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Memorials

W. MARSHALL BRIDGES

BY WM. H. BLACKWELL

W. Marshall Bridges practiced law in Florence from 1918 until his death on November 14th, 1957. He was born July 21, 1885, a son of William Pinckney and Harriet Padgett Bridges, and spent his early youth in Spartanburg and Landrum. He attended Spartanburg Public Schools, and the Spartan Academy of Landrum, and Trinity Preparatory School at Durham, N. C. In 1913, he graduated *cum laude* from Furman University.

Following his graduation from Furman, Mr. Bridges taught school at Olanta, S. C., and studied law, later attending Wake Forest and the University of South Carolina Law School. He took the bar examinations of both North and South Carolina and was admitted to the bar in both states. For a short period, he practiced in Hendersonville, North Carolina, but in 1918 he moved to and began the practice of law in Florence. There he practiced, either in partnership or individually until his death, at which time he was the senior member of Bridges & Bridges, composed of himself and his son, Saunders M. Bridges.

Mr. Bridges devoted himself primarily to civil practice, in his earlier years enjoying a limited practice on the criminal side of the court. With the advent of automobile liability insurance, Mr. Bridges began to represent automobile liability companies and for many years enjoyed an extensive practice in that phase of law.

He was a student of American history and became a recognized expert on the life and writings of Thomas Jefferson. From all parts of the country he collected Jeffersonian books, papers and other articles into a collection which he highly prized. He was the author of many magazine articles on Jefferson, and on one occasion was invited as guest speaker before the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association in Charlottesville, Va. His topic was "A South Carolinian at the Graveside of Thomas Jefferson". A fluent and interesting speaker, he was often in demand for talks before patriotic organizations and civic and service clubs.

With his vast library on Thomas Jefferson, his Jeffersonian collection, and his constant study, he was recognized over the country as an expert on the life of the third president of the United States.

He served in the House of Representatives in 1936, and was a delegate from South Carolina to the 1928 Democratic National Convention. He also served as county attorney for several years, and during World War II he was active as government appeal agent for the Selective Service Board of his County. He was an honorary member of O.D.K., and was past president of the Florence Lions Club and recipient of the Achievement Award from Lions International. He was a charter member and past president of the Florence County Historical Society and a member of the American Bar Association.

the South Carolina Bar Association, and at the time of his death was vice president of the Florence County Bar Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Florence, a past deacon and former trustee, and for many years taught the Men's Bible Class of that Church.

He leaves surviving him his widow, Mrs. Leila Mai McKenzie Bridges, a daughter, Miss Mai Mac Bridges, two sons William Marshall Bridges, Jr., and Saunders M. Bridges, and several grandchildren.

He was a courtly gentleman of distinguished appearance and pleasing personality. His untimely passing left a void in the hearts of his family and a host of friends.

F. WILLIAM CAPPELMANN

BY CHARLES B. ELLIOTT

F. William Cappelmann, one of the most beloved members of the Columbia Bar, died suddenly at his home October 18, 1958.

Mr. Cappelmann was born in Charleston November 17, 1888. After graduating from Newberry College, he attended the University of South Carolina Law School, receiving his LL.B. in 1912 and subsequently was awarded an M. A. degree by the University. He did Graduate work in Law at the University of North Carolina and Harvard Law School. He settled in Columbia in 1913 for the practice of his profession and was so engaged for approximately forty-five years, with the exception of the time spent in World War I, as a First Lieutenant with the 84th Field Artillery in the United States and overseas.

In civic affairs he was very active, as president of The Columbia Chamber of Commerce, president of the Columbia Kiwanis Club, president of the Palm-esta and the Richland County Bar Association. He served on the executive committee of the South Carolina Bar Association for several years, was chairman of the Board of Law Examiners for South Carolina for about twelve years, and he was also memorial chairman for the Bar Association for quite some time. Certainly he was one of the most effective presidents our Richland County Bar Association ever had.

The Columbia Crippled Children's Association received his ardent support and personal activity. He served on that board for many years.

Of course, he was a member of the American Legion. "Billie" Cappelmann, as everybody called him, was loyal to his Church, having served on several important boards of the United Lutheran Church, and for several years served as treasurer of the Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, and on other boards in his Church, too numerous to mention.

Mr. Cappelmann was a highly successful lawyer, specializing in property, estates and related matters. His kindness, good humor and high sense of fair dealing caused him to be widely loved and respected. His professional brethren and indeed all those who knew him realize that he exemplified the highest and noblest practices of his profession. He was indeed a Christian gentleman and lived a life consecrated to the service of all that is best in our society.

