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ROBERT MONROE TALIAFERRO

September 13, 1882 - December 15, 1951

Robert Monroe Taliaferro was born September 13, 1882, son of James Govan and Sophronie Elizabeth Kirby Taliaferro, in Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, in which community he lived during his entire life. He was educated in the public schools of his parish and graduated from Louisiana State University. After a brief period of teaching he entered the law school of Tulane University. The youngest member of his class, he was graduated on May 18, 1903, but his entry upon the active practice of law was delayed until his twenty-first birthday. After some years as a partner of his uncle, Judge H. B. Taliaferro, in the firm of Taliaferro & Taliaferro, Harrisonburg, he formed a partnership with the late Congressman Riley J. Wilson, which association continued until 1911. As a delegate from Catahoula Parish he was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1921. His career on the bench began on December 16, 1924 when he assumed the

duties of Judge of the Seventh Judicial District Court for Concordia and Catahoula Parishes. As one of the members of the temporary second section of the Court of Appeal for the Second Circuit, appointed by the Supreme Court, he served until July, 1932, and upon election to fill the unexpired term of Judge Fred M. Odom he assumed his duties as a regular member of that court in September, 1932, being subsequently re-elected without opposition to the full term in November, 1938.

Robert M. Taliaferro and Emma Cecile Holloman of Harrisonburg were married on October 12, 1903, and of the marriage were born six children, all of whom survive: Robert A. Taliaferro and H. A. Taliaferro of Harrisonburg; Mrs. Cecile T. Barnes, Memphis; John S. Taliaferro and Mrs. Julia T. Ward of Shreveport; and Robert M. Taliaferro, Jr. of Nashville.

Judge Taliaferro was not content to devote himself to his judicial duties to the exclusion of all other interests, and throughout his life he maintained an active participation

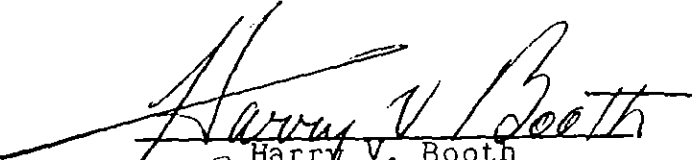
in community affairs. He was a member of the Board of Deacons of the Harrisonburg Baptist Church; of Harrisonburg Lodge #110, F. & A. M., a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner; member of the Elizabeth Thompson Chapter #189, Order of Eastern Star. He was an incorporator of the Catahoula Bank of Harrisonburg in 1907 and served as President of this institution from 1916 to 1937. Until his death he operated and supervised extensive farming interests in his home parish.


After twenty-eight years of continuous service on the bench Judge Taliaferro retired from active duty on December 15, 1951, acclaimed, honored and respected by his brethren of bench and bar. On this very day, while en route from Shreveport to his beloved home community of Harrisonburg he was fatally injured in a tragic automobile accident.

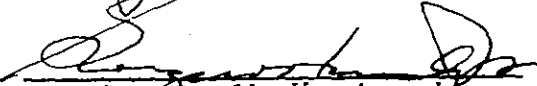
In the conduct of his official duties Judge Taliaferro was ever careful and painstaking in his consideration, seeking with the utmost effort and diligent application to achieve

and serve the ends of justice. In his private life he evidenced himself to be a devoted husband and father and a gentle and understanding friend. In every capacity in which he engaged he displayed the qualities of high character and personal integrity which graced his life and his every endeavor. He well served his fellowmen in unselfish devotion and his profession in his able and honest understanding and application of the principles of law and equity.

The committee, with respect, requests that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this court and of the Shreveport Bar Association and that a copy hereof be forwarded to the bereaved family.


Harry V. Booth


Joseph R. Bethard


George W. Hardy, Jr.