

He came with his family to Brown County in 1869 where they settled on a homestead near where the City of Springfield now stands. This was four years before the advent of the railroad. He experienced the privations and hardships of the early pioneers of Minnesota, which kindled and brought forth those sterling qualities of rugged individualism and perseverance exemplified by him throughout his whole life. After assisting his father for some years, he determined to become a farmer on his own and purchased forty acres to which he added in later years and improved them until they blossomed as the beautiful farmstead known as 'Shady Lane Stock Farms', a show place visited and admired by legions.

"He was elected to the State Senate in 1914 and served one term with unusual ability and distinction, recognized as a sound and dependable leader in solving the problems of agriculture, as far as legislation could solve them. Later, Governor Burnquist, recognizing his ability and standing as a farm leader, appointed him to the Board of Regents of the State University, where he was instrumental in promoting courses of study for the advancement and improvement of agriculture.

"He was a man who rose to prominence with very little schooling. He lived a busy life, occupied with varied activities throughout. He held high offices of trust and responsibility and acquitted himself in every instance with credit and honor.

"He married Ada May Redford, who survives him with one son, Reuben, and two daughters, Mrs. Olive Dahlberg and Mrs. L. Kerr. He died May 8, 1942."

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"George Harold Lommen was born in Caledonia, Minnesota, September 14, 1895. His grandfather was one of the first settlers in southeastern Minnesota, having come to Houston County in 1850. His father, John P. Lommen, was born there in 1852.

"He lost his mother at the age of seven years. He graduated from the Caledonia high school and was a member of the state championship high school debating team in 1913. He went out on his own at the age of seventeen. He completed his law course at the St. Paul College of Law in 1917, and first practiced his profession at Biwabik, Minnesota, where he served as mayor for two terms and then moved to Eveleth. He served one term in the Minnesota House of Representatives and was serving his fourth term in the Senate at the time of his death. When he knew that he was seriously ill he sought advice and relief at the Mayo Clinic, where he soon learned that his ailment would prove fatal, and he went back to the old home where he was born and which he had left at a tender age to see what the world had in store for him, and here, despite the loving and tender care given him by a sister, he died September 19, 1942. He was buried in the beautiful cemetery in his home town. Three of his colleagues were present at the funeral. He is survived by two brothers and three sisters."

Thursday, March 4, 1943

HENRY A. LARSON,  
Chairman.

H. M. CARR,  
J. WILLIAM HUHATALA,  
Special Committee on Memorials.