Mr. Cappelmann had an unusually happy home life. His immediate survivors

are: his widow, Mrs. Helen Cary Cappelmann, two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Cappelmann DuPre and Mrs. Mary Anne Cappelmann Kaneft, and six grandchildren, all of Columbia.

HARRY ELLIOTT DePASS, JR.

BY SIMPSON HYATT

Harry Elliott DePass, Jr., of the Spartanburg, S. C. Bar died September 9, 1958, at the age of 54, a respected and highly esteemed member of the Bar and one of Spartanburg's most prominent and civic minded citizens.

He came from a family of Lawyers, who loved the profession and always practiced Law in its noblest tradition. His grandfather, father, and uncles were Lawyers, and his only brother is still practicing in Spartanburg. ,

In addition to being an able Lawyer, Harry served his nation during World War II in the United States Navy. He was a Mason, member of the Episcopal Church, was a co-founder and first President of the Spartanburg Lions Club. During World War II he served as a Lieutenant aboard the aircraft carrier Yorktown in the Pacific Theater. He was present at the Japanese surrender.

Married to Alice Prioleau of Columbia, S. C., she served as his companion, inspiration and comfort throughout his career. To this union were born three children—two boys and one girl. Ensign Harry E. DePass, III with the U. S. Navy, and John Prioleau DePass, also with the Navy. His daughter Alice DePass, or Little Alice as she is called by her friends, is still in grammar school.

Although death overtook Harry at a time of life when Lawyers are considered in their prime, all who knew him and came in contact with him respected his ability as a lawyer, admired his loyalty and devotion to his profession, family, church and nation, and mourn his untimely death. In the hearts of his family, friends and associates, his memory will live long because of the dignity and honor with which he bore his legal heritage.

JUDGE FURNEY RHEM HEMINGWAY

BY WALLACE D. CONNER

Furney Rhem Hemingway was born near Rome in Williamsburg County on February 19th, 1889, the son of Allard Belin and Mary Louise (Britton) Hemingway. He was graduated from high school at Rome, and from the University of South Carolina in 1912. He taught school for several years, studied law at the University of South Carolina and the University of North Carolina. In 1919, Judge Hemingway passed the state bar examinations and began the active practice of law at Kingstree the same year. During the years 1919 through 1923, he was a member of the law firm of Kelley and Hinds of Kingstree. As an able lawyer, he carried on an individual successful general practice of law from 1923 until he was elected Probate Judge of Williamsburg County in 1948. He was a member of the Williamsburg County Bar Association and the South Carolina Bar Association.

Deeply interested in good government and public affairs, Judge Hemingway served in the Legislature from Williamsburg County, 1923 through 1924, and served two (2) terms as Mayor of Kingstree from 1928 through 1932. He

served as County Attorney for ten (10) years, and in 1948 he was elected Probate Judge of Williamsburg County, assuming the duties of that office on January 1st, 1949. Well qualified for the position he held by experience, education, and general executive ability, gained by many years of public service, Judge Hemingway carried out the duties of his office capably, efficiently and with dignity. He sought always to administer the court's affairs impartially, but with full attention to the human and social values involved.

Through the years, he was a leader in Democratic party affairs and served as chairman of the Williamsburg County Executive Committee for twenty-five (25) years. He was a member of the Kingstree Methodist Church; a member and past Worshipful Master of Kingstree Lodge No. 46, Ancient Free Mason and a member of Eugene Chapter No. 137, of the Eastern Star.

He was married to the former Miss Sarah Gary Cheatham in 1926, and had two children, Sarah Gary Hemingway, now Mrs. William Wicker, and Furney Rhem Hemingway, Jr.

"Count", by which name he was affectionately known by his friends, was an able and conscientious lawyer, was a dedicated and accommodating public servant, and a true and loyal friend to the people of Williamsburg County. His death left a void that will hardly be filled.

Theron Adelbert Houser

By Furman R. Gressette

Theron Adelbert Houser, practicing attorney, public official and civic leader of St. Matthews, died unexpectedly and suddenly Saturday afternoon, January 31, 1959, in his office while conferring with one of his many clients. His death was a shock to his legion of friends and business and fraternal acquaintances within and without the State. His health had long been impaired, but it had not been anticipated that his departure would come so soon. In the wake of his passing, there were many saddened hearts for this man who had devoted himself to the serving of his fellow man, be it in the field of law, the fraternity or in public service.

