

MEMORIAL
TO
FREDERICK JAMES STEWART
OCTOBER 6, 1910 - MARCH 2, 1974

Frederick James Stewart was born at Grayberg, Texas on October 6, 1910, the son of Robert J. Stewart and Lilla Roberts Stewart. He preferred to use the short name, Fred Stewart, and was better known to members of this Association as Fred.

His parents moved to Shreveport when he was very young and he received his education in the Shreveport schools, including Creswell and Barrett Elementary Schools and Byrd High School.

During this period he was an avid participant in Boy Scouting. He went through all of the stages of scouting and was awarded all of the medals and honors through the rank of Eagle Scout. He was always proud of this record.

After finishing at Byrd High School in 1929 he entered Centenary College. It was during this period that he was employed by the law firm of Pugh, Grimmitt & Boatner, as an office boy. He became interested in law and entered the night law school at Centenary College where he studied under such instructors as Percy Garrott, Joe H. Jackson and John H. Tucker, Jr. He found the law to be challenging and interesting and he applied himself to its mastery with characteristic hard work and concentration. He was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court in 1935.

His example as a student of the law had a direct influence upon more than one member of this Association in their decision to study and practice law.

He had been employed for some time by the old Home Owners Loan Corporation, which was a product of the Depression years. He had also done insurance adjusting work with some of the leading adjusters of this city. He did some of this work after being admitted to practice law, but the private practice of law beckoned to him and he entered and continued in private practice for the remainder of his life.

Fred never entered into a partnership but practiced as an individual. However, he had office associations with other lawyers, among them the late D. C. Scarborough. Never a "joiner" of organizations, he was nevertheless active in the community. As a member

of the Legal Aid Committee he gave of his time and talents and he willingly helped those in need of legal services but unable to pay. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport from early boyhood and took an active part in the work of that church. At the time of his death he was a member of the Gideons Bible Class. He was a member of the Shreveport and Louisiana Bar Associations and was a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association during the later years of his practice.

Fred loved the theory of the law and had a particular talent for legal reasoning and application of the law. He especially enjoyed research and trial work, which seemed to challenge his natural talents for applying reason to a set of facts. He was thorough in his preparation of a case. He had a good sense of humor and pleasant disposition. His ready smile was a part of his greeting.

Always a hard worker, Fred was conscientious in his representation of a client. One of his colleagues at the Bar, when asked to name the trait that applied to Fred Stewart, said without hesitation "Persistence-Persistence and trustworthiness", and then added, "Fred was as straight as an arrow and when he told you something you could depend upon it being that way." This expresses the feeling of his fellow members of the Bar who had the privilege to work with him.

Stricken by cancer in 1972, he nevertheless maintained a keen interest in his law work until the end came on March 2, 1974, just seven years short of the allotted three score and ten years. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Johnson Stewart, one daughter, Sara Stewart Davis and three grandchildren in his immediate family. Other relatives include an uncle, E. E. Roberts, two aunts, Mrs. E. A. Connell, Sr. and Miss Lucy Roberts, all of Shreveport. To these survivors we extend our sympathy and condolences and share with them the pride in the life and achievements of this man of the law.

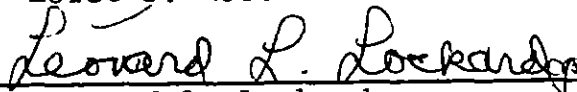
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Memorial be presented and read at the Memorial Exercises of the Shreveport Bar Association on September 3, 1974 and that a multiple original be presented to the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Memorial be

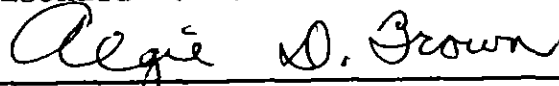
delivered to the members of the immediate family of Fred J. Stewart as a testimonial of the high esteem and regard held for him by the Shreveport Bar Association.



Loret J. Ross



Leonard L. Lockard



Algie D. Brown, Chairman