

Supreme Court Board of Law Examiners for 17 years. He was a water referee, served as City Attorney for Greeley, and then as Weld County Attorney. In the 1930s, he was a Special Counsel for Colorado in two major U.S. Supreme Court cases involving apportionment of interstate streams. He helped create the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District in 1937, and was one of the main initiators of the Colorado-Big Thompson project. He was also active in his community, serving as president of the Greeley Chamber of Commerce, member of the Greeley Public Library Board and of the Weld County Hospital Board. In 1984, three years after his death, William Kelly was named by the Colorado Bar Association to its "Hall of Fame" as one of Colorado's greatest attorneys.

Philip Van Cise, who served a four-year term as Denver district attorney, also served as President of the Denver Bar Association. He was named by the Colorado Bar Association in 1986 as one of the most outstanding lawyers in Colorado history.



*John D. Fleming, who was the Law School's first full-time dean, served in that capacity from 1907 until his death in 1927. At the beginning of his deanship, there were only three other full time faculty members and a total of 69 students. Soon thereafter the Guggenheim Law Building became the home of the Law School. In 1912, the School became one of the few law schools in the country to require two years of college work for admission.*

Under Dean Fleming's leadership, the Law School continued to produce many outstanding attorneys. Notable among those who graduated during

the second decade of the twentieth century were: William Lee Knous ('11), Ralph L. Carr ('12), Frank L. Delaney ('12), Lawrence G. Giacomini ('13), Frank A. Kemp ('13), Eugene D. Millikin ('13), Frank D. Allen, Sr. ('15), John W. Henderson ('16), Clarence L. Ireland ('16), Edward G. Knowles ('16), Frederic P. Storke ('17), Stanley T. Wallbank ('18), and Benjamin S. Galland ('19).

William L. Knous began his legal career in the private practice of law, but then served as County Attorney of Ouray County, as Mayor of Montrose, as a State Representative, and as a State Senator, serving as President Pro-Tem of the Senate from 1934-36. In 1936 he was elected to the Colorado Supreme Court, becoming its Chief Justice in 1946 and serving in that capacity until he was elected Governor of the State in 1947. In 1950 he was appointed the fourth U.S. District Judge ever to serve in Colorado. (The first U.S. District Judge was Moses Hallett, the Law School's first dean, who had been appointed to the federal bench in 1877.) The Law School's highest award, the William Lee Knous Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement by a Law School graduate in his or her chosen field, was named in his honor. In 1985 the Colorado Bar Association named Judge Knous one of the most outstanding lawyers in Colorado history.

Also named one of Colorado's greatest lawyers in 1985 was Ralph L. Carr. Carr, who served as Colorado's governor from 1938-42, was known for his sound fiscal practices and for his courageous stand in support of Japanese-Americans during the hysteria following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He is also known for his role in establishing Colorado's water rights. He was a legal advisor to the Colorado Interstate River Commissioner on the Rio Grande Compact in the late 1920s and 1930s, and was a strong advocate of the right of the states to administer and distribute the flow of the western rivers.

