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IN MEMORIAM

LESTER L. WILSON

The grave buries every error, covers every defect, extinguishes every resentment. - From its peaceful bosom spring none but fond regrets and tender recollections - Who can look down upon the grave of an enemy, and not feel a compunctious throb that he should have warred with the poor handful of dust that lies moldering before him. - Washington Irving.

Lester Lovejoy Wilson was born in Atlanta, Georgia, July 28, 1899. His parents, grandparents and most of his other relatives came to Texas when he was less than a year old.

Educated in the public schools he was graduated from Forest Avenue High School in January, 1918. He was business manager of the monthly High School publication and president and valedictorian of his graduating class.

He joined the U. S. Army and was Honorably Discharged in December, 1918. He then entered the University of Texas and while there he was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity and business manager and publisher of The Daily Texan for nearly three years. He was the first publisher of The Summer Daily Texan for nearly three years.

July 3, 1925 he began the practice of law in Shreveport, Louisiana and since 1925 he has been active in the practice of law.

He acquired various oil and gas interests, real estate and investments.

When the Cosmopolitan Club, Shreveport, Louisiana was formed he was its first President. For two years he was Secretary-Treasurer of the Shreveport Bar Association and later served as Vice-President.

For a long number of years he was a member of the Four Square Bible Class and the Y.M.C.A. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge, the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry and El Karubah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Lowe McFarland Post #14 of the American Legion.

In November, 1949 he was appointed an Honorary Colonel on the Governor's Staff of the State of Louisiana. He was a member of the Shreveport Elks Lodge BPOE #122.


In 1928 he formed a partnership with Isaac Abramson under the firm name of Wilson & Abramson with additional partners, Michel A. Maroun and Jack H. Kaplan whose names were added as the firm progressed.


He was the living embodiment of the idea "that a laborer was worthy of his hire". By insisting on being adequately paid he was demonstrating fully by insisting on his human worth and value. This insistence aided the bar in its struggle for adequate


compensation.

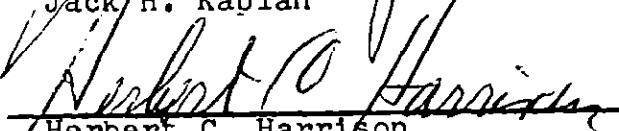
Whereas the passing of Lester Lovejoy Wilson has taken from the ranks of the Shreveport Bar one of its distinguished and respected members in the professional, civic and business life of this community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shreveport Bar Association adopts and records this memorial as a testimonial and tribute to its departed friend and attorney, Lester Lovejoy Wilson, and that copies of this resolution be delivered to his bereaved family.


Isaac Abramson, Chairman


Leonard L. Lockard


Jack H. Kaplan


Herbert C. Harrison


J. Purcell Wallace

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