Theron was born May 8, 1904, near St. Matthews, son of the late Adelbert A. J. and Caroline Ott Houser. His parents died when he was an infant. The late W. L. Felder and Mrs. W. L. Felder shared their Christian home with him from his infancy until he married. He received his elementary and high school education in the St. Matthews public schools. He attended Wofford Fitting School, graduated at Wofford College with the B. A. degree, and received his LL.B. degree at the University of South Carolina. After receiving his law degree, and being admitted to practice, he opened an office for the general practice of law at St. Matthews and continued same until his untimely death. He was possessed of a keen and discriminating mind and was unusually well versed in the technical side of the law. His practice was general and varied and his clients numerous. He was interested in the law rendering justice and was no stickler for details to accomplish this end. Many will ever be indebted to him for his time and effort, for he counselled those who could pay as well as those who needed advice and counselling and were unable to pay.

He was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church and served it for many years, having served on its official board.

Probably his college fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, other than his church, family and profession, possessed him more than anything else. It seemed to have a preferred demand and call on him, and he gave unlimited time and energy to its advancement and service. It may not be gainsaid that any other member of his fraternity served it with such distinction and faithfulness as he. At one time or another he held practically every office it has. It was only several weeks prior to his death that his fraternity officially recognized, and cited him for, the distinguished and effective service he had rendered it over the years.

Ever since Theron started the practice of Law he was civic minded and interested in public affairs and service. At the time of his death, he was serving his second term as Mayor of St. Matthews and also was serving as secretary of Calhoun County Development Board. He was first elected Mayor as a write-in and was re-elected without opposition.

He married Hattie Marshall Ford of Dothan, Alabama, in 1929. They had one child, Myra Kinley Houser Dean of Charlotte, N. C.

A devoted son, husband and father, consecrated Christian, good lawyer and public spirited citizen left this mortal existence when Theron Adelbert Houser went to his eternal reward.

WALDO H. HYMAN, JR.

By E. LEE MORGAN, JR.

His untimely passing on June 27, 1958, ended the brief, but eventful, legal career of Waldo H. Hyman, Jr., who was taken in death at the age of 37. He was educated in the Florence Public Schools and the University of South Carolina where he lettered in the sport of baseball, a game which he loved so well. He served honorably with the U. S. Navy during World War II, attaining the rank of Lieutenant (j. g.). Upon returning to civilian life he attended the School of Law at the University of South Carolina, being graduated in the year 1948. Shortly after graduation, he served as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a period of approximately two years, thence returning to Florence where he became associated in the practice of law with Mr. George Keels. He later opened his own office and built up a substantial law practice. Those of us who practiced with him, early became aware of his alert mind and natural ability to grasp the most difficult legal problem, to keenly analyze it, and to come up with the correct solution. This ability he used so practically in the trial of cases, which seemed to be his forte. He dearly loved to engage in trial work. On one occasion he was appointed by the Honorable Ashton H. Williams, United States District Judge, to defend an accused. The case was won, the accused acquitted. Shortly, thereafter, Judge Williams commended Mr. Hyman by a letter to him as follows:

"I want to express my deep appreciation for the excellent manner in which you handled the above case. All of the Court appointed lawyers usually perform their duties well, but in the above case, you presented with slight preparation a most magnificent defense for the defendant."

He married the former Joyce Maxwell of Florence and was the father of three lovely children. He was a member of the Baptist church and at one time had taught a Sunday School Class. Life was smiling upon him, or so it

seemed. Little did he know his earthly toil was soon to be finished. Death would not pass him by as perhaps life had. The pathways of life are many and each to choose his own, and only to the Divine Creator can the wisest choice be known. Perhaps life can be as described by the unknown poet, who wrote:

I bargained with life for a penny
 And life would give no more,
 However I begged at evening,
 When I counted my scanty score.
 For Life is just an employer, She gives what we ask
 But once we have set the wages, then we must bear the task.
 I worked for a menial's hire — Only to learn dismayed
 That whatever I had asked of life, Life would have gladly paid.

At the end of the long sleep, the final accounting will be rendered. The day of trial will be over, and the reward of Judgment recorded. It is then that we know that our God is just and merciful, and that the name of our departed brother will be placed in the Book of Remembrance forever. His rest will not be eternal for there is surely a place where his talents and capabilities are certain to be used.

WILLIAM CLARKSON McDOW

BY TOM S. GETTYS

Tributive adjectives fall short of emphasis when used in commemoration and in memory of a life so provocative, meaningful and exemplary as that of W. Clarkson McDow. Born October 1, 1905, in the town of York, W. Clarkson McDow, known to all as "Dode", endeared himself to everyone both through his profession as an outstanding attorney of the York County Bar and through his daily activities as a gentleman, friend and father. "Dode's" outstanding ability and integrity gave to the law profession a guidance for which we, with pride, may well say—this was a life well spent.

