


**CHARLES ALLISON MENKEMELLER**  
 Secretary of the Draft Board, Ohio County, West Virginia  
 Died of Influenza on November 20, 1918

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

**CHARLES ALLISON MENKEMELLER,**  
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 WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

One of the youngest and at the same time one of the most proficient and efficient men in the class of 1915, is Charles Allison, known to most of the world as "Menke." February the second, 1895, and Wheeling are the important things to be remembered, as the date and place of his arrival into the world. He hurried through High School and entered the university in 1913. By registering a mark of 99 on a preliminary Pleading examination, "Menke" established a precedent which ought to gain him a permanent niche in the Tucker Hall of Fame. As he has lots of spare time, he is engaged as official photographer for the CALYX. He will practice law in his native State.



Yearbook, 1915, Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia

Charles registered for the World War I Draft but was not in service when he died.

<p>Form 1 <b>3949</b> <b>REGISTRATION CARD</b> No. <b>42</b> Age in yrs. <b>22</b></p> <p>1 Name in full <b>Chas. Allison Menkemeller</b></p> <p>2 Home address <b>220 S. Cliff Wg. W. Va.</b></p> <p>3 Date of birth <b>Feb. 2 1895</b></p> <p>4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <b>Natural Born Citizen</b></p> <p>5 Where were you born? <b>W. Va. W. Va. W. Va.</b></p> <p>6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <b>U.S.</b></p> <p>7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <b>Lawyer</b></p> <p>8 By whom employed? <b>Self</b></p> <p>9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <b>None</b></p> <p>10 Married or single (which)? <b>Single</b> Race (specify which)? <b>Caucasian</b></p> <p>11 What military service have you had? Rank <b>None</b>; branch <b>None</b>; years <b>None</b>; Nation or State <b>None</b></p> <p>12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <b>None</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.</p> <p><b>Charles A. Menkemeller</b>  <small>(Signature or name)</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>47-1-32-A</b>  <b>REGISTRAR'S REPORT</b></p> <p>1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <b>Tall</b> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <b>Slender</b></p> <p>2 Color of eyes? <b>Blue</b> Color of hair? <b>Brown</b> Bald? <b>No</b></p> <p>3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <b>None</b></p> <p>I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Howard Beckman</b>  <b>Harry Dehugg</b>  <small>(Signature of registrar)</small></p> <p>Precinct <b>#3 Center Dist</b>      City or County <b>Ohio Co</b>      State <b>W. Va.</b> Date of entry <b>June 5/17</b></p>
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# FINAL TRIBUTE FOR YOUNG MAN

**FUNERAL FOR ATTORNEY CHARLES  
ALLISON MENKEMELLER HELD  
YESTERDAY.**

**Many Personal and Fraternal Friends  
Attend Service—Bar Pays  
Tribute.**

Yesterday afternoon in the family home, 2008 Eoff street, funeral services were conducted for Attorney Charles Allison Menkemeller, popular and brilliant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Menkemeller, who passed away Wednesday, following a brief illness of pneumonia.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Potter of Vance Memorial (Presbyterian) church, officiated. Entombment was in Greenwood mausoleum. The services were attended by many friends of Mr. Menkemeller and fraternal brothers.

The active pallbearers were Judges Alan H. Robinson, R. M. Addleman and J. B. Sommerville, and Attorneys B. S. Honecker, Joseph Handlan and Kent Hall.

### Bar Association's Tribute.

The following beautiful tribute of loving remembrance was passed yesterday by the Ohio County Bar association in honor of Mr. Menkemeller, who was one of the youngest and most popular attorneys in this community:

Charles A. Menkemeller, a member of the bar of Ohio county, has passed away. Mr. Menkemeller was born in the city of Wheeling on February 2, 1895. He attended Center school, and after having completed his course in that institution he entered Wheeling high school on September 7, 1909. He was graduated from the high school on June 13, 1913. Immediately after leaving the high school he entered upon the study of the law at Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va. At that institution he devoted himself so faithfully and intelligently to his studies that he completed the course among the leaders of his class, notwithstanding the fact that at that time he was only twenty years of age. After leaving the university he took the West Virginia Bar examinations at Morgantown, passed those examinations with high honors, and was licensed to practice his chosen profession in the state of West Virginia. On March 27, 1916, he was admitted to practice at the bar of the circuit court of Ohio county, and was enthusiastically welcomed to our membership. Immediately after his admission to practice, he opened his office in the city of Wheeling, and from the very beginning of his venture he gave brilliant promise of unbounded success.

With the coming of the world crisis, and the entering of the United States into the great war for liberty, Mr. Menkemeller willingly laid aside the work of his private office, and offered himself in the military service of his country. When he learned that the physical limitations under which he suffered would bar him from participation in the work of the military field, he immediately offered himself to serve in whatever capacity he might be of best service. True patriot that he was, he surrendered his growing law practice, and gave the last eight months of his life in untiring service as an official of the local draft board of the city of Wheeling. It was while he was on duty at the draft board that on November 7, 1918, he was stricken with his fatal illness. In the harness he was stricken down, and in the harness he died. On him, as truly as of the uniformed soldier, who has fallen on the field of battle, it may be said that he died in the service of his country.

In the death of Mr. Menkemeller the bar of Ohio county is called upon to mourn the loss of its youngest member. Fresh from the schools, bringing with him the highest scholastic honors, he came to us with brilliant promise of extraordinary success in the practice of his profession. In the brief time that was given him to pursue his activities among us, he made for himself a place that will be hard to fill. Endowed with an attractive personality, and at the same time blessed with great force of character; possessed of a mind of unusual caliber; animated by a seriousness of purpose beyond his years, fired with a high degree of ambition and energy; filled with an unquenchable spirit of patriotism, Charles A. Menkemeller established for himself an important place in the respect and affections of the bar and of the whole community. His loss will be keenly felt.

To us who mourn his loss, the sudden ending of his life, so short in years, cannot but bring an added shock with the wish that he might have lived to develop those great powers that were his, and by experience might grow into his natural place among the leaders in his profession here. But let us not forget that success in life does not always require length of years. Neither does it demand recognition in titles and office. When a young man of unusual intellect and heart and determination and diligence has learned to do his work with a cheerful spirit, and has brought himself with high ideals into right relations with his family, his community, his country and his God and has rendered distinguished, though quiet service to his country, and has passed on to that higher field of endeavor through the gateway that we call death, who shall say that he has not already achieved a full success? We who mourn the death of Charles A. Menkemeller rejoice that he has had his part in this great hour of freedom's dawn, and that although his years are few, his young life has been crowned by real success.

NELSON C. HUBBARD,  
JAMES W. EWING,  
FRANK W. NESBITT,  
Committee.

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**Monkemeller Funeral Today.**

This afternoon at 2 30 o'clock at the family home at 2208 Koff street, funeral services will be held over the remains of Charles All son Monkemeller, prominent young attorney of this city who passed away yesterday morning at four o'clock. The services will be private and will be followed by private entombment in the Greenwood Mausoleum

Mr. Monkemeller was very prominent in the Masonic order holding membership with Ohio Lodge, A F & A M, Knights Templar Osiris Temple, and was a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. Members of Wheeling Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar will be present at the funeral.

The pallbearers will be W. C. Handlan, Thomas Y. Beckett, Samuel A. Klein and Elmer Z. Welty. The honorary pallbearers from the Knights Templar will be announced today.

Entombed at the Greenwood Cemetery Mausoleum, Wheeling.