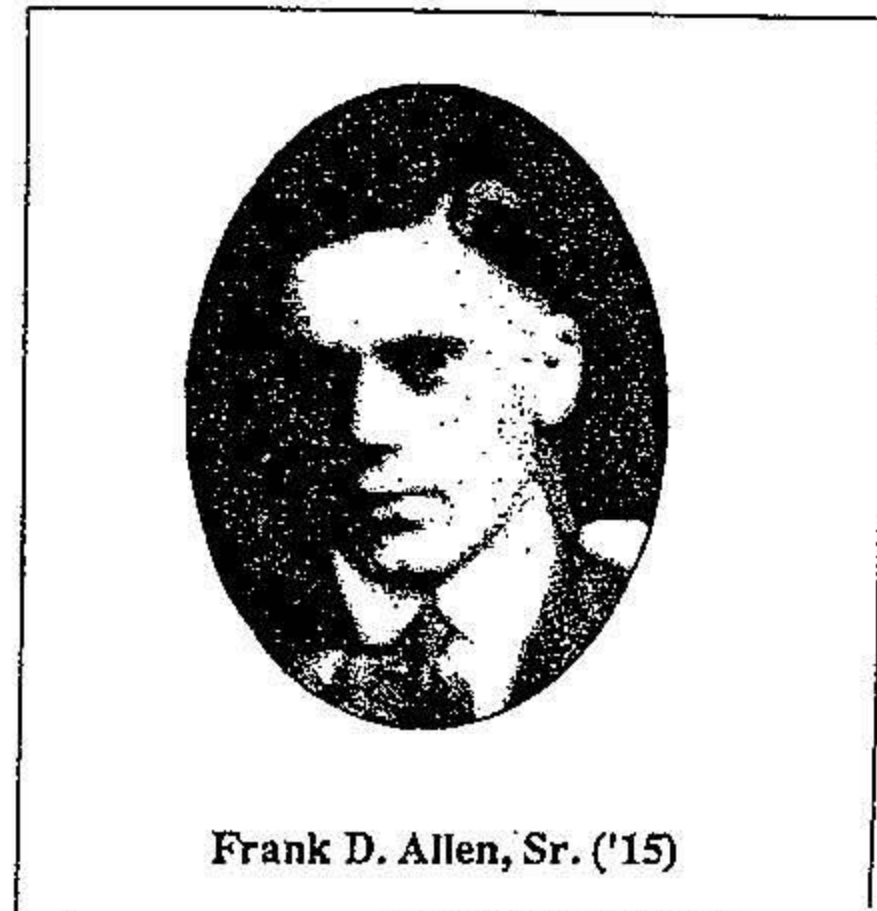
A classmate of Governor Carr's was Frank L. Delaney, an eminent water law authority and pioneer in efforts to protect Western Slope water resources from exploitation by outside interests. Delaney was largely responsible for formulating the

compensatory storage and protective operating principles incorporated in Senate Document 80 regarding the Colorado Big Thompson Project. One of the authors of legislation creating the Colorado River Conservation District, Delaney served as counsel for the District from its inception in 1937 until 1956. He also played a primary role in negotiation of the Upper Colorado River Compact and enactment of the Colorado River Storage Act.

Another outstanding alumnus of the School was Lawrence G. Giacomini of Sterling, Colorado, who died in March, 1986, just 10 days before celebrating his 98th birthday. Giacomini worked for more than six decades in his community, becoming one of its leading citizens. For his service, the Logan County Chamber of Commerce presented him with its Distinguished Service Award.

Frank A. Kemp, who received the Knous Award in 1965, was President of the Great Western Sugar Company. He also served as chairman of the Mexico-United States Committee, a director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Museum of Natural History and of the Denver Zoological Foundation, and a Regent of the University of Colorado in 1964 for a one-year term.

Eugene D. Millikin was first appointed to the U.S. Senate to fill an unexpired term and then was elected to a full term in 1950.

