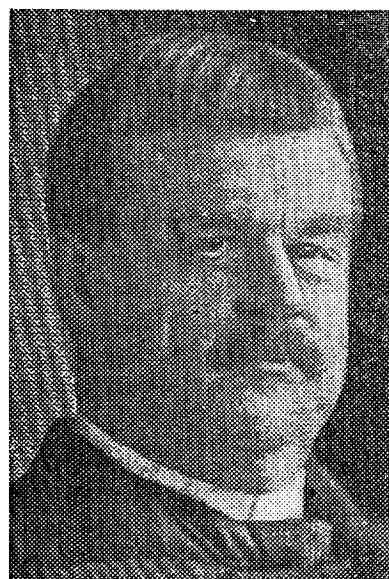


Five Houlton Attorneys Have Served On Maine's Higher Courts

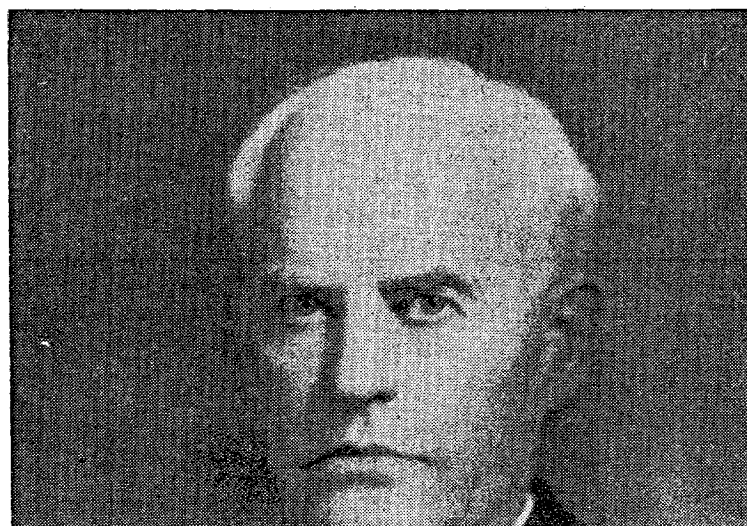
Distinguished Record of Judicial Service Believed Unequaled By Any Maine Town of Same Size



Justice Frederick A. Powers
1900—1907



Justice John B. Madigan
1916—1918



Fifth member of Houlton's legal profession to be selected for service on the higher court bench was James P. Archibald who was named to the Superior Court by Gov. Ed Muskie in October, 1956. Although young in years, the former Aroostook County attorney and assistant Attorney General is old in experience and he has already established a firm place for himself among his colleagues on the bench. It would be by no means an idle prediction to prophecy that he, too, will one day grace the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine.

NOT A HOULTON NATIVE

Justice Frederick Alton Powers first practicing Houlton lawyer to be appointed to the Supreme Court, was one of the two who could not own this town as his birthplace. He was born in West Pittsfield, one of a distinguished family of eight boys and two girls. He came to Houlton when only 12 years of age to make his home with his older brother, the late Governor Llewellyn Powers.

He attended the local schools, was graduated from Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield and from Bowdoin in 1875. He returned to Houlton to study law in the office of his brother, Llewellyn and was admitted to the Aroostook County bar in the following year, in 1876. He maintained his own practice here until 1887 when, with his brothers, Don and Llewellyn, he formed the law firm of Powers and Powers, which became known throughout Maine as one of the state's most prominent legal firms.

PARTNERSHIP TERMINATES

This partnership was terminated in 1900 when Frederick A. Powers was named to the Supreme Court. During his residence in Houlton he also found time to take an active interest in politics and in public affairs with the same zeal shown by all of his

party's candidate for Congress from the Fourth Maine district. He lost only by a very narrow margin.

PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN

A public spirited citizen at all times, he served for almost 20 years as a member of the Superintending School committee of Houlton. He was among those instrumental in founding the Houlton Agricultural Society, was active in behalf of Ricker, and was one of the charter members of the club known as the Dux Club here.

