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JUDSON BRADWAY. One of the foremost realtors of Detroit, Judson Bradway has for nearly a score of years figured in the real estate circles of the city, turning his attention to this field at a time when Detroit was entering upon a period of steady growth leading to the marvelous development of recent years. Because of his understanding of the real estate field and market conditions here Mr. Bradway has been able to take advantage of these circumstances with their consequent demands for real estate, and the intelligent direction of his efforts has brought him to an enviable position in real estate circles. No realtor in the city has greater prestige, not only in local circles but national as well.



He is now the head of the Judson Bradway Company, which has handled and negotiated many important property transfers. He was born at Birmingham, Michigan, July 27, 1882, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Render) Bradway, the former a native of New Jersey, while the latter was born in Michigan. The father came to this state in early life and took up the occupation of farming, becoming one of the successful agriculturists of the state. Both he and his wife are residents of Highland Park and he is now living retired. They were parents of two children: Minnie, the wife of Edward L. Benedict of Detroit; and Judson.

The latter spent his early life as a pupil in the schools of Birmingham, Michigan, and in 1900 he matriculated in the University of Michigan, having in the spring of that year graduated from the Birmingham high school. He spent two years as a student in the State University and then entered the real estate business at Detroit. The following year he became a student in the Detroit College of Law, in which he remained until graduated in 1906 with the LL. B. degree. His knowledge of law has been of immense benefit to him in the conduct of his real estate business, in which he has continued consistently and consecutively since 1902. His business has grown from a small undertaking to an

institution of large proportions and has been organized under the name of the Judson Bradway Company, with Mr. Bradway as the directing head. Not only do they promote large real estate and building enterprises but also handle loans and insurance. Mr. Bradway, aside from the Judson Bradway Company, is the president of the Bloomfield Estate Company, of the Trowbridge Farms Company, the Oakland Lakes Realty Company, the Waterford Beach Corporation, the Home Development Company, the Oakland Avenue Development Company, the Art Center Corporation and the Cass Lake Venice Company, and is secretary and treasurer of the Martin Farms Company and of the Broadway Realty Company. There has been no phase of real estate development and activity in Detroit for the past eighteen years with which Mr. Bradway is not thoroughly familiar and his efforts have been an element in the substantial growth and improvement of Detroit as the city has endeavored to meet the changed conditions brought about by the marvelous growth of its manufacturing and industrial interests. Mr. Bradway was the first realtor to give attention to Bloomfield Hills as a high-class residential community and has handled thousands of acres of this choice property.

On the 28th of June, 1910, Mr. Bradway was married to Miss Florence Michell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Micheli of Detroit. They have become the parents of two children: Judson, Jr., who was born in Detroit in 1912; and Virginia Mary, born in 1917. Mr. Bradway belongs to the Detroit Athletic Club, the Detroit Golf Club, the Bloomfield Hills Country Club and the Oakland Hills Country Club and is also a member of Phi Delta Theta, a national college fraternity. His interest in his adopted city has been manifest in many tangible ways. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since its organization and was a member of the city charter revision commission of 1913 and also of the building code revision commission through appointment of Mayor Oscar B. Marx. Mr. Bradway has been very active in the work of the Detroit Real Estate Board, serving as president in 1912, and has been a member of the executive committee almost continuously since that time. He was one of the prime movers in the installation of a geographical tract index for Wayne county and has been chairman of the tract index committee of the board since the formation of that committee. 'He was one of the first realtors in the United States to advocate a license law for the control and regulation of real estate brokers and salesmen and was chairman of the committee that drafted the present real estate license law of the state of Michigan. He likewise acted as chairman of the legislative committee of the real estate board that secured the passage of this law by the state legislature. Mr. Bradway was one of the organizers of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and has been a member of the executive committee and chairman of several standing committees, while at the present time he is chairman of the license committee of the national body. He is president of the National Real Estate Journal Company of Chicago, a corporation publishing the National Real Estate Journal.