

Memorial to

JAMES PURCELL WALLACE

February 11, 1900 - May 20, 1977

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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 James Purcell Wallace, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

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James Purcell Wallace was born in Winnfield, Louisiana on February 11, 1900, the son of William Mayfield Wallace, a successful lawyer and judge, and his wife, Bertha Crawford. He died on May 20, 1977 in Shreveport, Louisiana, where he had lived his adult life and where he had practiced law with success and distinction for more than fifty years.

Purcell Wallace's boyhood was spent in Winnfield and his early education was received there. He had the unusual experience of serving, while a high school youth, as a page in the United States House of Representatives, and of receiving a part of his high school education there.

Following high school, he became a cadet at the United States Military Academy, where he served until after World War I. Having decided upon a legal career, he resigned from West Point to enter Lou-

isiana State University, from which he received an academic degree in 1923 and a law degree in 1925. The respect and regard of his associates in the University were shown by their choice of him to be president of his senior law class and chairman of the University's Honor Council.

He began the practice of law in Shreveport immediately after his admission to the Bar in 1925 and was associated with his father and the late Charlton Lyons. Except for a short stay in Baton Rouge before 1930, he continued in the general practice of law in Shreveport until a few months before his death, when illness forced him to curtail his activities.

Purcell Wallace's law practice looked toward the protection and conservation of personal and family interests, and during his long career as a lawyer he firmly established his life-long reputation for diligence and energy in the service of his clients, for skill and wise counsel as a lawyer, and above all for the utmost rectitude in his dealings with his clients, the courts, and with other members of the profession.

In addition to his law practice, he successfully managed a farming property owned by him and his sister in nearby Bossier Parish, as well as other substantial investment properties.

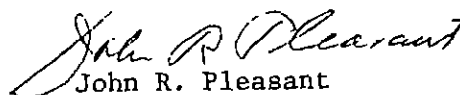
Purcell Wallace had a personality and character that inspired respect and regard; his friendship was valued, and was enduring. He was interested and active in several civic organizations and served several terms as an officer and board member of the Shreveport Association for the Blind, and was a devoted member, for sixty years, of Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

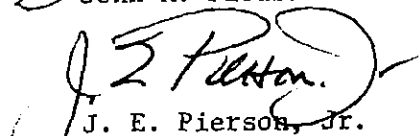
Purcell Wallace was married in 1925 to Juliet Jolly of Baton Rouge, who survives him. He is also survived by his sister, Willie May Dunlop, and her two children. This memorial should not omit mention of Purcell's devotion to his wife and sister, and his constant attention to their well-being.

He was successful in his business and his profession. He was conscientious and attentive to the needs of his family and his obligations as a citizen. He was a staunch and faithful friend whose place in his friends' affections will remain unfilled.

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 Purcell Wallace, for his character and ability, his industry and wise counsel, and for his example as a true member of the profession; and we extend to his widow and sister our sincere sympathy in their loss.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of this Court and copies of the record thereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed brother and friend.


John R. Pleasant


J. E. Pierson, Jr.


Robert Roberts, Jr., Chairman.

Shreveport, Louisiana,
6 September, 1977.