In an abbreviated and unanticipated manner, the active role of "Dode" McDow ceased on September 12, 1958. He was the son of the late distinguished and prominent attorney Thomas Franklin McDow and Mary Clarkson McDow. He left surviving his widow, Edna Mishler McDow and four children: Thomas F. McDow, William Clarkson McDow, Jr., Charles Mishler McDow and Nell Reed McDow, all of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and a sister, Mrs. R. L. MacDougall of Atlanta, Georgia.

Excellence and concerted perseverance are earmarks of the type of work "Dode" performed and, along with his engaging personality and depth of understanding of his fellow man, this combination made for him friends among his clients and his fellow members of the Bar. It well qualified him for the practice of law and the office he held at the time of his death, that of Magistrate for Catawba-Ebenezer Township.

"Dode" McDow was graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School in 1928, after completing his undergraduate studies at Wofford College and the University. Following his admission to the Bar, he became associated with the firm of Taliaferro and Clarkson of Charlotte, North Carolina. He

left this position after two years to become the legal secretary to the late U. S. District Judge, J. Lyles Glenn, continuing in this position also for two years. He then entered the law firm of his father, McDow and Hildebrand of York, taking charge of the Rock Hill office. After the death of his father in 1935, he established his own practice in Rock Hill.

In addition to serving as Magistrate, he was for one term a member of the General Assembly from York County.

When one thinks of "Dode" McDow he thinks of a man of engaging personality with many friends to whom he was sincerely and intensely loyal. His sense of humor and wit spread hearty laughter, which he was quick to join. Many of his most humorous stories were of court cases and delighted not only members of the Bar and Judiciary but the public as well.

The memory of William Clarkson McDow is one of warmth and appreciation and long will his loss linger in the hearts of those who knew him.

JOHN MONTEITH McFALL

By SAMUEL L. PRINCE

John Monteith McFall was born in Greenville, South Carolina, on September 3, 1885, the son of Andrew Calhoun McFall and Lillie Duncan (McCullough) McFall. He passed away, after a brief illness, on July 2, 1958. He was survived by his wife, Eulalie (McLeod) McFall, to whom he was married in 1929, and by his daughter, Eulalie Swinton Fenhagen (Mrs. James C. Fenhagen), and by three grandchildren, Eulalie Swinton Fenhagen, James Corner Fenhagen, III, and John McFall Fenhagen.

John McFall received his A.B. degree from the College of Charleston in 1904. He received his M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1906 and his LL.B. degree from George Washington University Law School in 1915. His scholastic career was a brilliant one.

In the period between the end of his academic training and the starting of his law studies John McFall began what was to be a long period of teaching, which ended only with his death. In 1906 he taught in San Antonio, Texas, and in 1907 and 1908 he was headmaster of Peacock Military Academy in that city. From 1908 through 1911 he resided in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he was associated with Donaldson Military Academy, of which he was a co-founder.

Following his graduation from George Washington University, John McFall was admitted, in 1915, to the Georgia Bar, and he practiced law in Atlanta in 1915 and 1916. His attainments as a student of the law were remembered by his law school, and he returned to George Washington University as a Professor of Law, in which capacity he served for several years. In the early 1920's he began a long affiliation with United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Maryland, and in short order rose to the very high posts of Vice-President and Chief Attorney for that large and well-known company. These two outstanding offices he occupied from 1928 until the time of his retirement from the company in 1950. Other corporations besought his services and, busy though he was with his duties at U. S. F. & G., he served as president and in other executive capacities with such companies. Throughout his connection with U. S. F. & G. and the other corporations he served he

retained his interest in, and love for, teaching, and from 1927 until 1950 he was a lecturer in Insurance Law at the University of Maryland Law School, at Baltimore.

While living in Maryland John McFall became a leader in the community life of his adopted state and of his adopted city, Baltimore, and he served with distinction on numerous civic and public bodies, notably as a member of the Maryland Commission on Higher Education, the Baltimore County Public Schools Council, and the Baltimore County Planning Commission, of which he was Vice-Chairman.

