

IN MEMORIAM
JOSEPH DODD TOLER
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We, the undersigned committee, designated by the President of the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare the resolution to the memory of the late Joseph Dodd Toler, on this occasion, submit the following:

Joseph Dodd Toler was born July 24, 1897, in Kosciusko, Mississippi, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Louise Dodd Toler. His family later moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he was graduated from the high school in that city. After attending Tyler Business College, he was employed by the Texas Company.

Upon the outbreak of World War I, he immediately volunteered, was assigned to the Medical Corps of the United States Army, and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He received his honorable discharge as a sergeant first class.

In 1920, Mr. Toler began what was to be a long association with the Standard Oil Company. While maintaining a full-time position with the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, he entered Louisiana State University. He received his LL.B. degree in 1926. The Louisiana Bar's loss was the Standard Oil Company's gain, when he elected to continue his association with that company. He remained with the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana until his transfer to the Interstate Oil Pipe Line Company. During a service of more than forty-one (41)

years with these companies, he was assigned to many responsible and important positions, serving as head of the land department and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Interstate Oil Pipe Line Company. When the latter company moved its offices from Shreveport to Houston in 1961, Mr. Toler elected early retirement rather than leaving our city which had been his home since 1951.

Mr. Toler was an active member of the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church of Shreveport, serving as one of its ruling elders and trustees.

On December 26, 1927, he was married to Miss Ernestine Boehringer of New Orleans, Louisiana. He is survived by his charming wife, two lovely daughters, Mrs. Patricia Toler Strickling of Bay City, Texas, and Mrs. Ella Toler Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and seven grandchildren.

While he never engaged in the active practice of law, Mr. Toler maintained an active connection with the Shreveport Bar Association and was a regular attendant at all of its meetings. The high standards of the legal profession were exemplified in the life of our departed member.

Aristotle suggested the following basis on which to judge our fellow man:

"Therefore it is, say the Sages,
that to make a right judgment of a
man, you are chiefly to pry into
his common actions and surprise him
in his everyday habit."


Those of us who have been privileged to know Dodd Toler in his "common actions" and "everyday habit" can truly testify that he was a man of unquestioned integrity, a perfect gentleman, a loyal friend and a devoted husband and father.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we of the Shreveport Bar Association do hereby express our deep

admiration and respect to the late Joseph Dodd Toler whose life and conduct have been a credit to the profession, a source of strength to his friends, and an everlasting joy to his devoted family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend to the members of his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their loss and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court as a record of our love and respect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this memorial be delivered to the immediate members of his family.


Clarence L. Yancey


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John R. Pleasant, Chairman