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MEMORIAL TO

J. C. SMITH

September 27, 1904 - February 23, 1986

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Presented to the First Judicial District
Court of Louisiana in and for Caddo
Parish by the undersigned Committee
designated by the President of the Shreveport
Bar Association to prepare and submit a
resolution in memory of the late J. C. Smith
of Shreveport, a member of the Bar of this
Court and of this Association

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J. C. Smith was a member of the Shreveport and Louisiana
State Bar Associations from the time of his admission to the
Bar in 1931 until his death February 23, 1986. He was born in
Livingston, Texas on September 27, 1904, to George M. Smith and
Gertrude Marshall Smith. His early years were spent in East
Texas.

J. C. (and incidentally that was his full name, J.C., just
the initials) attended Baylor University for a time but was
forced to drop out for financial reasons. After holding a
variety of jobs, he got a job which brought him to Shreveport -
a position as a clerk with the Louisiana Oil Refining Company,
which was subsequently merged into Arkansas Natural Gas Company.
It was during this time he studied law at night at Centenary
College. Following his admission to the Bar in 1931, he was
transferred to the legal department of Arkansas Natural Gas
Company.

Approximately two (2) years later J. C. resigned from
Arkansas Natural Gas Company and formed a partnership with John
B. Hussey for the private practice of law. In the 1950s this
association terminated due to Mr. Hussey's appointment as

Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a job he held until his appointment as a member of the Federal Power Commission. John Hussey, Sr. died in 1960.

Despite the departure and subsequent death of his partner, the firm name of Hussey and Smith continued for the vacancy was soon filled by John B. Hussey, Jr. After a short time, young John Hussey left to practice with his friend Peyton Moore, and J. C. Smith continued as a sole practitioner until illness forced him to close his office. He suffered a disabling stroke in 1968 and later an amputation and a number of other ailments left him unable to continue in the active practice.

Although his law practice was largely devoted to oil and gas matters, he represented a number of other clients in other fields of endeavor, some of which have historical significance to this area. For example, J. C. represented the successful applicants who obtained the first license from the Federal Communications Commission to bring television to Shreveport - the original owners of KSLA Channel 12. Among his real estate clients were the builders and developers of Anderson Island Subdivision, Pierremont Hills Subdivision, and Fairfield Manor Apartments (now known as Shirewood Town Houses).

As a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, J. C. served on its Executive Council. He was also very active in the Elks Lodge and held high office in that organization. He served as President of the Ark-La-Tex Tax Institute in 1961. He was a Baptist and was affiliated with the First Baptist Church in Shreveport.

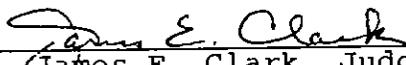
Aside from his family and his love of the law, J. C.'s main interests were hunting and fishing. He was an expert trap shooter.

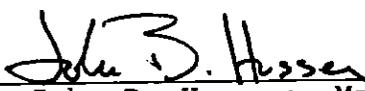
J. C. Smith married Edna Broadstreet June 10, 1929, and they remained husband and wife until his death this year. One child was born of this marriage, a daughter, Delane Smith, who died in 1964 at age 32.

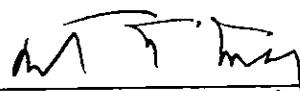
Survivors include Edna Broadstreet Smith, his widow, of Shreveport, a brother, Jack Smith of Mineral Wells, Texas, and two nieces, Mrs. Camille Epting of Jackson, Mississippi, and Mrs. Patricia Boggess of Little Rock, Arkansas.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby affirm the respect, admiration and the regard in which we held J. C. Smith for his character, ability, industry, skill and learning and for his example of the lawyer at his best, and we extend to his surviving widow, brother, and nieces, our sincere sympathy in their loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of this Court and that copies of the record hereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed colleague and friend.


James E. Clark, Judge
First Judicial District Court


John B. Hussey, Mayor
City of Shreveport


Robert K. Mayo, Chairman