

Personality Profile



Edward D. Hobbs

"Ed" Hobbs of Edward D. Hobbs and Co., who was born on a Maryland plantation, has recently celebrated his fortieth year as an industrial and commercial real estate broker. After graduating from the Gilman County School in Baltimore, Maryland, and the New York Military Academy Preparatory School, he commenced his business career in New York City with the present office of Brown, Harris & Stevens Co. Later he headed his own firm of Hobbs & Schroeder Co., which was merged with William A. White & Sons when he became a director and vice-president in charge of their industrial division. Some of his activities in New York which he remembers were the sale of the entire block on East 42nd Street which is the present location of the United Nations Building; the sale to the Rockefeller family of the first parcel to comprise the assembly of the site of the Rockefeller Center; the creation and renting of the 36-story McGraw Hill office building on West 42nd Street and a like venture for the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain to house the present New York Sun & Telegram. Other transactions included participation in creating new construction and the renting of approximately 20,000,000 square feet of multi-storied industrial buildings.

Arriving in Boston in 1937, Ed Hobbs has since concluded nearly 1,000 transactions in the varied fields of industrial and commercial real estate. He has negotiated the sale of substantial properties to and for Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Boston University. His customers have included The First National Bank of Boston, The United States Government, the Polaroid Corporation, Raytheon Co., Laboratory for Electronics, the General Radio Co., the General Motors Co., Remington Rand Inc., and many others.

At present, Mr. Hobbs is rental agent for the \$20,000,000 office building project in the Government Center known as One Center Plaza; is real estate consultant for Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, who are considering a \$20,000,000 development for their Everett land site; and is exclusive real estate representative for Harbor Properties Co. and EPSCO Inc. for the large and modern premises on Massachusetts Avenue, next to M. I. T. in Cambridge.

Edward D. Hobbs and Co. maintains its office at 79 Milk Street, Boston, and Mr. Hobbs resides with his family in Hingham, where he was formerly a member of its town advisory committee. His affiliations are the Colasset Golf Club, Ex-members Association of Squadron A (101st Cavalry), U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Reserve, Bostonian Society, Hingham Historical Society, Sons of the Revolution, and others.

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