his years at the University was managing editor of the Ariel and also of the Junior Annual for 1884, which were University publications, and his work on them gave abundant promise of the elevation he has since reached and the reputation he has since won as an author.

Literature was, however, only a pastime with him, his more serious business being the legal profession, for which he was prepared by diligent and thoughtful study, and to which he was admitted by oral examination in the supreme court of Minnesota in April, 1887. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession, and before the end of his first year in it was appointed assistant general solicitor of the Minneapolis & St. Louis and the Soo Line Railroad companies, a position in which he served them well and wisely for three years, from 1887 to 1890.

Mr. Abbott was also secretary of the Wisconsin, Minnesota & Pacific Railroad from 1888 to 1890; attorney for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe from 1890 to 1897; special master in chancery in connection with the Union Pacific receiverships from 1897 to 1901; master in chancery of the United States Court in Minnesota from 1897 to date; and has been lecturer on private and public corporations and civil law in the Law School of the University of Minnesota since 1898, filling all these positions with great credit to himself and pronounced advantage to the institutions he served and the interests he had in charge in connection with each of them.

It is easy to see that Mr. Abbott's professional career has been a very busy and fruitful one. But it has not included all his work. He has written a number of books and in them has realized his early promise as a writer, although his achievements in this line have been almost wholly within the boundaries of his profession. Among them are case books on public and private corporations; "Notes, Authorities and Deductions on Corporations," which ran easily through two editions; "Public Corporations," one volume; "Abbott's Elliott on Private Corporations," one volume; "The Law

of Public Securities," one volume; "The Elements of the Law of Private Corporations," one volume, and "The Law of Municipal Corporations," three volumes.

The work last named, from its publication in 1906 has been considered the standard and leading text book on the subject it treats of. It is widely cited as an authority by courts in all parts of the country, and has received the highest encomiums from eminent judges and lawyers for its style, analytical argument, thorough grasp of the topics discussed, and its scholarly treatment of the subject matter. The books are all, however, exhaustive and comprehensive as to the subjects' elucidated in them, elevated in tone and terse and vigorous in diction.

In his political affiliation Mr. Abbott is a Republican, but he has never been an active partisan, and never has he sought or desired a political office. His religious connection is with the Protestant Episcopalians, among whom he holds his membership in St. Mark's church, Minneapolis, of which he has been a vestryman since 1900. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the diocese of Minnesota in his denomination. Socially he is a member of the Minneapolis and Minikahda clubs and the Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity. In business relations outside of his profession he is one of the directors of the Minneapolis Trust company, and in his profession he is an active member of the American Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association. From 1905 to 1911 he was the Minnesota commissioner on Uniform Legislation of the American Bar Association.

On June 29, 1898, Mr. Abbott was united in marriage with Miss Mary Louise Johnson of Racine, Wisconsin, who is a direct descendant, on her mother's side, of Thomas Welles, for many years Colonial governor of Connecticut and one of the courageous men who took part in the Charter Oak episode, which immortalized a tree, Captain Wadsworth, the chief factor in it, and everybody who was connected with it. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have

two children, their daughter Emily Louise, who was born on October 22, 1900, and their son Howard Johnson, whose life began on January 24, 1904.

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From *A Thousand Men of Today* 294-95 (1917):

HOWARD STRICKLAND ABBOTT, Lawyer and Master in Chancery of Minneapolis, Minn., was born Sept. 15, 1863, in Farmington, Minn. in 1885 he received the degree of B.L.; and attended Minneapolis Academy and the University of Minnesota. He studied law in the office of James D. Springer; and in 1887 was admitted to the Bar. He has been assistant general solicitor of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad Company and of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad; in 1888-90 was secretary of the Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pacific Railroad; and in 1890-97 as attorney for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. In 1897 he was appointed special Master in Chancery for the receiverships of the Union Pacific and auxiliary lines; and since 1898 has been standing Master in Chancery of the United States District Court for Minnesota. Since 1897 he has been a lecturer on public and private corporations in the law school of the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Trust Company since 1902. He is a member of the American Bar Association and Minnesota Bar Association; is also a member of the Minneapolis and Minikahda Clubs. He is the author of *Selective Cases on Public Corporations and on Private Corporations*, *A Treatise on the Law of Public Securities* and other works.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *A Thousand Men of Today* 294-95 (1917). It is subtitled "Progressive Living Men of America Who Have Attained Some Prominence in Our Social, Commercial and Industrial Affairs."