John McFall's chief eminence lay in his recognized leadership and authority in the insurance industry, not only as a lawyer, but as an executive and spokesman. His reputation bordered on fame, and throughout the United States his views and opinions were sought and followed. He served as Chairman of many committees of the whole insurance industry, and his membership in other committees in which he occupied lesser positions were almost beyond number. Both in the insurance industry and outside it, and particularly among members of legislative and regulatory bodies, were his counsel and advice listened to with respect and deference. As a fluent writer and meticulous student of law and business he contributed many important and significant articles to insurance journals and law reviews.

Following his retirement from U. S. F. & G. in 1950 John McFall came back to his native state. Although he was entitled to a complete surcease from his labors, he did not, on returning to South Carolina, put his talents to rest. Instead he drew upon the rich store of experience and learning which he had built, and shared it with the citizens of this state. He engaged in a limited consultative practice in Columbia, (associated with Roberts, Jennings, Thomas and Lumpkin) assuming the not-unexpected role of a "lawyer's lawyer" in a highly complex field. But more important he returned to his most beloved pursuit—teaching. From the time of his return until his death he taught Insurance in the School of Business Administration at the University of South Carolina, and he was a lecturer in Insurance and in Constitutional Law in the School of Law at the University.

As a teacher John McFall had few peers. He spoke with the authority born of vast experience and with the wisdom and the great knowledge of true scholarship. For, in essence, John McFall was a teacher all his adult life—a teaching span of more than fifty years. Wherever he undertook to instruct, those who had the good fortune to have him as a teacher reaped a rich reward. From him they received not only learning but inspiration.

As a personality John McFall endeared himself to all who knew him. Outgoing, generous, charming, gay and convivial, he was a good friend and a joyful acquaintance. As a family man he was the exemplar of devotion and solidity. As a citizen and as a member of his community—wherever that might have been—he gave freely of himself, always volunteering and never refusing participation and leadership in every worthwhile activity.

John McFall was well deserving of the acclaim and praise lavished upon him. He was a man of whom his State was proud—for the honor he brought to it as well as to himself—and a man who was an adornment to his many callings: of business, of teaching, of law. The Bars to which he was admitted—Georgia, Maryland, and South Carolina—and the Courts of the land before which he practiced lost a member and a practitioner who served well

the cause of the administration of justice. So too has been lost the dedicated teacher, the vigorous executive, the good citizen, the unsparing friend, the devoted head of a family.

In the preparation of this memorial I had the valuable assistance of Professor Coleman Karesh.

ADAM H. MOSS

BY JERRY M. HUGHES, JR.

Adam H. Moss passed away at the Orangeburg Regional Hospital at one p. m. on February 16, 1959. He was an able attorney, outstanding public servant and a friend of all who knew him, who had a very successful career. He was 87 years old.

Adam Moss was born at Cameron, South Carolina, in Calhoun County, on September 16, 1871, the son of James M. Moss and Margaret Holman Moss. He graduated from Wofford College in 1892 and began the study of law in the office of Judge B. H. Moss. He was admitted to the Bar in 1895. He served as a member of the House of Representatives from Orangeburg County from 1900 to 1904.

His first partnership for the practice of law was with Simon B. Rich until the latter's death in 1914. A partnership was later formed with P. Frank Haigler and in 1933 his son, James A. Moss, was taken into the firm. Mr. Haigler left the firm in 1945 and opened his separate office but the partnership with his son continued through 1947 when he turned most of his practice over to his son and went into semi-retirement although he came to the office almost every day until about a month before he passed away.

He served as President of the Orangeburg Bar Association from 1935 to 1954. Many people called him "Colonel" as he served on the staff of Governor McSwegney. He was also a veteran of the Spanish American War. During the First World War he served as County Red Cross Chairman and he has also served as Chairman of the Democratic Party for Orangeburg County. Beginning in 1922 he represented the Southern Railroad as Assistant Division Counsel, which position he continued to hold and which his son now holds.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees for South Carolina State College at Orangeburg for many years and served for a number of years as Chairman of the Board. The law school building at State College was named for him.

He was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, the Elks Club and the Rotary Club.

He always represented a client with the greatest of skill and ability; and above all he was a most loyal and true friend. In his loss the legal profession has lost a very fine advocate.

His wife, the former Anne Norwood of Charleston, died about one year ago. He is survived by a son, James A. Moss of Orangeburg and a daughter, Mrs. Louisa M. McLees of Orangeburg.

DANIEL SHUFORD MURPH

BY FURMAN R. GRESSETTE

Daniel Shuford Murph, son of the late Daniel J. W. Murph and Euphrasia Wolfe Murph, born near St. Matthews in 1880, died unexpectedly July 5, 1958, at Fairfield County Memorial Hospital in Winnsboro.