One of the more beneficial public services was his participation in the development of the Madigan Memorial Hospital, given to the town of Houlton by his brother, James C. Madigan as a memorial to his parents. Justice Madigan personally supervised the renovating of the large and spacious homestead and gave liberally of his means to equip it.

SERVES BUT TWO YEARS

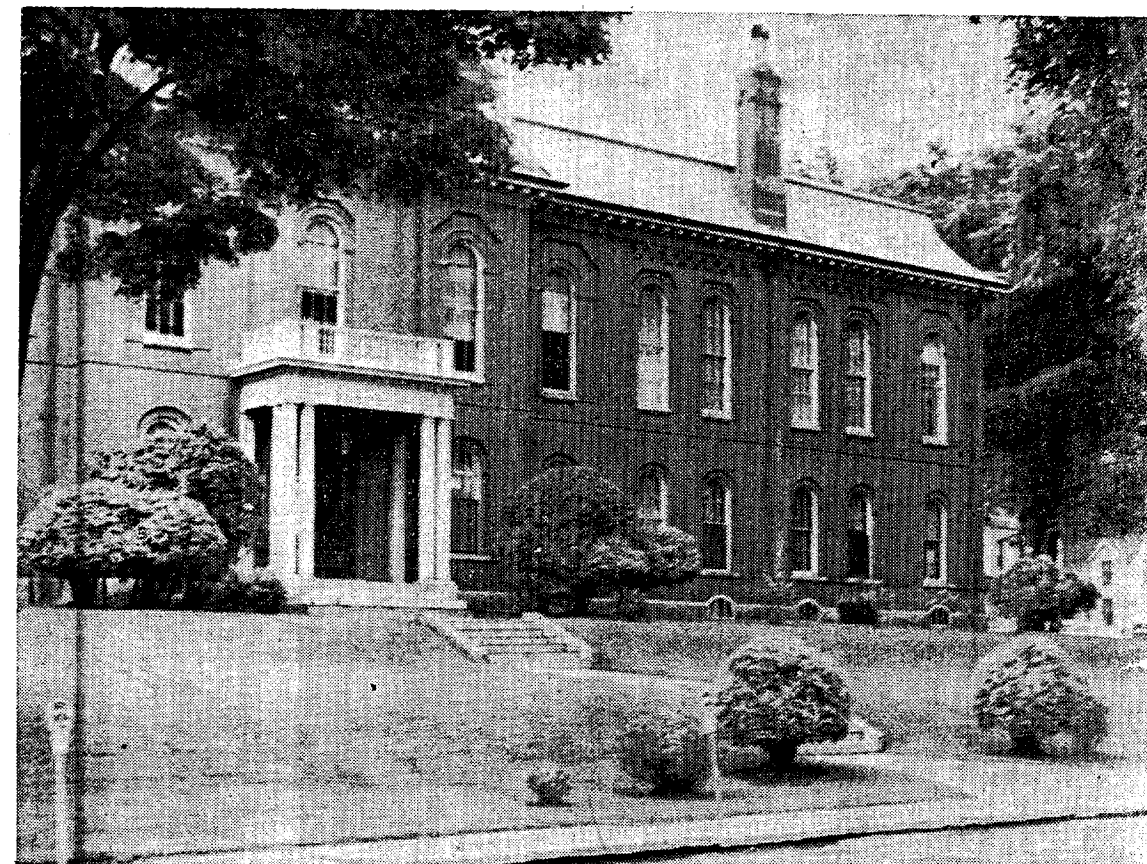
Gov. Oakley C. Curtis named him to the Supreme Court of Maine in 1916 but he was permitted only two years of distinguished judicial service before death brought an end to his long and illustrious career in 1918.

Third practicing Houlton attorney, and a native of this town as well, to grace the higher court of the state was Hon. Charles P. Barnes who achieved that distinction at the hands of Gov. Percival P. Baxter in 1924.

