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STUART MURRAY ANDREWS

BY ARTHUR LOCKE KING

Stuart Murray Andrews, born at Georgetown, South Carolina, on the 3rd day of October, 1914, in whose memory these lines are written, was the son of the late Walter H. Andrews, a native of Vermont, and Mayde Matherson Andrews, a native of Marlboro County, South Carolina. It was natural, therefore, that Stuart Andrews developed a broad and liberal spirit which favored neither North nor South, East nor West, but rather his patriotism extended over all America.

Yet he had preference as to the area in which he desired to live and rear his family. This is why after his military service to the country was ended and he had obtained his law degree from the University of South Carolina and was launched upon what appeared to be a brilliant prospect for a successful career in Portland, Oregon, he decided to pull up stakes there and return to the place of his nativity, Georgetown, South Carolina.

Arriving in South Carolina he first stopped in Andrews, the town which was named for his father, and then moved over to Georgetown where he immediately set up one of the most efficiently equipped law offices in this section of the country. Like most young lawyers who begin a legal career from scratch he did not have many clients, but he did not waste his time sitting in the office waiting for business; rather, he began to get business by creating it. Having given up an assured competency in Portland for his family, consisting of his wife, the former Vivian Von Santen Hiers, and his three young sons, he purchased a large building which had formerly been a combination private residence and apartment house, and proceeded to make some sixteen apartments in this building and at the same time to erect a comfortable modern home on the same lot for his family.

From the security of this venture Stuart anticipated taking up his work in the field of law which would have almost certainly led him into politics—meaning that field of public activity where men of character and high spirit work to find an outlet for the urge to improve the lot of their fellowmen. This fact was demonstrated in his life in the Thurmond-Brown Campaign of 1954 for the United States Senate, when he took a very prominent stand for what he believed to be true democracy. While his outspoken condemnation of what he termed machine politics was considered by many persons to be improvident and he was, therefore, criticized for his action in this respect, the writer of these lines knows from conversations held with Stuart during this period that his actions were motivated from the highest sense of duty as a citizen.

In concluding this attempt to put into enduring form some of the outstanding traits and characteristics of this young member of the great profession of the law, it would be trite to say that "his un-

timely passing" cut short the prospect of a brilliant career when he was killed in an automobile accident July 14, 1955.

But we cannot bring ourselves to view Stuart's death as the ending of a career since we feel that the call was to a larger field. His legacy to the welfare of his fellowmen lives on in the devoted wife and three beautiful small sons. In this family has been deposited the great contribution that this, our departed brother, made to our general welfare during his earthly existence. That his noble spirit is constantly with them through their faith in an all wise Providence is the unassailable security which he left to his family. Thus, when the separation between Stuart and his loved ones came there was available an ever sustaining power to those who must continue the effort to fulfill the mission which he began.

ROBERT LEE BALLENTINE

BY FRANCIS R. FANT AND S. EUGENE HALEY

Robert Lee Ballentine was born November 1, 1902, in Anderson County. His father was Z. C. Ballentine and his mother was Cora Ashley Ballentine, both members of old and prominent families of this section of South Carolina. He received his education in the elementary and high schools of Anderson, Furman University of Greenville, and his law training at the Law School of the University of Virginia. He was admitted to practice law in 1924 and began his professional career at Anderson. A short time thereafter he moved to Walhalla, Oconee County, where he continued his practice of law. While there he attained the distinction of becoming Mayor of the Town of Walhalla and at that time was the youngest mayor in the United States. After many years of useful service in the practice of law in Walhalla, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he became regional counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission and acted as counsel for the Commission in eight southeastern states. In 1941 he resigned from this position and returned to Anderson, resuming the practice of law which he continued until the time of his death, March 1, 1956.

In April 1923 Robert Lee Ballentine married Miss Ruby McMillan and two daughters were born to this union, Betty, who is the wife of James W. Chestnut of the United States Air Force, and Anne, the wife of John K. Grisso, a member of this Bar, who was associated with Mr. Ballentine in the practice of law under the firm name of Ballentine & Grisso.

Mr. Ballentine was a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masons and a member of the First Baptist Church of Anderson where he participated actively in the work of his church. He was past president of the Anderson County Bar Association.

