

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY

OF

WILLIAM BENSON MASSEY

MR. WILLIAM BENSON MASSEY was born in Attala County, Mississippi, on January 12, 1886, and he was one of a family of five children. His father was W. P. Massey and his mother was Victoria McWhorter, both of whom were natives of Mississippi.

Mr. William Benson Massey was educated in the schools of Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana. His early business experience came to him as a train dispatcher on the old Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company railroad. He was not content to remain in that field, so, while working for the railroad, he studied law in the offices of the late Allen Rendall, a prominent member of the Shreveport Bar.

On October 25, 1911, he married Miss Ruby Stahl, a member of a well known Coushatta, Louisiana, family. Mr. and Mrs. Massey had two children, namely, Mrs. Virginia Massey Marcantel, widow of J. Norrie Marcantel (Mr. Marcantel was an outstanding member of the Shreveport Bar), and Mrs. G. Leslie Smith, Jr., also of Shreveport.

After his admission to the Bar of Louisiana, Mr. Massey was employed as a member of the legal staff of the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana. Later, he joined the legal department of the Sinclair Oil Company. About 1921, Mr. Massey entered into the private practice of law in

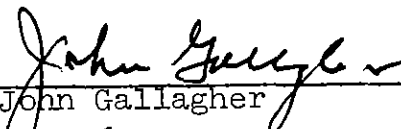
Shreveport, specializing in title work, oil and gas matters, and probate practice. Because of Mr. Massey's varied legal experience in oil and gas matters and title problems, his services were utilized by many clients during the early years of the old Homer and Rodessa oil fields. He continued as a private practitioner until 1963, when his health failed and he was forced to abandon the active pursuit of his profession. He died in Shreveport on October 10, 1973, leaving his widow, the two children named herein, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

His family recalls that during the ten year period of his illness, most of which time he was confined to his bed, he never once complained of his ill health. He was always a devoted husband and father, and loved to be with his family. Mr. Massey was an active and faithful member of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport.

Mr. Massey was always regarded as a worthy adversary by his fellow members of the Bar, and he faithfully and diligently advanced and protected the rights of his clients.

MR. PRESIDENT, I move the adoption of this Resolution and that same be spread upon the minutes of this Court, and copies of same be forwarded to the widow and members of the family.

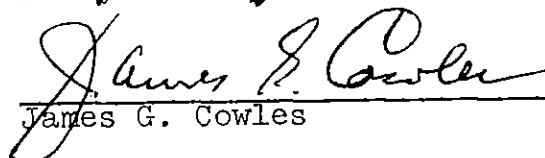
Respectfully submitted,



John Gallagher



Harry S. Stephens



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