

Donald Stubbs, partner in prominent Denver law firm

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Donald S. Stubbs was a leading force in developing one of Denver's oldest law firms: Davis, Graham & Stubbs.

"He and Dick Davis and Don Graham together were a unique blend of individuals," said Dale Harris, a longtime friend and colleague. "They built this firm during hard times."

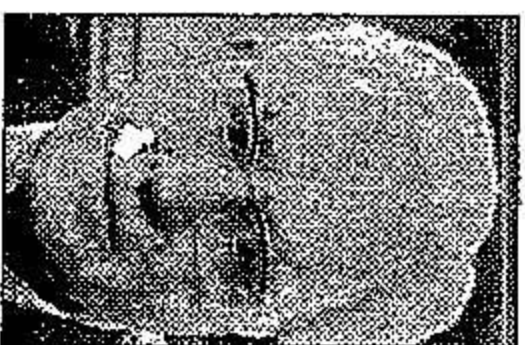
Mr. Stubbs died Tuesday at his Denver home. He was 88.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Fri-

day, Feb. 16, at First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd. The body will be entombed at Fairmount Mausoleum.

Mr. Stubbs was born Jan. 26, 1908, in Mulvane, Kan. He graduated from the University of Colorado and received his law degree from the CU School of Law in 1932.

Mr. Stubbs had a private practice in Montrose for 10 years, and served as Montrose County attorney from 1935 to 1939 and deputy district attorney from



1940 to 1942.

He married Esther Louise Anderson Aug. 26, 1935, in Denver.

In 1942, Mr. Stubbs joined the Denver firm of Lewis & Grant, which became

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Davis, Graham & Stubbs in 1963.

Mr. Stubbs enlisted in the Navy in 1943, and was discharged as a lieutenant in 1945.

After the war, he practiced general commercial litigation.

During his tenure with the firm, the number of lawyers grew from 15 to 100.

"He was a wonderful person," Harris said. "He cared more for other people than anyone I've ever known. He conducted himself with honor, integrity, compassion in all things he did."

Mr. Stubbs retired in 1981.

He was president of the Colorado Bar Association in 1974, and was a member of the Colorado Board of Law Examiners from 1969 to 1985.

Mr. Stubbs also served on the

advisory boards of the Denver Department of Social Services and the Salvation Army.

Mr. Stubbs is survived by his wife, Esther Stubbs of Denver; a son, Donald S. Stubbs Jr. of Ely, Nev.; a daughter, Patricia Bailey of Minneapolis; one sister, Lucille Stubbs Graham of Denver; and five grandchildren.

Contributions can be sent to the Salvation Army, 1930 Sherman St. Denver, 80203; or First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd., Englewood 80110.

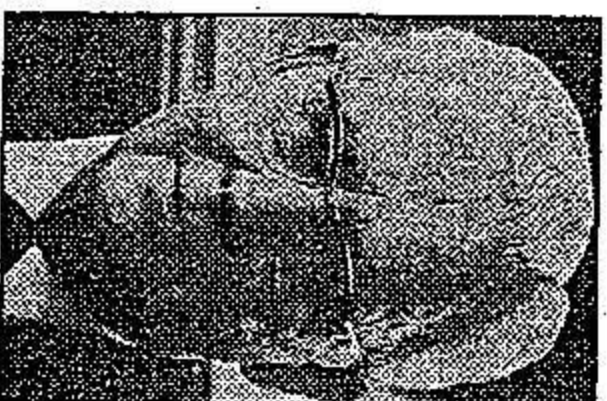
Attorney Donald Stubbs dies at 88

By The Denver Post

Donald S. Stubbs, a partner in a prominent Denver law firm, died yesterday morning at his Denver home after a lengthy illness.

Stubbs, who celebrated his 88th birthday Jan. 26, was a namesake of the firm Davis, Graham & Stubbs. The general practice, 17th Street law firm has operated since 1913, according to Donald Graham, Stubbs' partner, best friend and brother-in-law. The firm has more than 100 working lawyers.

Graham said yesterday that the two of them went to work for the law firm of Mason, Lewis & Grant during



World War II. The firm became Davis, Graham & Stubbs in 1963.

Stubbs, one of nine children, was born in Mulvane, Kan., which is a few miles south of Wichita. The

Donald Stubbs moved to Colorado shortly before World War I and lived in Denver for a time, then in Fowler.

Stubbs and Graham graduated

from the University of Colorado Law School in 1932. Stubbs practiced law in Montrose for 10 years before moving his practice to Denver. He served in the Navy during World War II, interrupting his law career.

After his military service, Stubbs returned to Denver and worked for Mason, Lewis & Grant, where his practice consisted primarily of civil litigation and corporate law.

He was elected president of the Colorado Bar Association in 1974 and for 16 years was a member of the Colorado Board of Law Examiners. In 1978, Stubbs was honored with the William Lee Knous award, given an-

nually to an outstanding CU alumnus. For many years he served on the advisory boards for the Denver Department of Social Services and the Salvation Army.

"He was a very old friend of mine," said retired Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward Pringle. "He was a very, very able lawyer and a well-respected man."

Stubbs is survived by his wife, Esther, a sister, Lucile, a daughter, Patricia Louise Bailey of Minneapolis; a son, Donald S. Stubbs Jr. of Idaho; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were pending.