To all of us he was known as "Bob" and was always friendly. The unusual sense of wit and humor he possessed was evident in nearly every conversation. He was energetic and diligent in the prosecution of his client's business. He held the respect of the courts, his fellow lawyers and people of all walks of life. At any time he was eager to render a favor to any who might ask, and he was always considerate of young lawyers and was ready at all times to help and advise them. He was

a devoted husband and father and his chief aim in life was the welfare and happiness of his family. We are grateful for the fellowship we had with him, the Bar has been made richer by his presence among us and he will be long remembered by all of us. Our sincere sympathy at his passing is extended to his family.

GARVIN GIGNILIATT CHRISTOPHER

BY G. L. GRANTHAM

Garvin Gigniliatt Christopher was born June 20, 1890 in Pickens County, South Carolina, the son of N. B. and Anne McAdams Christopher. He attended public school in Pickens, the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina Law School where he was graduated in 1913.

He commenced the practice of law in Greer, South Carolina in 1913 immediately after his admission to the Bar and practiced under the firm name, Christopher and Reese, until his entry into the Army in World War I. After the end of the war, Mr. Christopher returned to Pickens where he began the practice alone. A few years later he became associated with the late James P. Carey and practiced under the firm name of Carey and Christopher for several years. This firm was later dissolved and Mr. Christopher had practiced alone in Pickens for some years prior to his death. On February 12, 1956, he sustained a coronary occlusion and died very suddenly. His death was unexpected though he had spent several years in declining health. He was survived by his wife, the former Anne Langston; two daughters, Mrs. Harry F. Emmitt, and Mrs. Hugh G. Brown, Jr.; one son, G. G. Christopher, Jr.; and four brothers, Weldon Christopher, John D. Christopher, N. B. Christopher and Mac A. Christopher.

Mr. Christopher was highly interested in civic affairs and had served during former years as Mayor of Greer and as Mayor of Pickens. He had also served as a member of the Pickens County Board of Education and was a member of the Pickens County Democratic Executive Committee at the time of his death. He served the town of Pickens for some ten years before his election as Mayor as City Clerk. He was a member of the Pickens Baptist Church.

Affectionately known as "Gigs" he was an affable and personable man, possessed of a marked ability to make friends quickly and easily. He was loved by his many friends throughout the State as well as by his associates at the Bar. His mark will long remain on the county where he was born and lived practically his entire life.

EDWARD COLGATE DENNIS

BY ROBERT L. KILGO

Edward Colgate Dennis was born in Bishopville on April 10th, 1872, the son of Mary Green Dennis and Dr. Robert E. Dennis, a practicing physician. Judge Dennis attended the public schools in Bishopville, S. C., and was graduated from Bingham School, Mebane, North Caro-

lina, in 1890, following which he taught school one year and entered Vanderbilt University, graduating in 1895.

After graduation he taught school in Kingstree for two years and in Edgefield for one year. In the meantime he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1898.

After being admitted to the bar, Judge Dennis worked for two years in the City of Philadelphia compiling information for an encyclopedia of law. January 1st, 1901, he came to Darlington and opened his law office. He served as Mayor of the Town of Darlington in 1911-12 and as a member of the General Assembly in the House of Representatives in 1919-20; he did not offer for re-election to either office. He was elected Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit on January 23, 1923 and served in this judicial office until his retirement in 1945.

On April 10, 1906, Judge Dennis married Miss Blanche C. Moorer of St. George. A boy, Edward Colgate Dennis, Jr., and a daughter, Blanche, now Mrs. William C. Cantey of Columbia, were born; to each of whom was in turn born a boy and a girl. Edward C. Dennis, Jr., married Jane McKinnon of Brunswick, Georgia.

Judge Dennis was ever sympathetic for and attentive towards those who in his time were needful of a helping hand, and he demonstrated his high sense of responsibility for his fellow man, which he considered part and parcel of achievement. Epworth Orphanage in Columbia was the constant recipient of his devotion and substance. The many immigrant residents of his community found in Judge E. C. Dennis the warm understanding and professional direction which wove them into the fabric of the community as responsible and happy citizens of this state and nation. Throughout his mature years in Darlington he was closely associated with Trinity Methodist Church as a faithful and devoted member, Steward and Trustee; for many years he taught a Sunday School class in Trinity Church and at Epworth Church in the Darlington Cotton Mill community. Never a man of pretension, the little children of his neighborhood (the writer having been one) found in him a patient and kindly friend and inspirational guide.