Mr. Murph, known familiarly as Shuf, was taught by his mother, who finished in the first graduating class of Winthrop College. He received an A.B. degree from Wofford College in 1902, a Master's degree from Trinity College, now Duke University, in 1903, and a LL.B. degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., in 1916.

He taught school at Trinity Park School from 1903 to 1907. In 1908, he was elected Calhoun County's first superintendent of education, in which position he served from 1908 to 1913. He served as secretary of the Agriculture Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives from 1913 to 1916. He was associated with the Bureau of Markets, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., from 1917 to 1920. He actively practiced at the bar at St. Matthews for 13 years, where he had an extensive and lucrative clientele. Afterwards, he later returned to Washington as Chief of the Cotton Processing and Marketing Division for the A. A. A. He left government service and became a member of the National Fertilizer Association from 1934 to 1950, serving as its secretary and treasurer for five years.

The Farmers' Bank and Trust Company, St. Matthews, was principally organized by him, and he served as its first president. While practicing law at St. Matthews, he served under appointment as special judge of circuit court. He was a Mason, a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and was listed in "Who's Who in America."

On August 20, 1927, he and Miss Annie Elder Ketchin of Winnsboro were married. They had one son, Daniel Shuford Murph, Jr.; Mrs. Murph and his son survive him.

In 1952 Mr. Murph retired and moved with his family to Winnsboro.

The passing of Shuf Murph brought to an end the career of a distinguished South Carolinian, who had brilliantly achieved enviable positions as an educator, lawyer and public servant. Out of the many fields in which he distinguished himself the law was his closest interest. He was truly a student of the law in its strictest sense. As a pleader he was in a class by himself, on top. While his control and complete knowledge of the subject was evident in each case he was associated, particularly to those aligned against him, he was always the friendly adversary but ever mindful of the trust imposed in him by his many clients. The bar will be many years in finding a near successor to take his place as a student of the law, an active and effective practitioner and a Christian.

JOHN SHEPPARD NICHOLSON

John Sheppard Nicholson was born November 16, 1915, in Edgefield, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Benjamin Edward Nicholson and Helen Sheppard Nicholson. His maternal grandparents were Governor John C.

Sheppard and Helen Wallace Sheppard, and his paternal grandparents were Benjamin Edward Nicholson and Elizabeth Hughes Nicholson.

He attended the public schools in Edgefield, and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of South Carolina in 1939. While at the University he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

Following his graduation from law school, John was employed briefly by the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, before enlisting in the Army in March, 1941. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor he was sent overseas and remained on overseas duty for two and one-half years. He served on Guadalcanal under Major General Alexander M. Patch when the Army relieved the Marine invasion forces. There he contracted malaria, which necessitated his removal to a rest camp in New Caledonia. He subsequently suffered sixteen attacks of this virulent fever which undermined his health and contributed in large part to his untimely death. He was released from the Army in November, 1945, with the rank of Captain.

John returned to the Wage and Hour Division after his discharge from military service, but not long afterward moved to Columbia and entered the private practice of law. He enjoyed a general civil practice with particular emphasis on the field of real property law. He was recognized as an expert in this field and his considered opinions were held in high regard by his fellows at the bar. In addition to his private practice he had also for several years prior to his death assisted the Legislature in the preparation and drafting of bills as a member of the Legislative Council.

He was married to the former Miss Mary Norris Wright of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the granddaughter of former Lieutenant Governor James Tillman and Mary Norris Tillman of Edgefield. He is also survived by two young daughters, Mary Norris Nicholson and Helen Tillman Nicholson. His brother, B. E. Nicholson, is a well known attorney in Edgefield, his sister Elizabeth is the wife of P. H. Nelson, prominent Columbia attorney, and his sister June is married to Dr. Gerald E. McDaniel, Division Director of the State Board of Health in Columbia.

John was a member of Forest Lake Club, and was active in the affairs of Trinity Episcopal Church.

In August, 1958, he received an acknowledgment of his splendid war record at ceremonies in Edgefield held by the Edgefield Historical Society at which he was awarded the Cross for Military Service.

He died at the Veterans' Hospital in Columbia on October 26, 1958, and is buried in the family plot at Willowbrook Cemetery in Edgefield.

EUGENE S. OLIVER

By R. W. SHARKEY

Eugene Stuart Oliver was born in Marion County on May 19, 1880, the son of Alexander Oliver and Margaret LeGette Oliver, both of Marion County.

He attended the University of South Carolina, from which he graduated with both engineering and law degrees. While at Carolina he played varsity football with distinction and he was also outstanding in other college sports.

