

Memorial to
CHARLES FORD CURRIER

August 2, 1902 - January 19, 1971

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Deputy Clerk

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Presented to the First Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for Caddo Parish by the undersigned Committee designated by the President of the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare and submit a resolution in memory of the late Charles Ford Currier, of Shreveport, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

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Charles Ford Currier was born in Boston, Massachusetts on August 2, 1902, the son of Edward Merrill Currier and his wife Alma Green. He died on January 19, 1971 in Shreveport, where he had lived most of his life and where he had practiced law with success and distinction.

Ford Currier's father was a New Englander and his mother a member of a family long well known in North Louisiana. His childhood was spent in Boston, but his mother returned to Shreveport after her husband's death in 1916 and he lived in Shreveport, except for a short interval, the rest of his life. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy, in New Hampshire, for four years and was a graduate of that institution. After two years at the United States Naval

Academy, he entered the Law School of Tulane University from which he was graduated with a law degree in 1925.

He began the practice of law in Shreveport immediately after his admission to the bar in 1925; and was associated in the early part of his career with several different Shreveport lawyers. During this time he firmly established his life-long reputation for diligence and energy in the service of his clients, for skill, learning and imagination in his profession, and above all for the utmost rectitude in his dealings with his clients, the courts, and other members of the profession.

Although he was not of the age which had a military obligation, he volunteered for naval duty early in World War II and served with distinction until after the end of the war, including a tour of duty in the Pacific. He retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander.

He returned to Shreveport to re-establish his law practice, and in 1946 accepted a position as head of the division law department in Shreveport of The Ohio Oil Company (now Marathon Oil Company) -- a position he held until 1961, when he retired from the employment of that Company. From that time until his retirement from the practice of law, in 1966, he was a member of the Shreveport law firm of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts.

During the most active and productive part of his legal career, Ford Currier's efforts were concentrated on mineral law

and the legal problems of business concerns engaged in the production in Louisiana of oil and gas. And in these fields -- conservation law and practice, mineral law, title matters -- he attained great skill and an outstanding reputation. While his practice was never concentrated on litigation, he was extremely thorough in the preparation of any case for trial; and was consequently quite successful as an advocate.

Ford Currier had a personality and character that were unique, perhaps the product of his New England ancestry and his childhood and education there, influenced and tempered by the best features of the South. He belonged probably to the last generation to receive a classical education, and he used it well. His tastes in literature were almost universal, and his ability to remember, even to quote, not only the classical authors, but even more modern and earthy poets, was the delight and envy of his friends. His manners were far from obtrusive, and acquaintances had to earn his friendship on the merits of their abilities and character. But his wit and charm, his good humor and interesting conversation, were the joy of those who did become a part of his large circle of friends.

He was a life-long member of the Episcopal Church. One of his particular interests was travel, particularly foreign travel, and he and his wife travelled a great deal after his retirement in

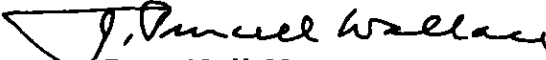
1966. They returned from a trip to the Orient only a few weeks before his sudden death.

Ford Currier was married in 1930 to Caroline Sholars, of Monroe, who survives him. The Curriers had two sons, the elder of whom, Edward Merrill, died as a child. His surviving son, Thomas Sholars, taught law at Tulane and Louisiana State University and for several years had the rank of professor in the University of Virginia Law School. He is now practicing law in New York City as a partner in a large and successful New York firm. This memorial should not omit mention of Ford's devotion to his wife and children and his constant attention to, and efforts for, their well-being.

Ford Currier was successful in his business affairs and in his accomplishments and reputation in his professional career. He was conscientious and attentive to the needs of his family and his obligations as a citizen. He was a charming and witty friend whose place in his friends' affections will remain unfilled.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby affirm the respect, the admiration and the regard in which we held Charles Ford Currier, for his character and ability, his industry, skill and learning, and for his example of the lawyer at his best; and we extend to his widow and son our sincere sympathy in their loss.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of this Court and that copies of the record hereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed brother and friend.


J. Purcell Wallace


Malcolm W. Feist


J. Norrie Marcantel


Robert Roberts, Jr., Chairman

Shreveport, Louisiana

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