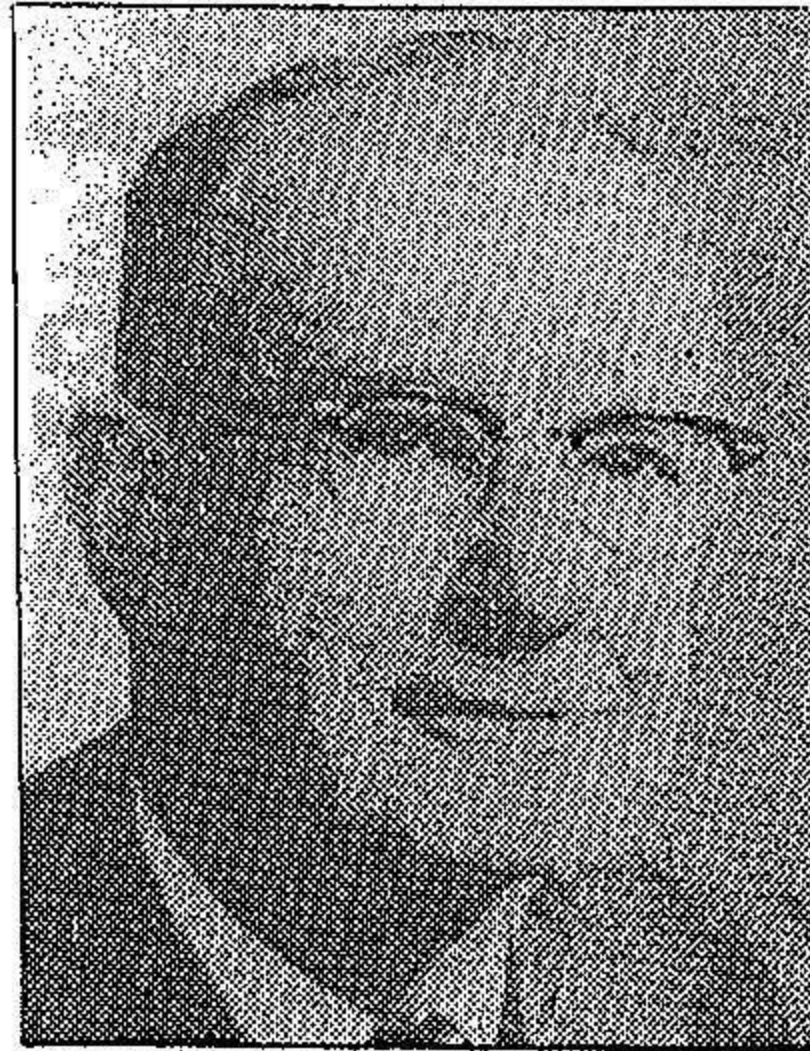


Frank D. Allen, Sr., the Law School's oldest living alumnus, went into private practice after his law school graduation. He served as the Akron Town Attorney and County Attorney for Washington County. He was elected a member of the

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# Denver lawyer Charles J. Kelly dies at 92



Charles J. Kelly

By The Denver Post

Denver lawyer Charles J. "Slide" Kelly, whose law firm was legal counsel for Public Service Co. of Colorado, died at home Friday night. He was 92.

A practicing lawyer for 60 years, Kelly was associated with the firm of Hughes and Dorsey from 1941 to 1944. Then, he became a partner in Lee, Shaw and McCreary, which was reorganized in 1948 to become Kelly, Stansfield and O'Donnell, PSC's legal counsel.

Kelly was a PSC board member from 1954 to 1972. He also was a former director of the Silver State Savings and Loan Association and executive secretary of the Colorado State Railroad Association.

He was president of the Denver Bar Association from 1951 to 1952 and was a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a member of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Delta Phi, the Denver Country Club and University Club of Denver, of which he was president in 1963.

Born Aug. 22, 1892, in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, he was a graduate of St. Bonaventure College in St. John's. Kelly received his law degree from the University of Colorado Law School in 1925. Admitted to the bar that year, he began private practice in Boulder.

In 1967, he received the Judge William Lee Knous Memorial Award from CU Law School alumni.

Kelly was active in legislative

affairs of the Denver Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Colorado Republican Party.

He married Marjorie Fleming Dec. 21, 1922. She died in 1981.

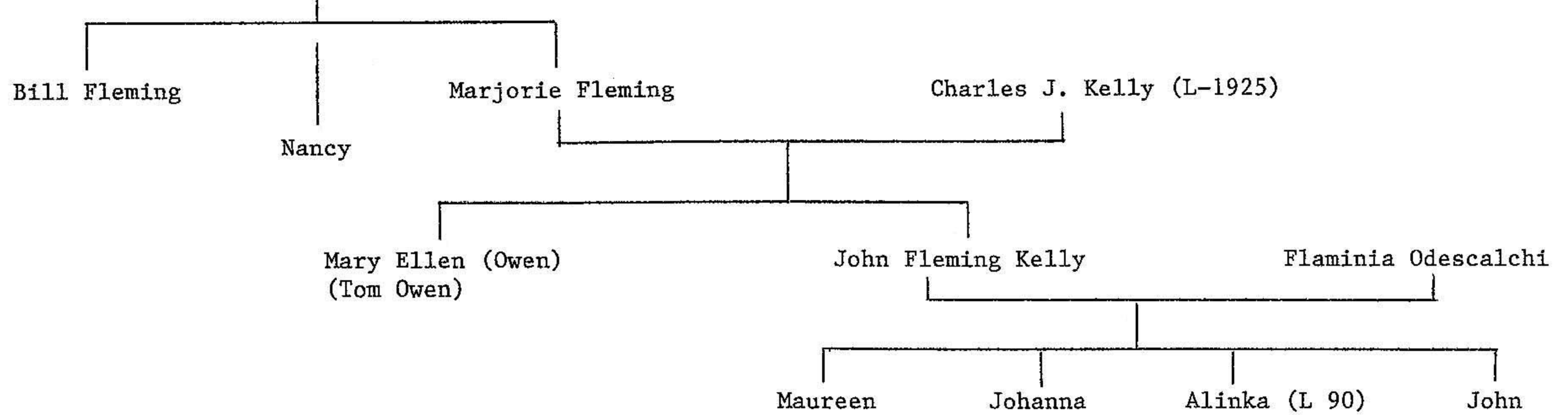
Survivors include a son, John F., and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas P. Owen, both of Denver, a sister, Alice Kelly, St. John's, and eight grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Church of the Good Shepherd, 2626 E. Seventh Ave. Burial will be in Fairmount.

