

Charles Numa ENSCH-TESCH (1841-1929)

Rotonde

Charles Numa Ensch studied law at the Université Libre de Bruxelles. He then moved to Arlon to work as a lawyer. In 1869, he was appointed deputy judge and then president of the Bar. With his elegant and easy style of speech, his intelligence and his fairness, he distinguished himself through his cases.

In 1874, he married Flore Marie Emma Adolphine Léonie Tesch (daughter of Emmanuel Tesch, an Arlon barrister and niece of the politician Victor Tesch) and joined his name to hers.

In 1885, he was elected to Virton district council. In 1896, he became a member of Arlon municipal council.

He served as the town's mayor between 1901 and 1921. He was involved in the founding of the steelworks ARBED (Aciéries Réunies de Burbach-Eich-Dudelange) in 1911. He remained a director of the company until his death. During his term as mayor, he was involved in projects to extend the water supply, beautify the Saint-Donat quarter, enlarge the Leopold barracks, build the military hospital (Callemeyn site), construct Saint Martin's church and open up new districts. An avenue in the Galgenberg quarter now bears his name. This military and civilian quarter was built on his vast family estate.

During the German occupation of 1940-1945, the family vault is said to have housed an underground printing works.



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