Upon his graduation in the year 1908 he spent some time in land surveying in Marion County. Later, in 1909 and 1910 he practiced law in Marion with the late L. M. Gasque. Later, in 1910, he moved to Florence where he con-

tinued the practice of law with the late James P. McNeill under the firm name of McNeill & Oliver until the death of Mr. McNeill a number of years ago. Thereafter, he continued in the general practice until his death during the year 1958 — with the exception of a period of several years during and immediately following World War I. He entered the military service in August, 1917, with the 118th Field Artillery Battalion, and from October 1918 until sometime in 1919, he was with the 9th Balloon Company in foreign service. On April 6th, 1919, he was honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant.

No member of the Bar ever enjoyed greater respect and affection from his fellow lawyers than did Eugene Oliver. He was what the profession has termed a "careful lawyer." He was possessed of a keen sense of responsibility, not only regarding his professional obligations, but also in every other relationship of life.

WILLIAM H. SMITH

BY LEAH TOWNSEND

William Harold Smith, late of Florence, South Carolina, was born October 30, 1893, at Orangeburg, South Carolina, where his father, the Reverend Charles Betts Smith, was Methodist minister. His mother, Mary Moorer Smith, of St. George, died in 1902. Like all Methodist ministers, his father transferred from charge to charge — Charleston, Manning, and others; these changes and chances let William spend much of his youth on the Smith plantation known as Tanglewood, in what was once Sumter, now Lee County. His ancestry was distinguished, including Senator E. D. Smith, Bishop Coke Smith, the McLeods and many others.

Most of William's grammar school training was received either privately or at the county schools near the plantation. In 1910, he entered Wofford College, and found it peculiarly congenial, always thereafter claiming Wofford the best liberal arts college in this state. He was graduated in 1914 with a degree in liberal arts. Honorable Thomas B. Greneker, Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, one of his classmates, says that William was a brilliant student without great effort, widely read and with an extraordinary vocabulary, skilled in debate from his freshman year, always involved in amusing escapades, full of fun and popular with his classmates.

After graduation, he found work for a short time in the Washington office of his uncle, Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina (to whom William bore a close resemblance physically) while the First World War was in progress, then entered the Army Signal Corps in 1917, and was designated aviation pilot after receiving most of his training at Camp Dix, New Jersey, and at Foggia, Italy. His detachment went to France and was immediately detailed to combat duty at St. Marie Farm during a major battle. After excellent service in the aviation section of the army, he was discharged in France and returned to the United States February 23, 1919, and to his work as private secretary to Senator Smith, then Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, in Washington. During this period as private secretary, William studied law at the law school of Georgetown University, making a brilliant record and showing an unusual grasp of legal principles. He married

in Washington, D. C., in 1922, Marjorie Montgomery Stupp of Auburn, New York, then came to Florence, where the Smiths have many connections, in February 1924, and began the practice of law. His eldest son, Charles Betts Smith, now Commander in the United States Navy, was born in Washington, D. C., on January 23, 1923; three other sons were born in Florence: William H. Smith, Jr., October 5, 1924, who a year or two ago joined his father in the practice of law in Florence; Hugh Montgomery Smith, July 29, 1927, formerly practicing with his father in Florence, now doing legal work for the United States Department of Labor (NLRB); and St. Clair Smith, July 29, 1929, now at Pensacola, Florida, in the United States Navy.

William Smith was appointed Recorder for the City of Florence about 1933 and served in that capacity until his death on December 11, 1958. Resolutions of the City Council adopted December 15, 1958, expressed the sense of the city officials, and that of his many friends, that his services had been untiring and of great value to the city. He was a Mason in earlier years, a member of the Florence County Bar Association, a charter member of Florence Elks Club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation was with Central Methodist Church, Florence, South Carolina. Gardening was one of his hobbies, particularly camellia culture, his favorites being Pink Perfection and Marjorie Magnificent.

William, in spite of his hearty detestation of the book of that name, himself "came out of the eighteenth century: in his sense of family solidarity, of social position, of individual dignity and of personal choice of pleasure and amusement; but, in matters of sex and sentiment, and in his passionate devotion to the way of life of the old South, for the defense of which he was ready at any moment to do battle, he came only so far as the age of Victoria directly from the days of chivalry."

William was a good companion, always ready with a story or joke to fit the point or cap the climax, quick and able to give and take in any clash of wit or personality. His grasp of principle and his knowledge of practice showed the intelligence of a keen legal mind. However, any use of subterfuge or trickery made him uneasy. His absolute sense of the limits of fact and truth made him preeminently a man of conscience in a profession offering singular opportunities to the conscienceless to shift and juggle.

