

IN MEMORIAM

HUGH L. LOTHROP

(October 19, 1888 – May 29, 1931)

WABASHA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

**DISTRICT COURT
WABASHA COUNTY
WABASHA, MINNESOTA**

Monday, November 23, 1931

HUGH LAWRENCE LOTHROP

(1888 - 1931)

Hugh L. Lothrop, son of Josiah and Sarah E. Lothrop, was born on a farm near Zumbrota, Minn., October 19, 1888 and was graduated from the Zumbrota High School. He took his law course at the University of Minnesota and completed this course in 1913, being admitted to the bar in that year. He then spent a year in the law office of State Senator A. J. Rockne of Zumbrota, after which he opened a law office at Mazeppa, where he practiced for two years.

On May 1, 1916, he formed a partnership with John W. Murdoch of this city, the firm being called Murdoch & Lothrop. The office at Mazeppa was continued, and Mr. Lothrop spent one or two days each week at that office.

On August 21, 1917, he married Harriet Croxford of Zumbrota. To them were born three children: Betty, aged 12; James, age 9; and Joyce, aged 6. His widow and three children survive him. His other immediate relatives are his brother, J. H. Lothrop of Zumbrota and a sister, Mrs. Mary Farrher of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Lothrop, at the time of his death was a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 86, A. F. & A. M. of Mazeppa, of Red Leaf Chapter No. 10, O. E. S., of Wabasha, of the Masonic Chapter of Lake City, and of the Scottish Rite Consistory of Winona. His church affiliations were with the Congregational church of Wabasha, of which he was a member.

For many years he had been city attorney of Wabasha; he had been chairman of the County Red Cross Committee and was an executive committee member of the Gamehaven area, Boy Scouts of America. He was an outstanding member of the Bar of Wabasha County, of which the undersigned are a committee.

WHEREAS the death of Hugh L. Lothrop has left a vacancy in the Bar of Wabasha County, which in a sense will never be filled, and has produced a sense of profound sorrow among his fellow members of the Bar,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wabasha County Bar Association does hereby record its sorrow and sense of loss in the untimely death of our fellow member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Court and a copy delivered to his family.

WABASHA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION.

/s/ John R. Foley
/s/ James A. Carley
/s/ Wm. G-----

Included with Hugh Lothrop's memorial records at the Historical Society are the following three letters:

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OFFICES OF
ALBERT JOHNSON
LAWYER
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BUSH STREET
RED WING, MINN.

**To the Honorable District Court of Wabasha County, and
the Members of the Wabasha County Bar --**

Gentlemen:

Attorney Lothrop came and departed--Blessed be the memory of his life. My ancestors and his ancestors were neighbors in the pioneer days in Roscoe Township. I knew his parents well and remember his Grandfather. They were highly respected and honorable citizens of Roscoe Township, engaged as all others, in the farming business, were prominent and. successful in their pursuits.

Attorney Lothrop came up as a brilliant and promising young attorney. Like his ancestors he was spotless in his private life, was honorable and respected in his profession as a lawyer. His record is clean. He had the confidence and esteem of the fellow members of the Bar, he had the confidence of his clients to a marked degree. He practiced at Zumbrota, Mazeppa and Wabasha. His friends assembled testify to his merits.

It seems to us that he was prematurely called as he was still a young attorney on the threshold of a nice practice of law at Wabasha, being associated with one of the prominent lawyers of the State; and he shall be greatly missed as a friend, citizen, lawyer. We miss a lawyer of whom it can be said that he constantly supported the Constitution and the laws of his State, that at all times he deported himself with fidelity to the court and his clients.

Bowing to the Supreme Ruler in the passing of our brother, and trusting that this testimonial be received by the court and preserved in connection with the resolutions presented, in the archives of the Court.

Respectfully,

/s/ Albert Johnson

LAW OFFICES OF
THOMAS MOHN
ODD FELLOWS BUILDING
RED WING, MINN.

November 20, 1931

**Mr. John B. Foley
Attorney at Law
Wabasha, Minnesota**

Dear Foley:

I have yours of the 13th inst., stating that memorial exercises for the late Mr. Lothrop will be held next Monday and asking me to bring this to the attention of the other members of the bar in this county.

I have notified such members as I can reach, of the contents of your letter. I am extremely sorry that I cannot be with you next Monday, but I have an important argument in the Supreme Court at that time and I shall have to be there.

I greatly respected and appreciated the honesty and ability of Mr. Lothrop and I shall ever remember him as the fine, frank, upright, courteous and dependable lawyer.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Thomas Mohn

**Charles P. Hall
District Judge, First District
Red Wing, Minn.**

Nov. 20th., 1931.

**John Foley, Esquire,
Attorney at Law,
Wabasha, Minn.**

My Dear Mr. Foley -

Mr. Thomas Mohn has just advised of your message giving information of the memorial services at Wabasha in memorial of Mr. Lothrop.

I regret that my duties in the holding of Court at Faribault on that date prevent me from arranging to attend these services; I wish however, tho absent, to join with the others members of the bar in expressing the sense of loss in the death of a universally respected and able lawyer, whose life has been an example of the highest professional honor and friendly relations with his fellow men.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles P. Hall

RELATED ARTICLES:

Memorials to other members of the Wabasha Bar posted on the MLHP include: “Harold J. Alton (1903-1937)” (MLHP, 2012); “Charles E. Callaghan (1863-1926)” (MLHP, 2012); “Samuel L. Campbell (1824-1910)” (MLHP, 2012); “E. N. Card (1828-1910)” (MLHP, 2012); “James A. Carley (1869-1952)” (MLHP, 2012); Terry Walters, “Remembering Judge [Daniel F.] Foley” (MLHP, 2010); “John R. Foley (1890-1953)” (MLHP, 2012); “Allen J. Greer (1854-1905)” (MLHP, 2012); “Wesley Kinney (1837-1926)” (MLHP, 2012); “Michael L. Marx (1871-1921)” (MLHP, 2012); “John F. McGovern (1860-1905)” (MLHP, 2012); “Henry W. Morgan (1850-1918)” (MLHP, 2011); “John H. Mullin (1842-1907)” (MLHP, 2012); “John N. Murdoch (1831-1898)” (MLHP, 2012); “John W. Murdoch (1869-1962)” (MLHP, 2012); and “James E. Phillips (1866-1935)” (MLHP, 2012).

See also: “Bench and Bar of Wabasha County (1884), and Early Courts and Lawyers of Wabasha County (1920)” (MLHP, 2008). ■

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