

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM MARSHALL PHILLIPS

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William Marshall Phillips, a distinguished and highly respected member of the Bar for more than fifty years, passed away on July 31, 1969. He was seventy-eight years of age.

Mr. Phillips was born in Opelousas, Louisiana, on September 28, 1890, the son of Henry A. Phillips and Eula Eiland Phillips. He attended public schools in Opelousas and then Louisiana State University where he received a Bachelor's degree, a Master's Degree, and in 1916, an LL. B. Degree. That same year he was admitted to practice and opened his law office in Shreveport.

In 1917 he applied for officers' training in the United States Army and was commissioned a lieutenant. He saw combat duty with the 34th Infantry Division. He was wounded by mustard gas and was hospitalized for more than a year in France and the United States.

He subsequently returned to Shreveport where he resumed his law practice which he continued until he retired in 1966, at which time he was the senior partner of the firm of Phillips, Risinger and Kennedy. Throughout the years Mr. Phillips enjoyed an extensive practice and represented many well known independent oil operators and major oil companies.

In 1920 Mr. Phillips married Mai Rives of Shreveport. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Charles W. Lunan and Mrs. Marlin Risinger, Jr., three grandchildren, as well as three brothers who live in Opelousas.

For many years Mr. Phillips was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church here in Shreveport. He was also a member of the Masonic Order and the El Karubah Shrine Temple.

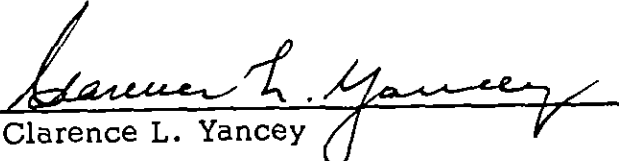
Mr. Phillips was among those fortunate lawyers who became actively engaged in the oil and gas law practice with the first large scale development of oil and gas in Northwest Louisiana. He devoted most of his practice to oil and gas matters and in this field of law he became known as an excellent practitioner, an honorable lawyer and a most worthy opponent and as such he reflected great credit upon the Bar of Louisiana. He was a fearless fighter in behalf of what appeared to him as the right side of any question to which his interest was attracted. He never sacrificed principle either for expediency or for personal gain, nor did he permit his clients to do so. His fellow lawyers can recall many instances in which this fighting spirit was ably and publicly displayed in the pursuit of his profession. The law books contain numerous cases in which Mr. Phillips participated and which "made law" in the oil and gas business.


To those who knew him personally in his professional life, he will always be remembered as a lawyer with a keen and perceptive mind, a hard worker and also a friend who would always take time to discuss the other lawyer's problems. He was what attorneys call "a lawyer's lawyer". Also, "Phlip", as he was known to his legion of friends, always had a twinkle in his eye, had a keen sense of humor and had the unusual trait of generating a warm feeling of friendship among all of his acquaintances. As one of his fellow lawyers said one day, "Phlip could even hate you cordially".

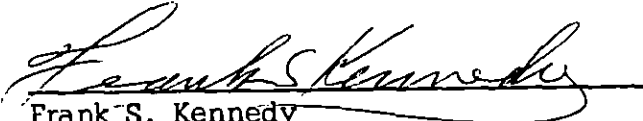
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association do hereby express the regard and admiration in which we held William Marshall Phillips, for his integrity, his skill and his devotion to the highest ideals of the

legal profession and we extend to his family our sincere sympathy
in his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
filed in the records of the First Judicial District Court and that a
copy of this Memoriam be delivered to the members of his family.


Clarence L. Yancey


Ben E. Coleman


Frank S. Kennedy