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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM HIBBLER COOK

DECEMBER 25, 1883 - JANUARY 17, 1968

William H. Cook was born in Atlanta, Georgia on Christmas day in 1883, the son of Dr. William Andrew Cook and Martha Hibbler Cook.

After receiving his early education in Georgia, he attended the Webb preparatory school in Nashville, Tennessee, and entered Vanderbilt University where he received his law degree in 1906. While at Vanderbilt he was a member of the Glee club and kept up his affiliation as a "Deke" the rest of his life, and in recent years wrote letters of recommendation for new deserving members.

Mr. Cook began the practice of law in Birmingham, Alabama after graduating from Vanderbilt and among his lawyer friends there was Mr. Thomas W. Martin, who was later to become the President of Commonwealth & Southern Corporation and Alabama Power Company.

After the outbreak of World War I, Mr. Cook entered the Army as an officer, and served until the end of the war in the Judge Advocate's office and retired as Captain.

He resumed the practice of law in Meridian, Mississippi after the war, and learning of the oil boom in Louisiana, came to Haynesville, Louisiana in the early 1920's, and began the practice of law in Louisiana, and also entered into the oil and gas business.

Mr. Cook moved to Shreveport and opened his law office and had as partners during his early years in Shreveport the late Mr. W. A. Mabry, and later Mr. Harry V. Booth.

Mr. Cook continued the general practice of law being active in all branches of the law and especially in oil and gas as he had interests in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas.

He had a great capacity and ability for analyzing the facts of a case and finding the legal principles to apply by diligent research from his vast knowledge of common law and statutory law. He worked, lived, and enjoyed today and prepared for tomorrow. A part of his philosophy was contained in a proverb which he used to quote: "I cried because I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no feet."

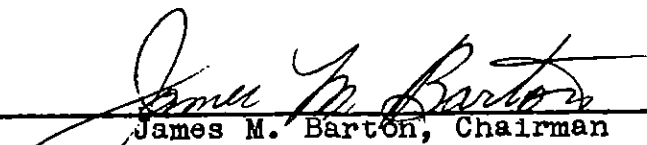
Mr. Cook was devoted to his family, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport, the Shreveport Country Club, the Petroleum Club, the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and the American Legion. He was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of El Karubah Shrine Temple and always supported the Crippled Children's Clinic, Salvation Army, and other charitable organizations.

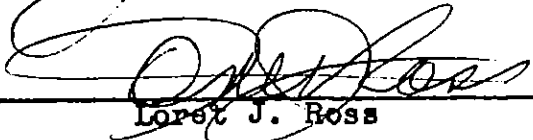
He was married to Etah Colvin Cook in Shreveport and their son, William H. Cook, Jr., attended Vanderbilt University and L. S. U. where he received his law degree and is practicing law in Shreveport; and their daughter, Mrs. Carol Cook Beason and her family reside in Shreveport.

Mr. Cook always held the Bench and Bar in high esteem and in turn was respected by all members of the Bench and Bar. His courteous, pleasant, and friendly manner endeared him to all who knew him, and his long association as a member of the Y. M. C. A. and Health Club helped continue his courtly bearing almost to the time of his death on January 17, 1968.

Mr. Cook left a rich heritage not only to his family,
but also to his numerous friends, the Bench and Bar.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution
be adopted, memorializing the loss of our elder brother
of the Bar, whose ideals and standards of ethics epitomized
the practicing lawyer, and that this resolution be placed in
the permanent archives of this Court, and that a copy there-
of be sent to the members of his family.


James M. Barton, Chairman


Lore J. Ross


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Committee of the Shreveport Bar Association
to memorialize the late William Hibbler Cook.