

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

OF THE

SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

HONORING

FRED LEONARD HARGROVE

Presented and Adopted

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Fred Leonard Hargrove, who died in Shreveport on December 26, 1975, was an able and valued member of the Louisiana and Shreveport Bar for more than 58 years. During his lifetime, he made a lasting contribution to the various activities and to the development of the City of Shreveport.

Fred Leonard Hargrove was born in Bonham, Texas, on August 15, 1896. He was the son of Oswald L. and Nettie Hargrove, and he left surviving him his widow, Gephine S. Hargrove, and one daughter, Nettie Eleanor Jobron, wife of William Edward Jobron. Also surviving him were two grandchildren, Leonard Hargrove Jobron and Georgia J. Knight, wife of Charles H. Knight, Jr., and one great granddaughter, Lisa Marie Jobron.

Mr. Hargrove moved to Shreveport and grew to manhood here under the guidance of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Leonard. Mr. Leonard was for many years the Clerk of the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish.

Mr. Hargrove attended the University of Texas and the Louisiana State University Law School and was admitted by satisfactory examination to the Louisiana State Bar in 1917. Thereafter, he served in the United States Army in World War I with overseas service in France. He was honorably discharged with the rank of First Sergeant, Motor Transport Corps.

After his army service, he was employed as attorney for Standard Oil Company of Louisiana in Shreveport and later in New Orleans during the period from 1919 through 1935. He thereafter was a member of the law firm of Wilkinson, Lewis & Wilkinson in Shreveport, Louisiana, during the period from 1935 through 1937. From 1937 through 1946, Mr. Hargrove was employed

as the attorney for R. W. Norton and the R. W. Norton Estate. At the time of his death, he was a member of the law firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey and Barlow, the predecessor of which he founded as Hargrove, Van Hook and Hargrove.

Mr. Hargrove was an able practitioner in all branches of the law -- his work always reflecting the meticulous care to which he adamantly adhered. His diligence particularly attracted the attention of those engaged in the oil and gas industry, in connection with which and its numerous related problems his competence was most widely known and highly regarded.

As is true of most able lawyers, Mr. Hargrove was also a student of the law and changes which occurred therein, and, up to the time of his death, he read the advance sheets and numerous legal publications, and on his readings he reported weekly to the members of his firm. He maintained a fine library and worked diligently in the education of young lawyers associated with him.

Mr. Hargrove was active in the affairs of the Bar Association. He served on the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute and on the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and he was also active in the affairs of the Shreveport Bar Association. He was a member of the American, Louisiana State and Shreveport Bar Associations and of the American Judicature Society.

In addition to his active law practice, Mr. Hargrove was a member of the Board of Directors of Commercial National Bank in Shreveport since December 14, 1948, and was a member of the Trust Committee of that Bank since 1951. At the time of his death, Mr. Hargrove was President of Norton Oil Company, Inc.

Among various public service and other activities, Mr. Hargrove served in the following capacities:

Executive and other committees of the United Way and
its predecessors;
Shreve Memorial Library Board;

Board of Goodwill Industries and a past President;
Co-Chairman of Caddo Parish War Bond Drive during
World War II;
President of the Shreveport Club; and
Vice President of the Board of Control of The R. W.
Norton Art Foundation.

In 1956 Mr. Hargrove received the United Fund Annual Award for Distinguished Services to the People of Shreveport.

He was an active member of The First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport and served as an Elder and Trustee of said church.

Because he grew up in Shreveport and possessed a remarkable memory for general facts, names, places and events in and around the Shreveport Area and the Homer, Haynesville and Rodessa Oil Fields, he was always keenly interested in and liked to discuss the past history of the Shreveport and North Louisiana Areas. His observations in these matters were often interspersed with a dry wit, to the delight of those engaged in conversation with him.

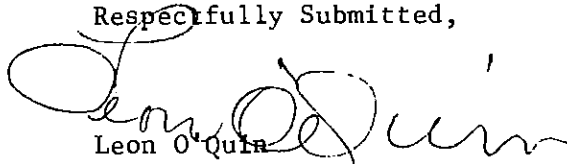
Mr. Hargrove enjoyed classical music and particularly enjoyed flower gardening, being expert in the growing of roses, dahlias, orchids, chrysanthemums, camellias and many others, and whenever his flowers were in bloom, he brought beautiful specimens to share with those in his law firm's office.

Mr. Hargrove was devoted to his family and a staunch friend to many. He will be remembered by the members of the Shreveport Bar Association as a fine lawyer and as an honorable and just man.

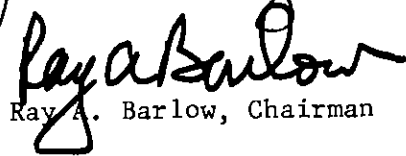
We move that the sympathy and condolences of the Shreveport Bar Association be extended to Mr. Hargrove's widow, Mrs. Gephine S. Hargrove, his daughter, Mrs. Nettie Eleanor Jobron, and to his grandchildren and to his great granddaughter and that copies of this Memorial Resolution be sent to each of them and that it be entered upon the Records of the Court and of this Association as a testimonial of the affection and respect of

the members of the legal profession in Shreveport, Louisiana, for Fred Leonard Hargrove.

Respectfully Submitted,


Leon O. Quin


John T. Guyton


Ray A. Barlow, Chairman