

IN MEMORIAM

1970-1951
E. H. Cook, Jr.

William Burrell Vinson

December 29, 1890 - September 18, 1951

William Burrell Vinson was born at Austin, Texas, on December 29, 1890, of the union of John Vinson and Clara Swann. His education, as far as your committee has been able to learn, was obtained through the public school system. While it is believed that he had no formal legal education, nevertheless he was one of those who advanced himself through his own efforts and eventually was licensed to practice by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana.

In and around the years 1920-1921, he entered the active practice of law at Haynesville, Louisiana. Shortly after entering into the practice of law, he formed a partnership with William H. Cook at Haynesville, Louisiana. This partnership continued for approximately a year or a year and half, at which time the partnership was dissolved and the decedent came to reside in Shreveport. He then for a time acted as legal secretary and thereafter represented various major oil companies in obtaining leases on large tracts of land, at the same time examining the titles thereto and rendering legal opinions thereon; this he continued to do with success up to the time of his death on September 18, 1951.

Mr. Vinson was a man who was devoted to his family, to the community in which he lived, and particularly to his country. He belonged to the Masonic Order and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of America. He was a past Exalted

Ruler of Shreveport Lodge No. 122 of the Order of Elks and he found therein an avenue for his charitable endeavors, which were many.

Mr. Vinson was honest and upright, and staunch in his convictions. He pursued the course which he thought was right and proper, and stood firmly by his convictions. However, if he reached the conclusion that he had erred in any stand he took, he would be the first to admit his error publicly. He thus exhibited the qualities of manhood which are to be desired in every human being, but unfortunately but few possess. The qualities he possessed endeared him to those with whom he came in contact, and he died respected as a lawyer and as a man.

Mr. Vinson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bera Agnes Lovas; a son, H. F. Vinson; and a daughter, Mrs. Max Chard. In his passing, they have lost a kind and loving husband and father, the Bar has lost a member who was a credit to it and the community has lost a charitable and patriotic citizen.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. B. Emery

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