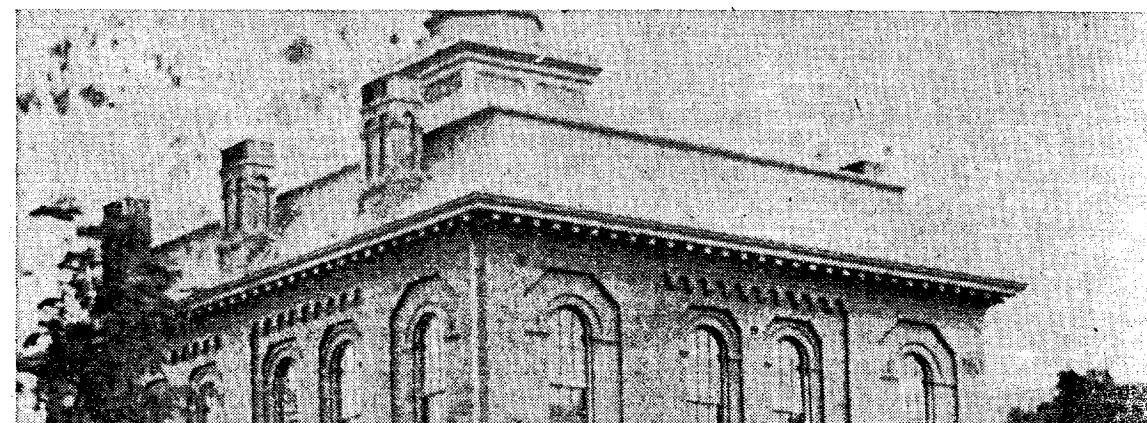
Charles Putnam Barnes was born in Houlton October 12, 1869. He attended the public schools here, was graduated from Houlton Academy, now Ricker, and from Colby College in the class of 1892. His interest in the law did not manifest itself until several years after his graduation, when he had filled teaching positions in Attleboro, Mass. and Lisbon Falls and Norway in Maine.

FROM TEACHING TO LAW

The Court House Has Changed Since 1859



This is the Aroostook County Court House as it appears today, from the Court Street side taken from a northwest instead of southwest angle. The north addition of 1890-91 starts just south of the door. Unseen is the east section which juts out from the rear. This was added in 1928, the work being done by N. W. Downing & Son of Presque Isle.





Chief Justice Charles P. Barnes
1924—1941



Justice Nathaniel Tompkins
1941—1949



Justice James P. Archibald
1956 —

The record that has been established in the field of jurisprudence in the State of Maine by lawyers from the town of Houlton who have gone to the top in the legal profession is one that is believed to be unequalled by any other town of its size in the State of Maine.

Four residents of this community have sat on the state's highest tribunal, the Supreme Court, and a fifth is now occupying the bench of the Superior Court.

And one of this number became the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Court before his retirement.

STARTS IN 1900

The record starts in 1900 with the appointment to the then Supreme Court, of Frederick A. Powers of Houlton who had, at that time, reached the zenith of his distinguished career in public life, politics and the legal profession. He resigned in 1907 after sitting as a Supreme Court Justice for six years.

Nine years later a second distinguished Houlton lawyer was selected for the highest tribunal of the state when the then Gov. Oakley C. Curtis appointed a fellow Democrat, the Hon. John B. Madigan of Houlton to the Supreme bench. His untimely death two years later brought

his distinguished career to an end.

BECOMES CHIEF JUSTICE

Charles P. Barnes was the third Houlton native to crown a career of great distinction by serving on the judiciary of the state. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1924 by the then governor, Percival P. Baxter.

He was elevated to the Chief Justiceship in 1939, by Gov. Lewis O. Barrows and served with distinction until his retirement in 1941, being then in his 71st year.

Fourth member of this distinguished group is Hon. Nathaniel Tompkins, who, also, climaxed a career of public and political service with the well deserved re-

ward of a seat on the Superior Court bench. He was selected for this honor by Gov. Sumner Sewall in 1941, the same year of the retirement of Chief Justice Barnes.

STRICKEN IN COURT HOUSE

After four years of traveling the Maine judicial circuit as a trial jurist, Justice Tompkins was elevated to the Supreme bench by Gov. Horace Hildreth, in 1945. He took his oath of office while confined to the Madigan Memorial Hospital by illness. He continued his active service with the law court until he was stricken with a heart attack April 22, 1949 while about to climb the stairs to his office in the Aroostook County court house.

politics and in public affairs with the same zeal shown by all of his distinguished family in these activities.

