



RALPH ARNOLD

- **Attorney, District Judge, State Supreme Court Justice and Missoula Mayor**
- **Born.** December 4, 1887 in Mount Pulaski, Illinois.
- **Married.** Marjorie Mason of Belle Plaine, Iowa, in 1914. They had three children. Daughter Lucille died during his term as the Mayor of Missoula.
- **Died.** September 23, 1948 in Missoula, Montana.
- **Education.** Ralph attended grade school and high school in Tobias, Nebraska. His family had moved this

area when he was four years old. After high school, he carried mail on a rural route in Saline County.

- **1909-1911.** Ralph received his law degree from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- **1911.** Ralph came to Missoula and entered law practice.
- **1916-1919.** Ralph served as Missoula County Public Administrator.
- **1924-1938.** Ralph served on the city school board. He was twice its Chairman and had the reputation of never having missed a meeting.
- **1934.** Elected as Missoula's 28th Mayor. He served 32 months. Ralph accomplished many major improvements to the quality of life in Missoula during his reign as mayor. Some of those were: the Orange Street Bridge was developed; Franklin Park on South Tenth Street was donated to the City of Missoula; and, his final act of which he was most proud, an ordinance was passed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor in dance halls. He resigned early from his term as Mayor to accept the job of District Court Judge.
- **President.** Past president of the Western Montana Bar Association.
- **January 4, 1937.** Ralph became District Judge of the Fourth Judicial District.
- **1939.** Appointed Associate Justice of the Montana Supreme Court.
- **1941.** Ralph returned to Missoula to resume his law practice.
- **War.** During World War II, Ralph served as Counsel on the Board for the Office of Price Administration.
- **Family.** Ralph's grandfather, John Arnold, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany in 1823. He came to America as a young man and served as a Union soldier during the Civil War. He spent his active life as a farmer at Mount Pulaski, Illinois where he raised a family. He died in 1888.



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