Always outspoken and frank, but not rude, he was genuinely revered and loved by the lawyers and Judges throughout the State which he served. He was not pedantic; nevertheless, of scholarship he was sufficiently endowed. Extremely practical and impatient with worthless detail or argument his decisions were highly regarded, and stand now in evidence of his understanding of and love for humankind.

Ten years after his retirement, Judge Edward Colgate Dennis passed away on July 9th, 1955.

HAROLD MAJOR

BY T. SLOAN BANISTER AND THOMAS ALLEN

Harold Major was born September 21, 1898, in the City of Anderson. He was the son of J. J. Major and Jane Harris Major.

He attended the elementary schools of the City of Anderson, and was graduated from the Anderson High School. He was graduated from Bailey Military Academy in Greenwood; then served in the Armed

Forces during the First World War; and on his discharge, he attended and was graduated in law from the University of South Carolina on June 11, 1919. When he was barely twenty-one years of age, he began the practice of law in Anderson in the same office he was occupying at the time of his death on February 14, 1956.

He was married to Eunice Dean on June 4, 1924, and to that union was born four children, Harold Major, Junior, who was a casualty of World War II, James Major and Emily (Lady) Major, these two being twins, and Eunice (Junie) Major.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and for some years was a deacon in said church; was a thirty-second degree Mason, also a Shriner, and also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a charter member of the Anderson Kiwanis Club and served as its president in 1942.

As a practitioner, he was signally successful. He served Anderson County as county attorney; Clemson College as attorney for many years; was legal adviser for the Public Service Commission for many years; and was serving both Clemson and the Public Service Commission at the time of his death. He likewise had an extensive practice among the people of the community and was especially interested in looking out for the interests of the unfortunate.

Harold, as he was affectionately known to his friends, was a man of sound judgment as was attested not only by the success which attended the management of his own business affairs, but also by the extent his services were sought and his counsel acted upon by his clients. During the last twenty years there has been phenomenal growth of Clemson College. In this many of his friends have had a leading part and he a keen and vital interest. It is therefore not strange that in this expansion his ability as counselor found opportunity for apt expression.

Also, as a trial lawyer he was outstanding. In the Court room he had a splendid poise, and with full knowledge of human nature and a keen understanding of the reaction of both Court and jury to the issues involved, he possessed a delightfully interesting manner of presenting his cause.

Any appraisal of our friend would be superficial that did not seek to magnify the finer attributes of his character. His high standard of professional ethics but reflected a like standard of personal ethics. He was deeply religious. A Christian, not, to be sure, of the ostentatious type, but with a keen perception of Christian ethics and a singular zeal for expressing them in his daily conduct. And thus as we reflect upon the elements of greatness of this, our friend, we conclude that Harold Major wrought well and built a character that will endure.

GEORGE HENRY MOMEIER

BY J. KENNETH RENTIERIS

The Charleston County Bar Association lost one of its most respected and beloved members in the death of George Henry Momeier on July 24, 1955, at the age of eighty-one years.

George H. Momeier was born in Charleston on October 8, 1873. He

was educated in local schools and prepared himself for the bar by studying law in the office of J. Ancrum Simons. Admitted to the bar in 1895, he maintained his practice until his last illness, a practice covering a span of sixty years.

He was one of the Charter Members of the Charleston County Bar Association and was always keenly interested in the affairs of the Association. He was a member of the General Assembly and served his County and State in that capacity in 1915 and 1916.

He was an active member of several fraternal organizations of the community, including the Knights of Pythias, the Fellowship Society and the Charleston Rifle Club, of which he was a life member.

Always friendly and courteous, he possessed a real sense of devotion to his profession. He was loyal to his many clients and to the high ethics of his calling.

His death has removed an able lawyer, a valued friend and a substantial citizen of our community.

To the widow and the other members of his family, we extend heartfelt condolences and sympathy.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL MCGOWAN

BY W. M. SHAND, JR.

I feel deeply grateful and highly honored to be allowed the privilege of presenting a memorial in memory of Billy McGowan.

I had the distinct pleasure of practicing law with Billy McGowan, as did my grandfather and father before me. I recall being told by the late Christie Benet that he and Billy McGowan had planned to form a partnership in the practice of law in this city but decided that they would first approach Robert W. Shand and my father, then practicing as Shand & Shand, with the idea of forming a partnership. It was determined by these four gentlemen that a partnership of mutual advantage could be worked out successfully and accordingly, the firm of Shand, Benet, Shand & McGowan was formed. Later, upon the death of Robert W. Shand, the firm name was changed to Benet, Shand & McGowan, which lasted for some twenty-seven years.

