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IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ARMSTRONG DENNY

Many of us lost a devoted friend and all of us lost a brother and comrade in the practice of our profession when James Armstrong Denny died. The story of his life is simple, yet typically American.

He was born on Augusta Plantation, which is near Bayou Goula, Louisiana, on May 4, 1889, where his parents, William Francis Denny and Fannie LeFort Tompkins, resided; and there he lived until he was twelve years old when the family moved to New Orleans. Five years later they returned to the country and occupied the Winter Quarters Plantation near Lake Providence, Louisiana.

Due to lack of available public schools, his elementary and secondary education was obtained largely through tutors. When he was about twenty years of age, he entered L.S.U. with the idea of obtaining an A.B. degree. Before he graduated from L.S.U. he transferred to Tulane University Law School, from which he graduated with a degree of L.L.B. in June, 1914. He at once

formed a partnership with Donald C. Dickson, one of his classmates, and they opened offices in Shreveport in June of 1914. This association with Mr. Dickson continued until his death on November 24, 1951. After being admitted to the Bar he continued his efforts to fit himself for the practice of law by doing postgraduate work at Columbia University, the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan.

He was married twice, the first time to Miss Eliza Douglas Laycock of Baton Rouge. This marriage took place in 1912 and one child was born of it, who was named James Armstrong Denny, Jr. Mrs. Denny died in 1913; and on April 14, 1915, Mr. Denny married Miss Anna Wilhelmina Broad of New Orleans, Louisiana, with whom he lived until his death and by whom he is survived. There were two sons born of this marriage; one being William Francis Denny and the other Otway Broad Denny. All three children have survived their father.

In the practice of his profession Mr. Denny preferred the field of office and business law rather than court work.

To those who knew him best, his outstanding virtues were his devotion to his family and his loyalty to his friends.

He was an ideal husband and father. His personality was such that he gathered unto himself many enduring friendships; in fact, it may with truth be said that included among his friends were practically all of the judges before whom he practiced and the lawyers with whom he came in daily contact.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, have lost a beloved friend and associate by the untimely death of James Armstrong Denny. We shall miss his friendly greeting and his ready smile; and we extend to his widow and children, whom he so devotedly loved and by whom he was equally loved, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be filed in the permanent archives of the Shreveport Bar Association. and recorded in the minutes of the First Judicial District Court in and for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.



