

TO THE BENCH AND BAR OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

We, your undersigned Committee, present the following in memory of JUDGE WILLIAM CHAPPELLE BARNETTE.

William Chappelle Barnette was born in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, August 8th, 1875. He departed this life on June 18th, 1939. He was married to Miss Eula Yarborough, who, with four sons of that union survive him. His sons are Leslie Y. Barnette, a member of the Shreveport Bar, Judge Chris Barnette, Judge of the Juvenile Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, William C. Barnette, Jr., and Nelson Barnette, young business men of this city.

He was admitted to the Bar of Louisiana on November 3rd, 1903. In September, 1906, he was elected to fill an unexpired term as District Attorney for the then Third Judicial District Court of Louisiana, for the Parishes of Claiborne and Bienville. In 1908 he was reelected for a full term, and served in this office until he was elected District Judge of the same District in the year 1912. After three years service in this office, he resigned and moved from Arcadia to Shreveport to engage in the private practice of law.

On August 19th, 1933, he was appointed Juvenile Judge of the Juvenile Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, for an unexpired term caused by the death of the late Judge Samuel Fullilove. In 1936 he was reelected to this office, which office he held until the date of his death.

As a man, he was friendly, congenial and kind-hearted. He was blessed with a magnetic personality. As a citizen, he was public spirited and unselfish. He was prominent in church affairs and his acts of personal kindness and charity were many and widely disbursed.

As a lawyer, he was studious, aggressive and able. As a

judge, he was conscientious, fair and impartial.

His ability as a District Judge is attested by the very few reversals of his opinions by the Appellate Courts. As Juvenile Judge of Caddo Parish, he had the opportunity to employ his talents, and to manifest his true nature in a very definite way. The office of Juvenile Judge is one that calls for the finest of human characteristics, and the testimony of all those who were familiar with his work in this office is that he possessed them all in the highest degree.

It is worthy of mention that throughout his legal career he was ever interested in the younger members of the Bar, and it was through his assistance and encouragement that a number of young men were enabled to become members of the Bar, and get started in life.

His life as a man, a citizen, a lawyer, a Judge and a friend is one of which his posterity may well be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

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