HENRY KEITH TOWNES

BY JAMES H. PRICE

Henry Keith Townes was born in Greenville, South Carolina, on October 16, 1876, died June 13, 1958, and therefore was close to eighty-two years of age when he received the final summons from the Great Judge.

He received his education in the public schools of Greenville and Furman University, from which institution he graduated in 1897.

After studying law in the law offices of B. M. Shuman, Esq., then a well known equity lawyer in Greenville, he took the law examination in Columbia and was admitted to the Bar in May 1900. Therefore at the time of his death he had been practicing law in Greenville for fifty-eight years. It was a long record of honorable achievement. In addition to being an outstanding lawyer he was an unusually successful business man. With practically no

capital to start with he amassed a valuable estate, which he left to his family.

Among other public offices which Mr. Townes filled during his lifetime was those of County Democratic Chairman and County Attorney. He was likewise President of the Greenville Bar Association and was known from one end of Greenville County to the other as a lawyer of unimpeachable integrity. While his chief practice was in the field of Equity yet he appeared in a number of important cases both criminal and civil. The predominate characteristic of Mr. Townes was thoroughness and absolute honesty in dealing with his clients. In his particular field he always went into Court with his cases thoroughly prepared and was known as a master in the field of title examination.

While he left a large estate to his family, he left them a far more valuable heritage, an unblemished reputation of high character in a law practice extending eight years over a half century. No one raised the slightest question of his professional honesty and integrity. He likewise had an equally perfect reputation as a man and citizen.

Throughout his practice Mr. Townes was distinguished for his indomitable courage. He was absolutely without physical fear. During the years of his early practice personal courage was an absolute essential in the practice of law. Henry Townes had it in the highest degree. He had many personal friends throughout Greenville County. The Greenville Bar indeed lost a valuable man when Henry Townes answered the final Call.

WILLIAM BLACKBURN WILSON, SR.

BY RICHARD LEWIS

The death of William Blackburn Wilson, Sr. on December 8, 1958, in Rock Hill, South Carolina, brought to an end a career of more than fifty-six years of legal service to the people of York County and the State of South Carolina.

Born in Yorkville (now York), South Carolina on November 23, 1878, he was the son of the late William B. Wilson and Isabelle Miller Wilson and was the third son in succession to bear the name following in a line of able and outstanding members of the Bar. William Blackburn Wilson, Sr. was a lifelong resident of Rock Hill and received his early education in the Rock Hill Public Schools. His higher education continued at the University of South Carolina, the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and the University of South Carolina Law School, Class of 1901.

It was at the University of the South at Sewanee that his qualities of leadership, as well as athletic ability, became evident to his classmates and numerous football fans. As captain of the famous Sewanee football team that was undefeated in its entire season, he led his team to a record of five games in seven days played and won against leading schools and universities of the south—a record never since approached in the annals of college athletics.

Joining the firm of Wilson and Wilson in Rock Hill with his father, after admission to the bar in July 1901, he immediately entered into a vigorous practice of law which during his lifetime saw much of the litigation in the county. He was persistent and devoted to his work and when championing that in which he believed he was a dangerous adversary.

In spite of the demands of his profession, Mr. Wilson found time to take

an interest in public affairs. He served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1909-1913 and was for thirty years the York County Executive Committeeman in the Democratic Party. He was the first City Recorder for the City of Rock Hill, conducting his office with justice and impartiality for thirty-five years.

An Episcopalian by faith, he was a lifetime member of the Church of Our Savior in Rock Hill where he was a member of the Vestry. He was also active in service clubs such as the Rock Hill Kiwanis Club, the Elks and other social and fraternal organizations.

During both world wars Mr. Wilson was a member of the Selective Service Board, discharging his duties impartially, fairly and with a deep sense of the responsibilities of the office.

Mr. Wilson was married on January 1, 1902, to Miss Willie Frances Bays of Rock Hill who survives with his children: Virginia Herbert Wilson Babbitt, Isabella Wilson Guerrant and William Blackburn Wilson, Jr. He was buried in Laurelwood Cemetery, mourned by his legal associates, personal and business friends.

A man of fine personality traits, he was first of all interested in people and counted among his friends men, women and young people of all walks of life. He was a devoted family man and his home was always open to his friends and was often the center of social activity. The passing of William Blackburn Wilson, Sr. at the age of 80 leaves behind a warm memory in the hearts of those who knew him and those whose lives in some way were influenced by him.