

# George Maurice Morris

1889-1954

If George Morris had lived in revolutionary times, his name would have stood high on the roster of those patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence and sat with George Washington in the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia. He possessed in large measure the same qualities of heart and mind which guided the Founding Fathers in winning our independence and laying the foundation of our government.

Devotion to public service and an eager willingness to participate in the greatest variety of public activities combined in him to produce qualities of true leadership—leadership which was universally recognized by his vast host of friends around the world.

Perhaps a man's character is best judged by the extent and variety of his interests—by the company he keeps. Judged by that yardstick, George Morris is revealed as a man of true stature among his contemporaries.

Native of Chicago; graduate of Dartmouth College and of The University of Chicago Law School; president of their respective alumni associations; with the AEF during the first World War; for over thirty years a most active member of the American Bar Association; chairman of numerous of its committees and of the House of Delegates; co-ordinator and director of the Association's war efforts; president of the Association; a founder of the International and the Inter-American Bar Associations and four times speaker of its House of Deputies; United States representative and chairman of the United Nations' Committee on International Jurisdiction; drafter of the proposed convention creating an International Criminal Court; a leader in founding the American Bar Center and erecting the new Association building; holder of the American Bar Medal, the highest honor given by the Association. This list is a mere fragment of his far-reaching and varied activities, many of which were in fields other than that of law.

The Morris' Washington home was always a stimulating rendezvous for people from all parts of the country and all parts of the world.

It is impossible to sum up George Morris' character in any really adequate way. We can say with assurance, however, that, while many men have lived longer lives, it has been given to few to have lived as useful a one.

To those who knew him, George Morris will always remain an unforgettable character.