

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

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PERCY NEWBY BROWNE

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The Shreveport Bar Association was privileged to have Percy Newby Browne as one of its most esteemed and beloved members for more than seventy years. As one of this Association's original organizers, he was present during the organizational meetings and served as the first secretary of the Shreveport Bar Association.

Mr. Browne was born May 18, 1884 in Lake Providence, Louisiana, to Benjamin Franklin Browne and Laura Ella Eppes Browne. He was graduated with honors from Lake Providence High School in 1898.

He began his business life as a newspaper publisher, beginning in 1900 as part owner of the Sentry Printing Company, publisher of the "Lake Providence Sentry", a weekly newspaper for that area.

In 1906 he sold his interest in the "Sentry" and purchased an interest in the "Monroe Daily News".

One year later, in 1907, Percy Browne moved to Shreveport and, following the custom of the day, studied law under his brother, Wayles Browne, and Judge Clifton F. Davis, the two of whom were then practicing under the firm name of Davis & Browne.

After passing the requirements of the local Examining Board and the Louisiana Supreme Court, he was admitted to the practice of law in 1910. After his admission to the Bar, he practiced law in the firm of Davis, Browne & Browne, until the death of Judge Davis, after which the firm name was changed to Browne & Browne. Mr. Browne did not cease his studies upon being admitted to practice; instead, he continued his studies of law, by attending Columbia University, taking special courses in common law and the United States Constitution.

After World War II, the firm name became Browne, Browne & Bodenheimer, with the addition of G. M. Bodenheimer, Jr. as a partner. After the death of Wayles Browne in 1947, Percy Browne continued in the practice of law in association with G. M. Bodenheimer, Jr. until 1958, when they were joined by Patrick W. Looney and John A. Richie, under the firm name of Browne, Bodenheimer, Looney & Richie. In 1959, Mr. Browne withdrew from this firm and formed a new partnership with Malcolm LaFargue, former United States Attorney, and practiced under the firm name of Browne & LaFargue until Mr. LaFargue's death in 1963. Thereafter, Percy Browne practiced alone until his death in 1980. During the latter years of his life, although he considered himself to be semi-retired, he continued to be an active member of the community and was actively engaged in law practice until he died in his 95th year.

On June 15, 1920, Percy Newby Browne was married to Honora Palmer, daughter of Sterling and Leola Scott Palmer. Honora Palmer Browne and Percy Newby Browne had two children, Elinor Browne Sloss, who now lives in Baton Rouge, and Eugenia Browne Morelock, now deceased.

Throughout his long and active life, Mr. Browne engaged in many civic and political activities. In 1912 he was an alternate delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore, where Woodrow Wilson was nominated for President of the United States. He served as Acting Judge at Shreveport City Court, acting for Judge Samuel. From 1940 to 1944 he was special counsel to the Louisiana Highway Department.

Mr. Browne was a member of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, and a life member of its Board of Administration. He became one of the organizers and charter members of First Methodist Church's Four Square Bible Class, and served as its president on several occasions.

As a result of his military service in World War I, Mr. Browne became a charter member of the Lowe-McFarlane American Legion Post and served as its commander in 1937 and 1938. He was Chef de Gare of the Forty and Eight Society, Voiture Locale No. 137. During his term in this office, the Forty and Eight Society acquired its present campsite on Cross Lake, and Mr. Browne began the fundraising for its first club house. He also served as Grand Chef de Trainee of the Louisiana Grand Voiture of the Forty and Eight Society.

During World War II, Percy Browne served in various positions as a civilian volunteer, including a position as Government Appeal Agent, and as a member of the Civilian Defense Council for Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

As Mr. Browne enjoyed public speaking, he was a long-time member of the Shreveport Toastmasters Club, and an organizer and president of the Bayou Pierre Toastmasters Club.

He was a member of Booth Masonic Lodge and actively participated in Masonic affairs.

Percy Browne was an ardent hunter and fisherman, and for many years enjoyed his camp on Lake Bistineau. He was one of the organizers of the original Bistineau Improvement Association, and helped secure the dam for Lake Bistineau in the 1940's. Also, he was a member and past president of the Caddo Wildlife Federation.

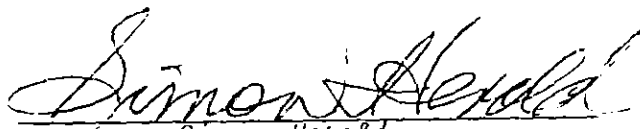
Mr. Browne's active interest in the law, in the practice of law, and other public matters continued until his death. I personally recall that early this year Mr. Browne solicited my attendance with him at a continuing legal education program in Lafayette because, as he said to me with vigor and conviction, "You know, we have to keep up with the law." It would be an inspiration for all of us frequently to recall the joy of living and interest in the world around us so fully displayed among us for so very many years by Percy N. Browne.

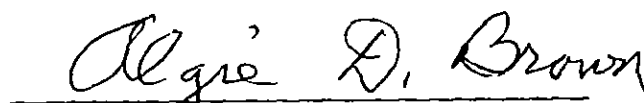
The many interests and accomplishments of Percy Browne which we have here sought to outline clearly reflect his wide and long-continuing interests, and the contributions made to our society by this amazing man.

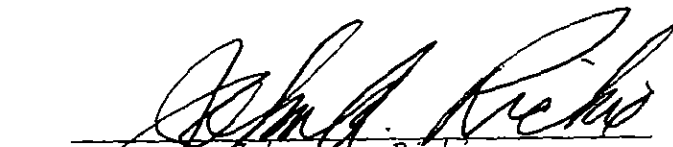
Percy Newby Browne died, following a short illness, on April 20, 1980. He is survived by his wife, Honora Palmer Browne, a daughter, Elinor Browne Sloss, and four grandchildren, Michael Sloss, Honora Sloss, Elinor Ruth Morelock Smith, and Diana Morelock Brown.

We move that the sympathy and condolences of the Shreveport Bar Association be extended to Mr. Browne's wife, his daughter, and his grandchildren; that copies of this Memorial Resolution be provided to each of them; and that it be entered upon the records of the First Judicial District Court and of this Association as a testimonial of the affection and respect the members of the legal profession in Shreveport, Louisiana have for Percy Newby Browne.

Respectfully submitted,


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Algie D. Brown


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Chairman