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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

HONORING

GEORGE GREGG DIMICK

Presented and Adopted

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With the passing of George Gregg Dimick on February 8, 1975, the Shreveport Bar Association lost a capable and valued member who had been active in the practice of law at the Shreveport Bar for more than sixty years; and, the City of Shreveport lost a man who contributed much, during his long lifetime, to the civic, religious, political, social, sporting, and cultural activities and development of the City as it grew to maturity during the twentieth century.

George Gregg Dimick was born in Marshall, Texas, on November 13, 1891 and was one of two sons of Howard and Norma (Gregg) Dimick. He attended the elementary schools of Marshall, Texas and, after moving with his family to Shreveport around the turn of the century, was graduated from the old Central High School of Shreveport.

As was often the custom of the day, he became Secretary for, and studied law with, Ex-Governor Newton C. Blanchard in the Shreveport law firm of Blanchard, Barret, and Smith, and after a successful examination was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1913 as the youngest licensed attorney in the State of Louisiana at the time.

George Dimick served as the City Prosecuting Attorney for eight years during the administration of John McWilliams Ford when the late Mr. Ford was Mayor of the City of Shreveport, and represented the City in a number of important cases before the Louisiana Supreme Court involving the Police Power of the budding Municipality.

In 1916, George Dimick ran for the Louisiana State Legislature and was elected and served for four years, during which time he introduced and promoted much important legislation, including an early-day effort to salvage and make more useful and attractive the river batture near downtown Shreveport, which in recent years has been and is being developed as our Civic Center.

Early in his career, George Dimick entered into a partnership for the practice of law with William B. Hamilton under the firm name, "Dimick and Hamilton", and this association and firm continued without interruption for almost fifty years until Mr. Hamilton's retirement due to ill health in 1963.

The firm of Dimick and Hamilton became well known throughout Louisiana and the South, representing many substantial clients in important litigation and other legal matters. In 1951 the firm became general counsel for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Shreveport and both the firm and George Dimick personally established and continued to have a close relationship and identification with this financial institution after such time, with George Dimick having served as chief legal counsel from such time until his retirement in 1970, as a Director and Director Emeritus from July 1958 until his death, and as President of the Association for approximately one year beginning in November of 1958.

Not only was George Dimick a practitioner of the law, but he was also a student of the law, having contributed one of the early writings on the development of Louisiana Mineral Law. This book, entitled Louisiana Law of Oil and Gas was written and compiled by him in 1922 and published by F. F. Hansell and Brothers, Limited of New Orleans, Louisiana.

He also was active in the affairs of the Bar Associations, having been a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, and a member of the American Judicature Society.

George Dimick, in the finest tradition of the American Legal Profession, did not limit his interests and activities to the study and practice of law. Instead, he was a man of many broad interests and accomplishments and one with active curiosity and interest in all that took place around him in nature and society.

He was active in the civic life of our City, having been a member of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce for many years and very active in its committee work. He was a charter member of the original Shreveport Lions Club, having become a Lion in October of 1916 and through the ensuing years served the local organization in many capacities including that of President. The original Shreveport Lions Club was one of the founding group of Lions Clubs which united to form the International Association of Lions Clubs. George Dimick was an active delegate in the organizational meetings of the International Association of Lions Clubs and served on important committees in the early stages of its organization. At the International Convention of Lions Clubs in 1967, he was presented a Charter Monarch Award as evidence of his Charter Member Status and of fifty years of continuous membership in the Lions Club Organization.

George Dimick was active as a Director of the Salvation Army.

He was involved in the religious life of this community, having been a member of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He was also a Master Mason.

George Dimick, throughout his lifetime, enjoyed fully the social life of this community and, through his quick wit and seemingly endless storehouse of knowledge and information, added much brilliance to our social life and activities. He was a charter member of the Shreveport Country Club and of the East Rige Country Club.

George Dimick was interested in the historical and literary interests and activities of our community. Not only was he the author of legal writings, but he also wrote many short stories and descriptions of historical incidents, particularly of the Civil War Period, for his own enjoyment and that of his friends. He was a charter member of the Louisiana Historical Society and served on its active committees.

George Dimick enjoyed and participated himself in many cultural and artistic endeavors of our community. He attended many of the dramatic, music, and dance performances presented in our city and surrounding area. He was a painter himself and completed a number of paintings over the span of his lifetime. He was a member and President of the Shreveport Art Club. He attended performances of the Little Theatre and, in the early days, participated as a performer. He was interested in the activities of the Shreveport Symphony Society.

He was a photographer and maintained extensive photographic albums and slide collections portraying his activities at home and in his broad travels.

George Dimick was a sportsman. For many years he was a well known breeder of fine dogs, particularly of Beagles, having registered over two hundred Beagles with the American Kennel Society under the Kennel name of "Dimwold". He was a charter member of and prepared the constitution and by-laws of the Shreveport Kennel Club, of which he also served as President for a period of time.

George Dimick was a traveler of wide range. He had a seemingly insatiable desire to see and experience all that he had not already seen and experienced and in doing this traveled extensively throughout his lifetime to all parts of the world. Much of what he saw and experienced, he carefully retained for his own pleasure and that of his friends through extensive photographic albums and scrapbooks.

As the center of George Dimick's activities and life he built a rustic home in 1928 just South of our city and named it "Dimvold". There, in this beloved home, he lived and entertained his friends and acquaintances until his recent death.

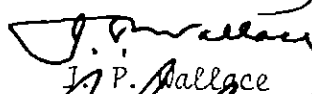
A friend of George Dimick once wrote to him, "I assure you that I shall long remember our pleasant association and the inimitable wit and humor with which you decorate that which passes through your mind." All of those who had the pleasure and privilege of sharing a bit of life with George Dimick will surely join in this sentiment.

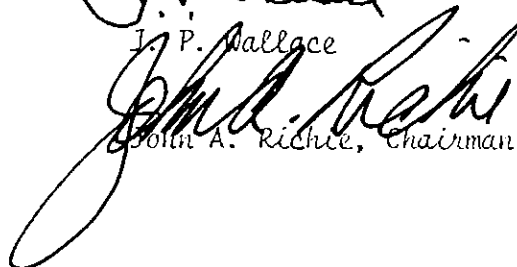
The members of the Shreveport Bar will particularly miss this splendid lawyer and man. It will be a long time before we again see one like him.

We move that the sympathy and condolences of the Shreveport Bar Association be extended to Mr. Dimick's wife, Mrs. Ruth Cain Dimick, his daughter, Mrs. Bashie Dimick Garmon, and to his grandchildren, and that copies of this Memorial Resolution be sent to each of them; and that it be entered upon the records of the Court and of this Association as a testimonial of the affection and respect of the members of the legal profession in Shreveport, Louisiana, for George Gregg Dimick.

Respectfully Submitted,


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