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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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NEWTON BLANCHARD CARSTARPHEN

The Shreveport Bar Association is indeed fortunate to have numbered Newton Blanchard Carstarphen among its most esteemed members during the 52 years he practiced law in Shreveport.

Mr. Carstarphen was born in Plain Dealing, Louisiana on January 28, 1894. At age 17, he went to Washington, D. C. to study law at Georgetown University Law School and to work in the office of the late Louisiana Senator Joseph E. Ransdell. He received his law degree from Georgetown in 1917.

During World War I, Mr. Carstarphen volunteered for military service, was commissioned a warrant officer, and attached to the adjutant general's office in Paris. He became aide-de-camp to General John J. Pershing and was the General's personal courier on secret military movements. In 1918, he received a citation for exceptional and meritorious service to his country.

Mr. Carstarphen received his Master of Law degree from Loyola University in 1921 and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar Association. In 1922, he moved to Shreveport and began the practice of law. On December 19 of that year he married the late Charlotte Wells Carstarphen, who served as a secretary to the Judges of the First Judicial District Court for many years.

Early in his career, N. B. Carstarphen became associated with W. A. Mabry, practicing in the law firm of Mabry and Carstarphen. Later, he and his nephew, John A. Carstarphen, Jr., established the law firm of Carstarphen and Carstarphen, which was dissolved when John left to work with the Space Committee in Washington, D. C. In 1959, Mr. Carstarphen formed a new partnership with Loret J. Ross and practiced under the firm name of Carstarphen and Ross until his retirement in 1973.

Throughout his legal career, Mr. Carstarphen was a loyal Democrat and an active leader of the Democratic Party. He served as Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee during the administration of Governor Robert Kennon and gained the reputation of being one of Louisiana's foremost authorities on election laws. For his work on the Democratic State Central Committee and his long tenure as President of the Caddo Parish Board of Election Supervisors, N. B. Carstarphen became known as Caddo Parish's "Mr. Democrat."

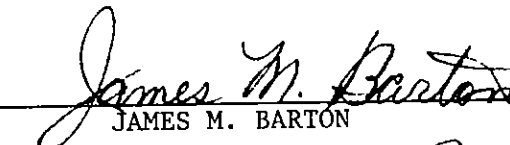
Mr. Carstarphen was a 32nd degree mason and a member of El Karubah Shrine.

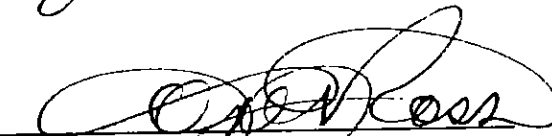
Newton Blanchard Carstarphen died in Shreveport, Louisiana on June 10, 1983. At that time, he had been a member of the Shreveport Bar Association for 61 years. He is survived by his twin sister, Mrs. Patricia C. Foster, and three nephews, B. Leroy Foster, Alton R. Foster and James B. Foster.

We move that the sympathy and condolences of the Shreveport Bar Association be extended to Mr. Carstarphen's sister and his nephews; that copies of this Memorial Resolution be provided to each of them; and that this resolution be entered upon the records of the First Judicial District Court and of this Association as a testimonial of the affection and respect the members of the legal profession in Shreveport, Louisiana have for Newton Blanchard Carstarphen.

Respectfully submitted,


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October 31, 1983