

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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In the Matter of a Memorial  
for deceased members of the  
Ramsey County Bar.

At a Special Term of  
Court held on  
April 15, 1933.

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IN MEMORY OF

**HARRY A. HAGEMAN**

( June 28, 1876 : August 16, 1932 )



(1915)

On the morning of Tuesday, August 16, 1932, the judges and members of the Bar of Ramsey County were shocked to learn of the passing, after a very short illness, of our good friend and fellow student of the law, Harry A. Hageman. It was known to but very few that just a few days before his death he had been taken to the hospital suffering from a stroke of paralysis, and the members of the Bar in general were unaware of the fact that he was ill. His passing was peaceful and to those who knew him best was in just such a manner as he would have desired. The Chairman of this committee was the last one of his friends to visit with him and in conversation that evening before he died, Mr. Hageman expressed himself in cheerful language and spoke of his hopes of getting out of the hospital the following day as he had so improved as to be able to walk around a little.

Harry A. Hageman was truly an example of the success which had come to so many of those who believe in hard work done in a cheerful and energetic way. He was born in the city of St. Paul in the year 1876, son the son of Herman and Anna Hageman, both of whom are still living and who are old settlers in Minnesota. Mr. Hageman received an academic training in the public schools of the city, but was compelled to go to work at an early age. Through hardship and struggle he was able to complete his education and was graduated as a member of the class of 1901, from the law department of the University of Minnesota. He was admitted to the bar the same year. For many years during the time he was in attendance at the University and after being admitted, he was in the office of T. R. Palmer, one of the state's foremost attorneys, and who was well known for his legal talent. The thoroughness with which Mr. Hageman attended to the legal business throughout his professional career can no doubt be attributed in no small measure to the early training which he received at the hands of Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Hageman's life work was entirely devoted to the general practice of the law, with special attention to insurance work. On account of being so attached to the profession, he never took time to obtain or hold public office, but he did serve during the World War as Chairman of the Legal Advisory Board for his

district and was always active in civic political matters upon which he unselfishly spent a good deal of time.

The records of the Supreme Courts and the Federal Courts of the Northwest disclose Mr. Hageman's ability in this discerning important points pertaining to insurance law and an examination of the decisions in the various cases in those Courts involving questions of law will convince any lawyer as to the thoroughness of Mr. Hageman's attention to the interests of his client and his grasp of the difficult principles surrounding that phase of the law. We do not hesitate to say that Mr. Hageman has assisted the Court in a refinement and clarification of the law on various insurance questions, and his work represents a real contribution to our jurisprudence.

Harry A. Hageman had a deep respect for his chosen profession and its traditions. He worked in the true spirit of advisor and counsellor to his clients regardless of the importance of their cases. No matter was too small to receive his careful attention, and he showed a sincere modesty in the handling of important cases. He was not a man to brag about his business, but was always approached his work with the thought of doing the thing right away.

He was by nature cheerful and friendly. Like all of us, he had his moments of joy and his moments of sorrows. He was at times touched with despair, but remained ever cheerful and always had a smile for his friends no matter how much he may have been troubled himself. We cannot properly present this memorial without recording the fact that our friend was intensely human and very loyal to his friends. He believed in taking people as he found them and recognized that we all have our faults and our virtues. He was not a man to force his ideas of life and conduct upon another man, but believed that everyone is entitled to his own opinions. His friends all know that they could rely upon him and that he would never hesitate to be helpful when called upon. There are many of the younger members of the bar who received assistance and encouragement at his hands and will miss his advice and counsel.

In 1907, Mr. Hageman was married to Janet M. McClure, of the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, who survives him. He is also survived by his five children, viz: Janet

Spindler, John, Charlotte, William and Wyman Hageman, all of whom have practically reached their majority. He is also survived by his parents as mentioned before and by a sister Mrs. Oren Kip of St. Paul Minnesota.

To those to whom our brother member of the bar throughout the year unstintingly gave his utmost devotion, we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. We join with them in the thought that our deceased member lived a useful and honorable life and his kindly nature towards everybody remains as a lasting example for us all.

Our fellow member was borne to his last resting place in beautiful Oakland Cemetery in St. Paul by members of his chosen profession, and there he rests in peace and quiet. No longer is he preparing briefs and records for the Courts of Men. In answering the call of the Court of the Almighty, we know that he will take his place with pride alongside the other members whose memory we honor here today, and all of whom we too must sooner or later meet in the Court presided over by the Supreme Judge of the Universe.

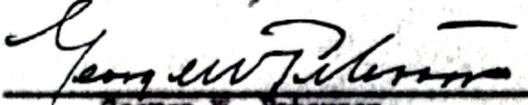
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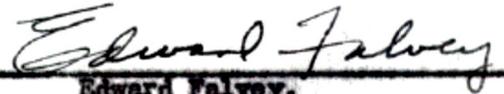
  
Charles W. Sterling, Chairman.

  
Ray Todd.

  
Herbert P. Keller.

  
John M. Bradford.

  
George W. Peterson.

  
Edward Falvey.

## Appendix

Harry Arthur Hageman was admitted to the bar on June 7, 1901.

His photograph on the first page is from *Men of Minnesota (1915)*, and has been added by the MLHP.

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