He was elected to the Maine legislature from Houlton in 1885 and served four years in that body. In 1891 he was sent to the Maine Senate by the people of Aroostook County and, two years later, was chosen attorney general of Maine, a position he held until 1896.

He was a member of the Republican State Committee from 1883 to 1887 and from 1891 to 1895. He went as a delegate to the Republican National convention in 1888.

RETIRES FROM THE BENCH

He retired from the Supreme bench in 1907 to devote all of his time to his extensive timberland interests and as president of the Farmers National Bank here. He died in Florida in 1925, his death bringing to an end a long career of service to his community and his state.

Justice John Bernard Madigan, the second Houlton lawyer to be elevated to the Supreme bench of the state, was a Houlton native, a graduate of Houlton Academy and of Georgetown University, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1882, master of arts in 1889 and Doctor of Laws in 1916.

His law studies were taken at Boston University from which he was graduated in 1886 but had been admitted to the practice of law before the Maine bar the previous year.

NEW LAW FIRM STARTS

The year of his graduation he returned to Houlton to engage in the practice of law with his brother, Albert, in the law firm of Madigan and Madigan. This partnership was continued until the death of Albert Madigan in 1911, at which time a nephew, Leonard Pierce came into the firm and the name was changed to Madigan and Pierce.

As his promising career progressed Attorney Madigan became renowned far and wide as a keen student of the principles of the law, a talented orator and the possessor of a brilliant mind.

A Democrat in political affiliation he became, in 1889, the first member of his party to represent the Houlton-Hodgdon class in the state legislature since the time of the Civil War. He served two terms in that body and later permitted his name to be used as his

FROM TEACHING TO LAW

He began reading law in the office of Judge Joshua Symonds in Portland and was admitted to practice before the Maine bar in 1900. He had his first offices in Norway and, in 1902, became County Attorney of Oxford County, serving until 1909 when he became a deputy attorney general of the state, serving with distinction in this position for two years.

In 1911 the Barnes family moved back to Houlton and the future Chief Justice entered into a law partnership with the late Cong. Ira G. Hersey under the firm name of Hersey and Barnes, an arrangement that was not terminated until Mr. Hersey went to Congress in 1917.

He found time to practice politics and served Houlton for three terms in the House of Representatives, in 1917, 1919 and 1921. He served as floor leader during his second term and was elected Speaker of the House during his third term.

He filled many roles in the Maine political arena and was often spoken of as a candidate for governor, to which he consistently turned a deaf ear.

After 16 years on the bench he was made Chief Justice in 1939 by Gov. Lewis O. Barrows, a position he filled with dignity and distinction until his retirement in 1941.

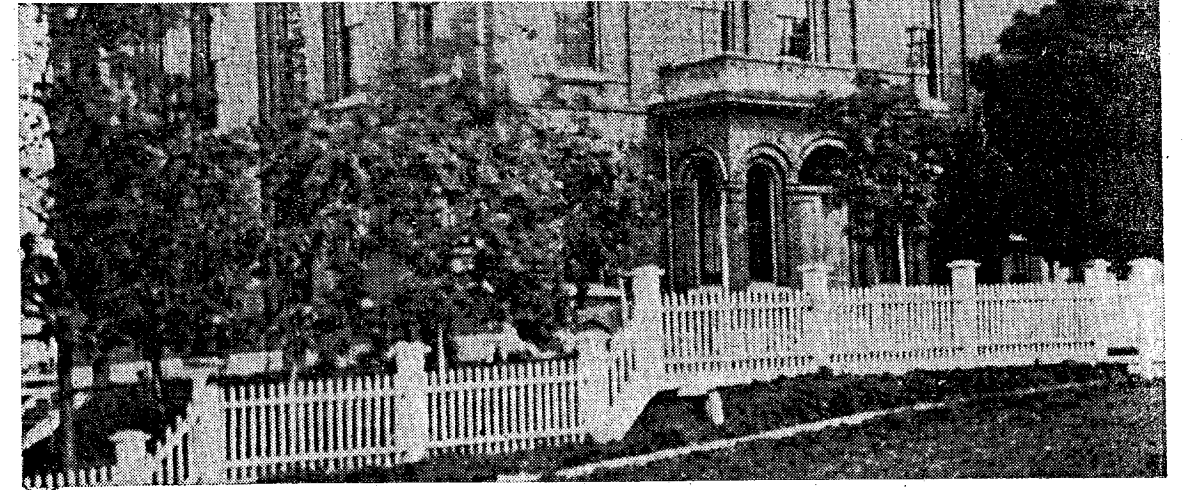
Nathaniel Tompkins, lawyer, banker, legislator and jurist, was the fourth from Houlton's legal family to achieve the distinction of an appointment to the high court of Maine. A native of Bridgewater, he spent most of his life and his career in Houlton, as a student at Ricker and later as a practicing attorney at the bar.

