

In Memoriam

Maxil D. Robb

( July 11, 1861 - December 25, 1952 )

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

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## Memorial

Maxil D. Robb, Esq.

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Maxil D. Robb at the age of better than ninety-one years passed away on Christmas Day last and with his passing, all of us who knew him personally, as well as all the members of this Bar generally, have lost not only a good friend and highly esteemed brother at the Bar, but the Bar as a whole and the profession generally may truly mourn the loss of him who by his very presence among us and his unreserved practice in his daily life of those high and fundamental principles of our profession, has committed so much to the maintenance of the highest ethical standards of the Hennepin County Bar.

I personally knew Maxil for many, many years and can only regret that the identity of our surnames does not evidence of blood relationship. Personally, I shall gladly have accepted him in the place and stead of the father I lost as a child, he himself having been a member of our profession practicing at the Pennsylvania Bar. More I cannot say.

Maxil was born July 11, 1861 at Jersey in the state of Ohio and received his education in that state graduating from Denison University.

Following his graduation he devoted the next four years in the field of education teaching in the public schools of the immediate vicinity.

Following those activities and in the year 1883 Maxil came to Minnesota, associating himself with A. J. Condit and Company. He immediately directed his attention to the profession of law and in company with several other others embarked upon an intensive study in that field.

Characteristic of the man he was admitted to this bar after only two years of, as they said in those days, "reading law".

His career as a practicing lawyer here in Minneapolis commenced in the year 1888 and that practice followed uninterruptedly and with notable success substantially to the date of his death.

Notwithstanding the arduous duties of an active practitioner, but again characteristically he found time to serve the people of this community otherwise than in a professional capacity. He had to his credit four years service as Alderman of the eighth ward of this city from 1931 to 1935. In addition to these activities he was an active worker in the Aldrich Avenue Presbyterian Church, which congregation, as well as ourselves, mourn his passing.



Outgoing aldermen gather together at the final session of the city council before the new administration takes office. All but Frank R. Cullen, who did not run for re-election, were defeated.

L to R: Maxil D. Robb of the 8th ward, W. A. Currie of the 4th ward, Frank R. Cullen of the 5th ward, Josiah E. Chase of the 2nd ward, Victor E. Johnson of the 11th ward and David Blomberg of the 12th ward and president of the outgoing council.

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Mr. Robb was a member of Minneapolis Lodge No. 19 A. F. & A. M. and a member of St. John's Chapter of the Royal Arc Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Edna, a son, James, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Robb's memory will long remain green in the hearts of his brother lawyers and the impact of his personality and professional conduct on the profession of law as a whole has left an imperishable goal which shall be his monument.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

April the Eighteenth

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-three. \*

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\* The author of this memorial has not been identified.