

Frank Edward (Ted) Moss

September 23, 1911 – January 29, 2003

Frank Edward (Ted) Moss a Senator from Utah.

Frank Moss was born to James Edward and Maude (nee Nixon) Moss in Holladay, Utah. His father was a school educator, and was known as the “father of high school athletics” in Utah. In 1929 he graduated from Granite High School, where he was the editor of the school newspaper, two-time state debate champion, freshman class president, and the center on the football team.

He attended the University of Utah, during his sophomore year of college he was class president and the coach of the varsity debate team, he graduated in 1933. He married Phyllis Hart they had 4 children, 1 girl and 3 boys. They remained married until his death in 2003.

Moss studied in Washington, D.C. at the George Washington University Law School, where he was editor of The George Washington Law Review in 1937. He worked at the National Recovery Administration, the Resettlement Administration, and the Farm Credit Administration while studying in Washington.

After his admission to the bar, Moss was a member of the legal staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from 1937 to 1939. He returned to Utah, where he opened a private practice in Salt Lake City and became a law clerk to Utah Supreme Court justice James H. Wolfe. In his first run for public office, he was elected a judge of Salt Lake City’s Municipal Court. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in judge advocate general’s department in the European Theater.

After his time in the military Moss returned to Salt Lake City and was re-elected as city judge, serving in that position until he resigned. He also served as county attorney for Salt Lake County. During those years he practiced law in the firm of Moss & Hyde and Moss & Cowley. In 1956 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Utah losing to L.C. Romney.

In 1958, Moss ran for the U.S. Senate and he won the election with less than 40 percent of the vote. Moss was elected a second term in 1964 and a third term in 1970. Moss ran a fourth term in 1976 against Orrin Hatch, Hatch won the election.

Moss passed away January 29, 2003 at the age of 91 and is buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. His grave location is: **Plat – R, Block – 13, Lot – 1, Grave – 4, Tier – E.**

