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IN MEMORIAM.

William Nash Johnson

William Nash Johnson was born in Buckner, Arkansas, on March 22, 1896, the son of the late State Senator A. R. Johnson and Mrs. Julia Pittman Johnson. When Nash was very young, his parents moved to Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, where he graduated from Homer High School in the year 1914. Immediately thereafter, he entered Vanderbilt University, where he engaged in scholastic work until May of 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces at Atlanta, Georgia.

He received his preliminary training at Kelly Field, in San Antonio, Texas, and at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and later was a fighter pilot in the American Air Forces in France, at a time when fighter pilots flew and fought in "wooden crates".

Upon receiving his honorable discharge from the Army, in the late spring of 1919, he entered Tulane Law School. As an undergraduate at Tulane, he received many honors, among which was the presidency of the Tulane Student Body. He was also prominent in the affairs of various fraternities and social groups.

He graduated from Tulane with a degree in law, in 1922, and shortly thereafter began his private practice of law in Shreveport, Louisiana. On January 1, 1926, he formed a partnership with James U. Galloway, who is now one of the Judges in the First Judicial District Court. When Judge Galloway was elected District Attorney of Caddo Parish, in November, 1930, his partner was appointed First Assistant. Nash Johnson served his state as First Assistant District Attorney for the First District from 1930 to 1938,

on which latter date he resigned to take up again the private practice of law.

In his official capacity as Assistant District Attorney, he established a reputation of being fair and just with all defendants. In fact, in all of his contacts ^{AND ASSOCIATIONS} with his fellow-man whether private or official, Nash always demonstrated a sincere and sympathetic interest in the welfare of his fellow-man.

He resumed his private practice in 1938, and in 1942 his physical infirmities became so great that, rather than cling to his chosen profession, not being able to do full justice to his clients, he entered another field.

He passed from this life in Yakima, Washington, on September 18th, 1945. Surviving him are his wife, Margaret McElhiny Johnson; his children, Nash, Jr., Richard, and Margaret, all of whom reside at 7602 Sycamore Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; his mother, Mrs. Julia Pittman Johnson, who resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, his brothers, ^{BEN JOHNSON, A RESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA.} A. R. Johnson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Pat Johnson of Homer, Louisiana, and his sisters, Mrs. E. T. Bultman of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. Sam White of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. G. G. Newbitt of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Nash Johnson was endowed by his Creator with that great gift of making friends quickly and holding their friendship, and the legion of friends he left behind will never forget his sunny disposition, his ingratiating personality, and his sterling qualities as a lawyer, as a public official, and as a citizen.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be adopted, memorializing the loss of our late brother at the Bar, that this resolution be placed in the permanent archives of this Court, and that a copy thereof be sent to the members of his family.


John R. Pleasant, Chairman

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Committee of the Shreveport Bar
Association to memorialize the
late William Nash Johnson.