From 16 *The National Cyclopædia of American Biography* 47-48 (1918):

**ABBOTT, Howard Strickland, lawyer, was born at Farmington, Minn., Sept. 15, 1864, son of Abiel Howard and Mary Ellen (Strickland) Abbott. His father was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a descendant of George Abbott, who came from Yorkshire, England, and settled at Rowley, Mass., in 1642. The line is traced through George Abbott's son George, who married Sarah Faruuui; their son Neheniah, who married Abigail Lovejoy; their son Nehemiah, who married Sarah Foster; their son Joseph, who married Hannah White; their son Asa, who married Hepzibah**



HOWARD S. ABBOTT  
LAWYER

**Brooks, and their son Abiel, who married Eunice Townsend and was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Howard S. Abbott was educated at the Minneapolis Academy and the University of Minnesota, being graduated B.L. at the latter in 1885. While at college he was active in athletic sports and was prominent in literary work, filling at times the positions of managing editor of the "College Junior Annual" and of "The Ariel." He studied law in the office of James D. Springer, of Minneapolis, and was admitted to the bar in 1887. He became assistant**

**general solicitor of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway Co. and of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Co. He was also secretary of the Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pacific Railway Co. during 1888-90. In 1890 he went to Chicago, Ill., as attorney for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, and acted in this capacity until 1897, when he was appointed special master in chancery for the receivership of the Union Pacific and auxiliary lines, completing the work here involved in 1901. On account of their complications and extent, and the amount and interests involved, the cases which came before Mr. Abbott constitute the largest railroad insolvency proceedings in American jurisprudence. As indicative of the**

magnitude of the proceedings it may be stated that he considered and passed upon the validity of unsecured claims against the Union Pacific system aggregating over \$95,000,000, and to his credit it may be added that not one of his rulings and decisions was reversed on appeal.

Since 1898 he has been standing master in chancery of the U. S. circuit court for Minnesota. The duties of this office, which is a life position, consist in exercising judicial functions in equity cases that may be specially referred by the presiding judge or go to the master for determination as a matter of course.

Mr. Abbott has been a lecturer on public and private corporations in the law school of the University of Minnesota since 1897. During 1907-12 he served as one of the commissioners on uniform legislation for Minnesota of the American Bar Association. During 1888-90 he was a director of the Minnesota Saving Fund and Investment Co.; and he has been a member of the board of directors of the Minneapolis Trust Co. since 1902, having also served for a number of years as a member of the executive committee. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and has served as one of the trustees of the diocese of Minnesota for many years.

Mr. Abbott is a ripe scholar, a strong, ready and graceful speaker, whose extensive reading and wide culture have placed him in the foremost rank of the American bar. He is the author of "Selective Cases on Public Corporations" (1899); "Selective Cases on Private Corporations" (1899); "Notes, Authorities, and Deductions on Corporations" (1902); "A Treatise on the Law of Municipal Corporations" (1906); "A Summary of the Law of Public Corporations" (1907); "A Treatise on the Law of Private Corporations, by Charles B. Elliott, Revised and Enlarged by Howard B. Abbott" (1909); "An Elementary Treatise on the Law of Private Corporations" (1910), and "A Treatise on the Law of Public Securities" (1913).

Mr. Abbott is a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Delta Kappa Epsilon college

fraternity, the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity, and the Minneapolis and Minikahda clubs. He was married, June 29, 1898, to Mary Louise, daughter of Otis R. Johnson, of Racine, Wis., and has one son, Howard Johnson, and one daughter, Emily Louise Abbott.<sup>2</sup>

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From *Who's Who Among North American Authors 1* (Golden Syndicate Pub. Co., 1921):

