

IN MEMORY

OF

CLEM V. RATCLIFF

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We are met here today to honor the memory of our departed members of the Shreveport Bar. One among them being

MR. CLEM V. RATCLIFF

Mr. Ratcliff was born on the 9th day of August A. D., 1871, on the farm of his parents, Holloway Huff Ratcliff and Frances Virginia Jenkins, in Amite County, Mississippi, near the Town of Gloster, Mississippi. As a boy he did the usual farm work. After reaching school age he attended the schools of that district for a period of approximately thirty-seven months, after which he attended the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi for a period of two years, beginning the month of September 1890 to the spring of 1892. During his school years he was a member of Chi Psi Fraternity, after which he attended Hill's Business College in Waco, Texas.

He later secured a position as Court stenographer in the northern district and while in such capacity he attended Law classes at the University of Mississippi during the summer recesses.

He was Mayor of the Town of Summit, Mississippi for a number of years, and later served as Mississippi State Senator.

Mr. Ratcliff was admitted to the Mississippi State Bar on or about the date of September 2, 1897, after practicing his profession of Law for a number of years in Mississippi, he moved to the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, and later was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar on or about the date of April 14, 1913, and continued the practice of Law for a long period of time thereafter.

In Shreveport he served as a member of the Caddo Parish Police Jury from 1931 to 1940.

He was also Director of Historical Research for the State of Louisiana, with offices in the Museum Building, Fairgrounds, Shreveport, Louisiana, from 1948 to 1952. He also developed many subdivisions in the Shreveport area.

Mr. Ratcliff was a member of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana for 47 years and was married to Emma Teunisson Ratcliff for a period of sixty-three and one-half years, who predeceased him. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grace R. Heusinger and Mrs. Anna R. Fontaine, six grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Shrine, El Karubah Temple.

During the span of his 88 years, from sunrise to sunset, he traveled a rough and rugged road. He suffered the many vicissitudes of life and with enduring patience and hard work developed into a self-made man. He was a true and loyal friend to those with whom he served. He gave freely his counsel to the many friends who sought his help.

May it be his portion to hear from Him who sitteth there on the welcome Plaudit, these welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Coice

William H. Coice, Chairman

J. Bennett Johnston

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Julius T. Long

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DOZIER B. WEBSTER
CLERK FIRST DISTRICT COURT
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA
SHREVEPORT, LA.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CADDO

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following
is a true and correct copy of the official
permanent records of the First Judicial Dist-
rict Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
OFFICE at the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish,
Louisiana, on this the 19th day of September,
1960.

CLERK OF COURT

ROY:

We usually put a certifi-
cate like this on the front of each
copy of the resolution we send to
the family, and Dozier signs it.

E. W. G.
