

In

Memoriam

Clarence Jay Paul

[February 4, 1857 ▪ December 8, 1937]

**Hennepin County Bar Association
District Court
Fourth Judicial District
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

1938

Clarence Jay Paul was born February 4, 1857 at Battle Creek, Michigan. He attended and graduated from the public schools of his native city. After graduation, he attended a Michigan Law College, then at Marshall, from which he was graduated with distinction at the early age of twenty-one, at that time the youngest student to achieve this distinction at Marshall.

Mr. Paul was admitted to the Michigan Bar of his native city in the spring of 1878 and for nearly 4 years practiced his profession in that city. In 1880 he was married to Alice M. Latta of Battle Creek, and together, in 1882, attracted by the boom in the Northwest, they moved to the then growing State of North Dakota, where Mr. Paul opened his law office – possibly lured by the name – in the then thriving town of Hope.

For eleven years he and his family played an important part in the life of the new and growing community. Mr. Paul served several terms as State’s attorney of Steele County.

During his residence at Hope, Mr. Paul’s capacity and sterling worth became widely known among the lawyers and businessmen of the Twin Cities. In 1893 he was offered a partnership by Charles J. Bartelson of Minneapolis, at that time one of the prominent lawyers of Minnesota, whom some of us now recall.

The firm of Bartelson & Paul with offices in what was then known as the Guarantee Loan Building, now the Metropolitan Life Building, continued until Mr. Bartelson removed, for his health, to Tennessee, after which the business was continued by Mr. Paul alone, until his retirement in 1927.

Mr. Paul passed away at his Minneapolis home on December 8, 1937, leaving his wife, Alice, and his daughters, Mrs. F. H. Poppe and Mrs. H. W. Powers, surviving.

In his family and among his friends and associates, he was loved and respected for his wisdom, tolerance, his splendid character and absolute dependability.

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