

Fred Owen Roberts

Eleventh Mayor of Milwaukie

1st Child, 1st Son of Councilor Owen Roberts, Brother of Recorder Ellen Martin

1886-1958 ☞ Mayor Fred Owen Roberts was the first-born child of Councilor Owen and Mrs. Margaret Roberts. He was born on May 2, 1886 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and moved to Milwaukie with his family in 1894. In 1908, he married Martha Latourell and over their nearly five decades of marriage they would have four daughters, one son, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Professionally, Fred was a master mechanic with the American Can Company, but like his civic-minded father he served Milwaukie as an elected official on the City Council, being first elected in 1937. In 1940, he was elected the City's eleventh Mayor at the same time his sister Ellen "Nell" Martin was elected Recorder; they would serve alongside each other for most of their careers in municipal government. Over two decades, from 1937 to 1958, he served as a City Councilor for 11 years and as Mayor for four years during World War II. Fred was a member of the Milwaukie Masonic Lodge and from 1950-1955 lived outside the city. At the time of the City's 50th anniversary in 1953, Fred and his sister Ellen were part of the ceremony laying the plaque that honored the City's first Council, when their father Owen Roberts had served as chairman. Upon his return to Milwaukie Fred was again elected to the Council, where he was serving when he passed away on Monday October 6, 1958. ☞



Mayor Fred Roberts

Milwaukie City Council Resolution No. 4-1947 *in Appreciation for his Years of Service to the City*

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-1947

WHEREAS, Fred O. Roberts has honestly, faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of Mayor and Councilman of Milwaukie for many years with great credit to Milwaukie and to himself, and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie greatly appreciates the service rendered by him, and regrets his voluntary retirement from office,

NOW THEREFORE:- Be It, And It Is Hereby Resolved, by the Council of Milwaukie that the appreciation of Milwaukie of the excellent and highly esteemed public service rendered by Fred O. Roberts to Milwaukie be conveyed to him and that he be advised of the sincere regret of his colleagues that he is leaving the Council, and that a copy hereof be spread upon the minutes of the Council of Milwaukie.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 1947.

Fred Sperr, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ellen Martin, Recorder