William Campbell McGowan was born in Abbeville, South Carolina, in 1889, the son of Mrs. Clelia Mathews McGowan and the late William Campbell McGowan. He spent his early life in Charleston, was a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee and received his law degree at the University of South Carolina. He served on the Mexican Border with the Columbia Machine Gun Company with many of his beloved Columbia friends and associates. At the beginning of World War I, he went to Officers Training Camp at Ft. Oglethorpe, from which he was commissioned as Captain and was assigned to the famous 81st Division. He was later promoted to the rank of Major, a title he carried until the time of his death. He served with distinction in France as Commander of a machine gun battalion and he loved to recall the interesting experiences he had during this period of his life. Major McGowan was active in the beginning and earliest days of the American Legion and at one time served as Vice Department Commander for South Carolina.

Later, during World War II, he was appointed by the Attorney General of the United States as Hearing Officer for the Eastern District of South Carolina for Conscientious Objectors. In this job he served well, and even though each petitioner was given a fair trial with an open mind, it was always difficult for him to understand how anyone would not wish and be glad for the opportunity of serving his country. I know, of my own personal knowledge, that it was one of his deepest regrets that he was unable to actively serve his country in World War II. At the conclusion of these hostilities, he headed the financial campaign to raise funds for the Richland Post to purchase its present home at Senate and Bull Streets and the success of this campaign was another shining example of his ability to organize men of all ages and walks of life in a common endeavor for a cause that he considered worthwhile and just.

He was recognized by all as one of the leading members of the Bar and in his representation of many of the largest firms, he had the ability to see instantly the error or possible difficulty in a contract or situation that would not occur to many and the keen foresight to discover the slightest tint of anything dishonest or in any way fraudulent.

A delightful story teller, he never tired of telling or listening to tales of incidents that happened to his many friends and companions. Golf trips with Paul Cooper, Jo-Berry Lyles and my father were among his favorites, and fishing and football trips with Claud Sapp, Punch Ehrlich, Pinckney Cain and others would be recalled over and over again as if they had been recent incidents.

Billy McGowan had a heart that carried the troubles of others and few, other than his intimate friends, knew how the passing of each friend or associate bore heavily on his whole life and feelings. Upon each such sad occasion, it was as if a part of him had been taken away. He at times had a manner which seemed abrupt but to those who knew him well, it was his manner and way of indicating that he wanted no mistake as to his intentions on the subject under discussion. This brings to mind the story of a very prominent, distinguished lady who was a close friend who asked him "Would you like to come to my garden party?" His true McGowan reply was "I would not," to which her magnificent reply was "Well Billy I wouldn't go either if I wasn't giving it."

I sincerely believe that the last thing Billy McGowan would have been interested in would be to offer for a public office, but he was keenly interested in all civic matters. As Paul Cooper has said, he was the finest organizer of proponents or opponents to any question involving a principle that he felt would effect our City, County, State or National Government. As an example of this, he took part in many civic activities and was Chairman of the Citizens Committee formed in opposition to the purchase by the City of Columbia of the properties of the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

Billy McGowan was loved as few have been loved by those who knew him well. He was a person so attractive that to include him in any group, was to assure a successful gathering. Although never married, he had a love and devotion for the members of his family equal to the fondest of any married family man. In addition to his deep feeling of responsibility for the welfare of his family, a large portion of his life was spent in helping others in day-to-day problems with which they were faced.

Only few knew, and they only by chance, of the many kindnesses and charitable donations which he made to those in need and, in most instances, his helping hand appeared on the scene when least expected and needed most.

In conclusion, I could say no more than that he was a grand, courageous, honorable gentleman with many friends that will miss him always.

WILLIAM M. SMOAK

BY JOHN A. MAY

William Moore Smoak, prominent attorney, passed away on March 12, 1956, at the Veterans Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, following an extended illness. He was seventy-six.

Mr. Smoak was born at St. Matthews, South Carolina, July 5, 1880, son of John and Florence Vann Smoak. He came to Aiken fifty-three years ago and began his law practice. Prior to his admission to the bar, he read law in the office of the late Col. D. S. Henderson, one of the most distinguished lawyers who ever practiced in the South Carolina courts.

