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HUGH VAL HARN

February 14, 1891 – May 15, 1937

Hennepin County Bar Association
District Court
Fourth Judicial District
Minneapolis, Minnesota
February 5, 1938

Hugh Val Harn
-1891-1937-

To the Honorable, the members of the Bench, and the members
of the Bar, in Hennepin County, Minnesota:

Hugh Val Harn was born at Winona, Minnesota, on February 14, 1891. Of Welch and English ancestry, he was the son of Robert and Alice Harn. His early education was obtained in the city of his birth, and in the grades and high schools of Mason City, Iowa. In 1912, after three years as a student at the University Wisconsin, he entered the University of Iowa, and graduated from its law department in 1916. In the latter institution he had the distinction of election to the presidency the senior law class. A clipping from the Mason City newspaper at that time refers to him as having been among the best as a high school student, a leader at the University of Wisconsin, and outstanding personage in law school, and a young man of promise, highly regarded in the community. During vacations he had worked as a reporter on the Globe Gazette of Mason City, and enjoyed the esteem of his employer

Upon attaining the age of twenty-one he was initiated into the Masonic Lodge in that place, all officers participating in the ceremony being past masters.

Mr. Harn was admitted to the Bar of Iowa in 1916, and at the same time was made Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

On June 25, 1918 he enlisted in the service in the World War, and served as a member of Iowa Company K, Third Regiment. At the time of the discharge he was a private at Headquarters Detachment, Camp Gordon, Georgia. There he taught marksmanship, having been given medals for his skill in that art while a member of the Mason City Guards.

In 1923 Mr. Harn came to Minneapolis, was admitted to the Bar of this State, and was received into the real estate office of Nichols and Smith by the late Fred G. Smith. From that time, and nearly as long as he was able to be active, he was occupied both as a lawyer and in the real estate business in the Nichols and Smith office, where he had been elected one of the officers and directors of the corporation. He was a hard worker, and his law practice was largely an office practice of real property law

In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, having been baptized at Winona by Bishop Thurston. He united with a church of that denomination at Mason City, and was a communicant of St. Mark's Church in Minneapolis at the time of his decease. For quite a good many months before his passing, which occurred on May 15, 1937 at the United States Veterans Hospital near Fort Snelling, he was not at his best; for some time was unable to go to his office at all.

As a business friend the writer of this paper knew him well during the most of the period of his residence in Minneapolis, and had many

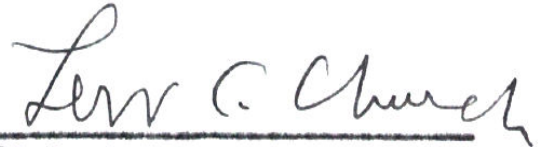
business contacts with him; and now looks back upon him as one of his most loyal friends.

Judge M. C. Tifft joins in the presentation of this memorial.

Dated at Minneapolis,

February 5, 1938.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lorr C. Church". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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