GRADUATE OF COLBY

He was born in Bridgewater May 7, 1879. After graduation from Ricker in 1898 and from Colby in 1903, he returned to his alma mater here and became a member of the Ricker faculty before entering Harvard Law School preparatory to receiving his degree from that institution in 1907. There followed a distinguished career that lasted for more than 40 years and which saw him reach the pinnacle of his profession.

He served Houlton as a member of its board of selectmen, was for 21 years president of the Houlton Savings Bank, and was for many years a member of the Ricker trustees. He also served as Master of Monument Lodge.

Although always interested in politics, he did not become an ac-



This is the Aroostook County Court House as it was erected here in 1859, the first of three sections that make up the structure as it stands today. It was built by a contractor named Harrison F. Clement of Lawrence, Mass. Work was started in April of that year and was completed in November under the supervision of the then board of County Commissioners, Moses White, Joel Foss and Oliver R. Sirois. This picture was taken in 1883. At the time of the second addition to the building in 1890-91, which is the north end including the entrance on the Court street side, the white fence had disappeared and the Elm trees had grown somewhat larger than they appeared seven years earlier.

tive participant until the early thirties when he became a candidate for the Maine legislature from Houlton. He was reelected for three successive terms and, in his third, became Speaker of the House.

SPEAKER, SENATE PRESIDENT

He then sought promotion to the Senate from Aroostook County and served two terms in that body, being elected President during his second term thus becoming one of the handful of men in Maine history who have presided over both bodies of the Maine legislature.

He was named to the Superior bench by Gov. Sumner Sewall while he was still President of the Maine Senate. Four years later he was elevated to the Supreme bench by Gov. Horace Hildreth and it was while he was serving in this capacity that he was suddenly taken by death.

Youngest of the quintet of Houlton attorneys to move upward is the current member from this town, James P. Archibald. He was also the youngest of the five in age at the time of his appointment which was made by Gov. Muskie early in October, 1956.

THIRD GENERATION LAWYER

A native of Houlton, Judge Archibald is the son of the late Bernard and Emma (Putnam) Archibald and is the third generation of his family to enter the law. Educated in the Houlton public schools, he was graduated from high school here in 1930, from Bowdoin College in



This is a view southward from the corner of Main and Court streets after the fire of 1880 had run its course. In the distance appears the Court House, which escaped the flames. A new Exchange hotel was built on the site of the burned buildings in the foreground and stood there until it was destroyed by fire May 3, 1942.

1934 and from Boston University Law School in 1936. The following year he was admitted to practice before the Maine bar and entered the law firm of Archibald and Archibald, in partnership with his father, the late Bernard Archibald.

He served as County Attorney of Aroostook in the early forties but a second term was interrupted for a hitch in the U. S. Navy during World War II. On his discharge from the service he became a candidate, without opposition, for a third term as county prosecutor.

He has been active in Republican politics as chairman of the

County committee and as a member of the State committee. He has also served several terms on the Houlton Town Council and for many years was the town's legal counsel. He served as president of the Houlton Rotary club and was often Moderator of Town Meeting.

ASS'T. ATTORNEY GENERAL

Judge Archibald first came to state wide notice when he was an assistant to Attorney General Alexander La Fleur during the liquor investigation of a few years ago.

He will preside over his first session of court in his home town when he sits as Justice here for the November term in 1957.