

In the passing of George Washington Hardy the community, as well as the Bar, has suffered an irreparable loss in the breaking of a chain connecting the present with the past exponents of the typical southwestern civilization. The connection between Shreveport and Texas is historically so close as to need no elaboration. Likewise with the social and economic connection between western Louisiana and the State of Texas. And with the new growth of economic development that has come during the past forty years through the discovery of oil, and the expansion of the business connected with petroleum development, the ties between the Bars of the two states has become increasingly closer.

Almost the pioneer in this neighborly interchange, Colonel Hardy came to Shreveport from Beaumont more than forty years ago to serve as General Counsel and Manager of ^{THE PRODUCERS OIL CO.,} one of the large oil producing companies, afterwards merged into The Texas Company, and served in that capacity until his retirement. During this period, he was one of the pioneers responsible for the development of the great Caddo oil field. After his retirement, he entered into the private practice of law, in which he was actively engaged until only a few years ago.

George Washington Hardy was born in Athens, Texas, on January 14, 1859, the youngest son of Henderson and Margaret Greenwood Hardy. After graduating as a member of the first class of the

Texas A & M College, he began the practice of law in Corsicana in 1885, and later served as District Attorney in that district composed of Navarro, Limestone and Freestone counties. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he entered the services of his country in the fourth Texas volunteer infantry as lieutenant colonel, and closed his military career as colonel of the third Texas volunteer infantry.

After the discovery of oil in the Spindle Top Field, Colonel Hardy moved to Beaumont, where he practiced law until he came to Shreveport in 1906.

Colonel Hardy was married in 1890 to Miss Lula Garlick, and is survived by a son, Judge George W. Hardy, Jr. of the Court of Appeal of the Second Circuit, a daughter, Mrs. F. C. Brinkman, Jr., three grandchildren, Mrs. Sidney K. Peatross, John Holbrook Hardy and George W. Hardy, III, and two great-grandchildren, Charles and William Peatross, all of Shreveport.

In addition to his legal and civic duties, Colonel Hardy has always been active in the affairs of veterans, and was a past department commander of the department of Louisiana of the U. S. Spanish War Veterans.

The Shreveport Bar Association feels the loss of this distinguished member of this Bar, and expresses its sincere condolences to its brother member, Judge Hardy, and to all of the other members of the family of the deceased.

IT IS RESOLVED, therefore, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court in memory of our deceased brother, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

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of the resolution, and
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and the order of the day*

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