**ABBOTT, HOWARD STRICKLAND:** Lawyer; born Farmington, Minn., Sept. 15, 1863; son Rev. Abiel Howard and Mary Ellen (Strickland) A., descendant of George Abbott of Yorkshire, England, who settled at Rowley, Mass., 1642; educ. Mimi. Acad. and Univ. of Minnesota; managing editor "College Junior Annual" and "The Arlel"; married Mary Louise Johnson, June 29, 1898; **AUTHOR:** Selective Cases on Public Corporations; Selective Cases on Private Corporations; Notes, Authorities, and Deductions on Corporations; A Treatise on the Law of Municipal Corporations (3 vols.); A Summary of the Law of Public Corporations, by Charles B. Elliott, Revised and enlarged by Howard S. Abbott; An Elementary Treatise on the Law of Private Corporations; A Treatise on the Law of Public Securities; admitted to bar 1887; asst. general solicitor of Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. Co. and of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie R. H. Co.; sec. of Wis., Minn. & Pac. R. H. Co., 1888-1890, the latter year appeal attorney for Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.; 1897 was apptd. special master in Chancery for the receiverships of the Union Pacific and auxiliary lines; since 1898 has been standing Master in Chancery of the United States District Court for Minnesota; lectured on public and private corporations in law school of the University of Minnesota since 1897; during 1907-1912 served as one of the commissioners on uniform legislation for Minnesota of the

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<sup>2</sup> 16 *The National Cyclopædia of American Biography* 47-48 (1918).

**American Association: during 1888-1890 dir. the Minnesota Saving Fund & Inv. Co; member Board of Directors of Minneapolis Trust Co. sinet 1902; CLUBS: Minneapolis, Minekanda; SOCIETIES: American Bar Assn, Minnesota Bar Assn, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Phi Delta Phi, Law Fraternity; ADDRESS: 900 Sixth St., Southeast, Minneapolis, Minn.**

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**From J. C. Schwarz, ed., 1 *Who's Who in Law* 12 (1937):**

**ABBOTT, HOWARD STRICKLAND. Master in Chancery, U. S. Dist. Ct.; b. Sept. 15 1862, Farmington, Minn., s. Rev. Abiel and Mary E. (Strickland) Abbott; ed.: U. of Minnesota, B. A. 1885; m. Mary L. Johnson, June 29, 1898. Admitted to bar, Apr. 1887. Atty. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. at Chicago, 1890-97. Spec. Master: Union Pacific Ry. receivership, 1897-1902; Minneapolis and St. Louis Ry., since 1923; Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester & Duluth Ry. Co., 1918-20; Elec. Short Line Ry. Co., 1923-24; Minn. Western Ry. Co., 1932-33; Minneapolis, Anoka & Cuyana Range Ry. Co. 1930. Lecturer Private and Pub. Corps. and Civil Law, U. of Minnesota Law Sch., 1897-1928. Master in Chancery: U. S. Dist. Ct., Minn., since 1897. Mem.: A.B.A., (Com. on Uniform Legislation, 1907-12); Minn. State Bar Assn. Author: "Cases on Private Corporations," 1899; "Notes, Authorities and Deductions on Corporations," 1902, 2nd ed., 1911; "Cases on Public Corporations," 1899; "Law of Municipal Corporations," 1906, 3 vols.; "A Summary of the Law on Public Corporations," 1907; "Abbott's Elliott on Private Corporations," 1909; "An Elementary Treatise on the Law of Private Corporations," 1910; "Abbott's Law of Public Securities," 1913. Office: 314 Fed. Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.**

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## **Abbott's Textbooks and Treatises posted on the MLHP**

**Cases on Public Corporations (1899).**

**Law of Municipal Corporations. 3 vols. (1906).**

**A Summary of the Law on Public Corporations (1908).**

**Charles Burke Elliott, Private Corporations, revised by Howard S. Abbott (1911).**

**Howard S. Abbott, Francis M. Springer & Eugene A. Gilmore,  
Corporation Law: A Comprehensive Treatise on Federal and  
State Legislation Relative to Private and Public Service  
Corporations and Interstate Commerce (1913).**

**Law of Public Securities (1913).**

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**The photograph on the first page is from the chapter "Courts and  
Lawyers of Minneapolis" in Horace B. Hudson, ed., *A Half Century of  
Minneapolis* (1908) (MLHP, 2013-1915).**

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