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IN MEMORIAM

JAMES SPICER PETERS

James Spicer Peters was born February 2, 1874, in Winnfield, Louisiana, and died in Shreveport June 23, 1962, at the age of 88 years, 4 months and 21 days. He was married to Miss Mamie Brigham in Bastrop, Louisiana, March 19, 1902. Of that unlon six children were born, two of which died in infancy. Two sons, Chambliss Brigham Paters, and Joe Shelby Peters, died in Shreveport, March 18, 1962, and June 19, 1962, respectively.

He is survived by:

- 1. Mrs. Marie Peters Collins a daughter, for many years an employee in the office of the Clerk of the Caddo District Court.

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- 2. Miss Augusta Brigham Peters,/Washington, D. C., Office Manager for Senator Allen Ellender.
- 3. Horace Peters, a brother, Ben Peters, a brother, Mrs. Sam Fox, a sister, all of Winnfield, and Newt Peters, a brother, of De Ridder, Louisiana.
- 4. Six Grandchildren and nine Greatgrandchildren.

In early manhood, Mr. Peters taught school in Winn Parish, and among those of his pupils who became famous, one was the late Huey P. Long, who became (1) a Member of the Rail Road Commission, (2) Governor of the State, and (3) United States Senator.

Mr. Peters read law in the office of Judge James Wallace, in Winnfield and received his law degree from Tulane University in 1901. Immediately upon graduation from Tulane University, he opened a law office in Bastrop, Louisiana. After a few years he moved with his family to Winnsboro and became associated with Judge Carey J. Ellis, Sr. under the firm name of Ellis and Peters. While in Winnsboro he was elected and served two terms as Mayor of the City.

Mr. Peters moved to Shreveport in 1911 and was an honored member of the bar until his death. He confined his practice to land title matters principally, and in that capacity represented San Antonio Oil and Gas principally, and the Kansas City Southern Rail Road as local Attorney, and later for many years was appointed as United States Title Attorney for The Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, stationed in Shreveport and other parts of the State.

Mr. Peters was an able lawyer with a high standard of ethics and a man of sterling chatacter, and a valued member of The First Baptist Churin Shreveport. He enjoyed the canfidence and esteem of his friends and

associates. He was modest and unassuming but firm in his convictions.

In his latter days he became incapacitated but continued to carry on cheerful and uncomplaining to the last.

It can be well said of him that his was a life well spent. He was devoted to his family and friends and will be sorely missed. I am proud to be numbered among his scores of friends.

Rspectfully submitted,

Thomas H. McGres