Friends may contribute to the Charles J. Kelly Memorial Fund, University of Colorado Law School, care of University of Colorado Foundation, Campus Box 462, Boulder 80309.

The Fleming-Kelly Family Tree

John Donaldson Fleming (1907-1927)





## John Fleming Kelly

B.A. '47, LL.B. '50



Although John Fleming Kelly officially lives in Denver, he is in New Haven so often that it could be regarded as his second home. "I guess I've never learned how to say no to Yale," he says. "Yale has been a great influence in my life; it opened a whole world to me. That's something you never really pay back with dollars and cents, so if Yale asks me to do something, I do it." Active in alumni affairs for almost 40 years, Kelly received The Yale

University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. He is a member of the Denver, Colorado, American and Federal Energy Bar Associations, as well as a Fellow of the Colorado Bar Foundation, a former member of the Board of Governors and former vice president of the Colorado Bar Association.

Kelly has also been very active in civic affairs, including work with the Governor's Special Committee on Schools, the Denver Area Boys' Club of America, the Central City Opera House Association and the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry. While serving as an officer and board member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce in 1969, Kelly helped obtain passage of the Regional Transportation District Act by the Colorado General Assembly. He was elected the first chairman of the Regional Transportation District and obtained voter approval of a \$425 million bond issue for public transit.

Medal, the highest honor awarded by the Association of Yale Alumni, in 1985 for his "exceptional contribution" to the University.

Kelly has served the AYA as both Vice Chair (1978-80) and Chair (1980-82). During his tenure in AYA's highest elected office, he established a new committee structure for the organization and successfully led the campaign to refurbish Rose Alumni House. He has served as president of the Colorado Yale Association and continues as a member of that group's Alumni Schools Committee. He has been a member of the Yale Corporation Committee on Honorary Degrees and is currently an active member of the Yale Development Board. In 1985, Kelly assumed the chairmanship of Yale Alumni Publications, Inc., the group responsible for overseeing the Yale Alumni Magazine.

A third-generation lawyer, Kelly is a partner in the Denver law firm of Holland & Hart. He

Kelly and his wife Nina (Vassar, '55) have four children: Maureen (Smith, '78), Johanna (Vassar, '81), Alinka (Yale, '83) and John (St. Lawrence, '86). Kelly enjoys swimming, the Colorado mountains, listening to opera, gardening with his wife, and "spending time with my children."

Kelly believes that his organizational ability and background in alumni-related organizations will be valuable to the Corporation. "I think I know the concerns of alumni, including young alumni. Conversations with my daughter, Alinka, and her friends have taught me a great deal about the concerns of young alumni. I don't think any member of the Corporation should feel that he or she represents a particular constituency, but I think it is important for the corporation to know the views of alumni. Because I've been so involved, my knowledge is current so that I would land on the ground ready to run."

finds his profession challenging because of "trying to find a way for the client to accomplish his objective. Another real challenge is communicating with a client in a way that isn't just legalistic communication, but which makes sense and is understandable and acceptable to the client."

A Colorado native, Kelly matriculated at Yale in 1943, enjoyed just one term as a civilian before entering the Yale Navy V-12 program, and returned in the fall of 1946 to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Immediately following his graduation from Yale College, Kelly decided to pursue his legal education at the Yale Law School.

His areas of practice include corporate, utility, regulatory and legislative law, including matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and committees of the Congress of the United States. He is counsel to the



For Alinka file

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