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IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS EDWARD VICTORY

September 7, 1905 -- August 17, 1969

Thomas Edward Victory was born in Timpson, Texas, on September 7, 1905, but has lived in Shreveport since his family, previously residents of the area, returned here in about the year 1910 and brought him here as a boy. He was a member of the North Louisiana pioneer families of Rochelle, Carlton and Victory.

Mr. Victory, known to most of his friends as "Ned", attended the public schools of Shreveport and Centenary College. From an early age, his ambition was to become a lawyer, and he diligently pursued the study of law, both privately and at Centenary College Night Law School. He was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in 1932.

He died in Shreveport after a brief illness on August 17, 1969.

Mr. Victory was married to the former Miss Esther Horton, who survives, and to them were born seven children: Mrs. L. W. McGowan (Sharon Victory) and Mrs. Loyd Glenn Mason (Jennifer Victory), of Shreveport; Stephen T. Victory and Jeffrey P. Victory, of New Orleans; Mrs. C. M. McKenzie (Sallie Victory) of Hammond; and Miss Mary Frances Victory and Miss Martha Ellen Victory, of Austin, Texas. All of his children survive him as do six grandchildren and his brother, H. C. Victory, of Alexandria, Louisiana.

He was a devoted family man, loyal and faithful to his church -- the First Baptist Church of Shreveport -- and was proud of his community and of his membership in the Bar.

He was for many years active in church affairs, as were his forebears, who were founding members of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport prior to the Civil War. He taught Sunday School, was a deacon for many years and served as chairman of the finance campaign of his church on three occasions.

He, his wife, and all seven of their children attended Centenary College, where Mrs. Victory and six of the children received their degrees. The result was that the Victory family was cited by the college for the distinguished record of being the largest immediate family to have attended that institution. Mr. Victory was proud of that record as well he might be.

For more than forty years, he was in the employ of Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company and its predecessor companies, and it was during his employment that he pursued the study of law. His employment with this company over the years was variously in the insurance, credit and tax departments, but principally in the last named. For many years and to the date of his death, he was considered by his employer as its ad valorem tax specialist. the wide-spread holdings of his company required that he travel frequently in connection with his duties.

Mr. Victory did not engage in the general practice of law, though he was an avid reader and enjoyed keeping abreast generally of current trends in

Louisiana legislation and jurisprudence. As every lawyer knows, taxation is a highly specialized field, which requires constant application, and most men so situated would have been content to confine their studies to that subject. Not so with Mr. Victory, who, by nature, could not so circumscribe his interests. Other lawyers discovered that they could discuss with him their legal problems outside his specialized field and be enlightened.

His pride in the legal profession no doubt influenced his two sons, for Stephen T. Victory is a prominent attorney practicing at the New Orleans Bar, and Jeffrey P. Victory awaits only the completion of a tour of military service to resume his law studies at Tulane University.

Mr. Victory was a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Shreveport Bar Association, and the National Accountants Association. When he was in town, you would find him at the monthly luncheon meetings of our local association.

A listing of some of his accomplishments cannot portray the kind and gentle spirit of this truly Christian Gentleman, nor adequately express the loss his loved ones and many friends have suffered. We are left with an empty sadness tempered by a feeling of gratefulness for the heritage left by him resulting from his full, rich and rewarding life. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement with the full realization that the true memorial to Thomas Edward Victory is his exemplary life, untiring devotion to his wife and children and other loved ones, his services to his church, employer, State and Nation and the lasting effects of his life and accomplishments.

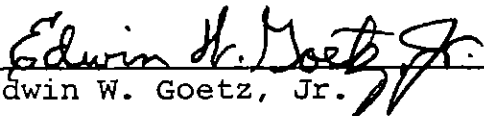
Though essentially of a retiring nature, Mr. Victory was always courteous, kind, sympathetic and genuinely interested in the well-being of his fellow man. He loved his family and his church. What better epitaph can any man deserve?

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That this memorial be presented and read at Memorial Exercises of the Shreve-

port Bar Association to be held in the Caddo Parish District Court on Tuesday September 2, 1969, and that a multiple original be also 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 Thomas Edward Victory as a testimonial of the high esteem and regard held for him by the Shreveport Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted,


Edwin W. Goetz, Jr.


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Clare C. Clark, Chairman

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