

Memorial to

DANIEL CULPEPPER SCARBOROUGH, JR.

August 1, 1885 - September 12, 1973

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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 Daniel Culpepper Scarborough, Jr., of Shreveport, a member of this Court and of the Association.

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Daniel Culpepper Scarborough, Jr., was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana on August 1, 1885, the son of Daniel Culpepper Scarborough and Lucy Paxton Scarborough. He died on September 12, 1973, in Shreveport, Louisiana, at the age of 88.

His father was a prominent citizen and attorney of Natchitoches for many years. His mother, Lucy Paxton, was the daughter of Reverend Will Paxton, a Baptist Minister, founder and President of Shreveport University which was in 1870 located at Greenwood Road and Mansfield Road (now the location of the main post office collection facility). This University was discontinued following the yellow fever epidemic in the late 1800's. His parents met at this University, later married and lived in Natchitoches.

Daniel Scarborough, known to his friends as "D. C.", spent his childhood in Natchitoches, graduated from Louisiana State University, attended the University of Virginia, and graduated from Tulane University Law School. He was a good student, he participated in college activities and was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

During his college days, he played football and was a quarterback on both the LSU and Tulane football teams, not in the same year, however! It is believed he may be the only one, and certainly the only attorney, who has ever played on both of these rival football teams.

After he graduated from law school, "D.C." moved to Shreveport in the year 1910 and opened his office for the practice of law. He practiced law continuously in Shreveport until his retirement a few years ago. He had a distinguished legal career, and over his long period of practicing law he shared offices with several other prominent Shreveport attorneys. During one period of time, he had as his clerk, Ruvian D. Hendrick, whom he helped train for the Bar Examination and who later became City Judge. He also served as an acting City Judge for Judge Samuels and Judge Hendrick, and he was the first Assistant District Attorney of Caddo Parish.

"D. C." had not been in Shreveport long before he met his wife, Margaret Whited, better known to her friends as "Belle", a member of a prominent Shreveport family. They were married on April 9, 1913 in the First Methodist Church and were active members of that church. He was a life member of the Board of Stewards of the church, was regular in his attendance, and a devoted church worker.

He was an active member of the Louisiana and Shreveport Bar Associations and he took an active interest and part in many community activities.

Mr. Scarborough was an outdoorsman who loved to fish and to hunt and he had many friends who participated in these sports with him. He liked to be outdoors and would take long walks, which he was fortunate enough to continue doing until just before he passed away. "D. C." is remembered by his close friends as being a religious man and a gentle man. He had a kind disposition and a very keen sense of humor. Although he was an excellent lawyer, his sense of humor would not let him take himself too seriously. He loved to tell of the advice that his father, who practiced law in Natchitoches for many years, gave him when he first set out to practice law. "D. C." said that his father told him, "Son, the way to win lawsuits is to get a smart client." This illustrates the way that he would lighten a situation by poking fun at himself, and occasionally he would do the same to his brother attorneys.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Whited Scarborough, two sons, Daniel Culpepper Scarborough III and William Gordon Scarborough, all of this city, and a sister, Mrs. W. D. Shaffer of New Orleans, and by six grandchildren.

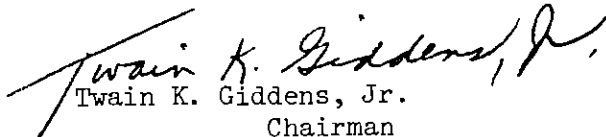
Daniel Culpepper Scarborough, Jr., was an active and able attorney, and even more important, a good man. He has been and will be missed by his widow, his family, his church, and by the lawyers of the Shreveport Bar, and by his host of friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby affirm the respect, the admiration and the regard in which we held Daniel Culpepper Scarborough, Jr., for his character and ability, his industry, skill and learning, and for his example of the lawyer at his best; and we extend to his widow and the other members of his family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

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 brother and friend.


Percy N. Browne


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Chairman

Shreveport, Louisiana

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