

# 1920s Klan photo profile

Many key records of the 1920s Klan have disappeared, but remaining shards of the story can be gleaned, including small collections of historic photos.

Here are some of the faces and events of the cast of characters in *UNMASKED! The Rise & Fall of the 1920s Ku Klux Klan*.



David Curtis Stephenson created a political empire from the 1920s KKK, capturing law enforcement, the church, and the Republican party. He planned to be President.



Madge Oberholtzer. Her brutal rape and murder tarnished the Ku Klux Klan.



Secret, anonymous, hooded klaverns, and their fiery crosses swept the nation in the 1920s.



A dreamy, bigoted idealist, Colonel William Simmons, created the 1920s Klan as a secret fraternity but...



Wherever the Klan rode, lynching parties and riots flourished.



...pragmatic Hiram Wesley Evans of Texas overthrew Simmons to become KKK Grand Dragon.



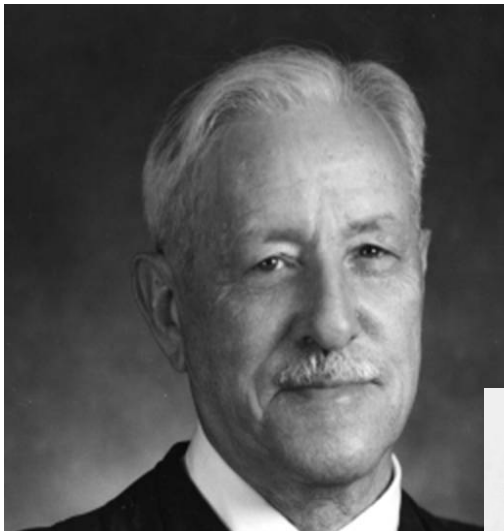
The Klan used the infamous 1921 Tulsa race riot as a recruiting tool.



Stephenson cleverly used modern sales techniques and trickery to build a Klan political empire in Indiana and became a millionaire on Klan dues and the markup on the sale of sheets.



Stephenson set up the Klan's Imperial Palace of the North in Irvington, a fine old Indianapolis neighborhood.



It was dangerous to fight the Klan, but among those who bravely crusaded against the Klan was John Niblack, a fiery Indianapolis reporter, later a deputy prosecutor and state senator, and ultimately a judge.



Others who fought the Klan included attorney Asa Smith, left, and Prosecutor William Remy, above, key figures in Stephenson's 1925 murder trial.

Unmasked, the Klan marched on Washington in 1926 to herald their capture of the flag and cross..

It would be the pinnacle of power for the 1920s Ku Klux Klan.