Mr. Smoak served for a number of years as magistrate in Aiken, and was known as Judge Smoak. He was also a veteran of World War I, former Commander of Post No. 26 American Legion, County Chairman of the Democratic party for Aiken County, and a member of the Aiken Bar, and Aiken Lodge No. 156 of the Masons, a retired Captain in the Army Reserve, and member of the First Baptist Church in Aiken.

On November 3, 1909, he was married to Miss Marion Hartzog of Orangeburg, who survives, along with two sons, Col. William M. Smoak, Jr., Augusta, Georgia and Col. Marion H. Smoak, Washington, D. C. Also surviving are two sisters, Miss Annie Mae Smoak, Batesburg, S. C., and Mrs. Grace Hartley, also of Batesburg, two grandchildren, William M. Smoak, 3rd, now a student at The Citadel and Cynthia Smoak of Augusta, Georgia.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church, Aiken, and interment was in Sunnyside Cemetery, Orangeburg.

The seventy-six year life span of William Moore Smoak was a living sermon of "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." He lived and worked for others, for his country, for his church, for his friends and neighbors, and for his family. A banker might say that he left no estate, that he died a poor man. But in the Eternal Record, which holds that any true wealth is the good we do in this world, it must be entered that he died a very rich man. To the world he does leave a legacy indeed important, a brave and wonderful widow and two splendid sons, who are following in his footsteps in serving their country in war and in peace. He also leaves the inspiring, shining memory of a good man, who unselfishly asked of life only the humble privilege of doing for others; who felt that his best and highest mission in life was to try each day hard and faithfully to follow in the footsteps of the Master.

In our last tribute to this great and good American, whom thousands knew simply as "Judge," we can well say, "There walked a real man—always with his face toward God."

CHARLES WILLIAM FRAZIER SPENCER, SR.

BY W. CLARKSON MCDOW

One of the greatest and most lovable characters I have ever known or ever expect to know, Charles William Frazier Spencer, Sr., was called to the home of his heavenly Father on February 20, 1956.

Mr. Spencer was born at York, South Carolina on October 23, 1876, the son of the late distinguished lawyer, Charles Edward Spencer and Sallie Clawson Spencer. He took his academic training at Hampden-Sidney College and was graduated from Washington & Lee University Law School in 1898. While at Washington & Lee, he formed a very close and intimate friendship with one of his professors, the late John W. Davis, which friendship lasted until the latter's death a few years ago.

In 1910 he married Miss Ethel Chapman and of this marriage four children survive, Lenora Spencer Melcher, C. W. F. Spencer, Jr., Richard S. Spencer and William C. Spencer. Mrs. Ethel Chapman Spencer died in 1938 and in 1940 he was married to Miss Rook Hoyt.

For almost 58 years he practiced law in Rock Hill with great ability, kindness, courtesy, and ethics. He was on one side or the other of almost every important case tried in York County during the last half century. Mr. Spencer never lied about others, and he wouldn't want to be lied about. He was not a great advocate, in other words he was in no sense a "mouth piece." He was a lawyer's lawyer; and was a substantial part of, if not the real legal brain behind every case he ever participated in.

Mr. Spencer was a student of the law, a wise counselor, whose advice was both sound and honest. He specialized in equity because he knew, he understood and he loved justice and right.

He acquired a goodly portion of this world's goods, he was one of the founders of the Peoples National Bank and the Mechanics Federal Savings and Loan Association. In addition to them, he represented a large number of insurance companies and other wealthy clients, but in spite of this, he was always sympathetic with and kind to those less fortunate than himself. I have seen him spend hours of his valuable time, without any hope of financial reward, helping old friends, both white and black.

During the past 26 years, it has been my high privilege to be associated with Mr. Spencer in the trial of many cases and other legal matters; in others he was a friendly and manly opponent. Sometimes tempers would flare and personalities would be injected, but during all of my long association with him, both in the courtroom and at the conference table, I have never heard Mr. Spencer speak discourteously to, or disrespectfully of a brother lawyer. He believed in the dignity of man. He was a man of unusual dignity, and he always accorded to others the same respect and dignity which he demanded for himself.

His relationship with those who had the good fortune and judgment to retain him was strictly that of attorney and client. He attended to their legal business and permitted them to formulate their own policies. He knew how to attend to his own business and he had the happy faculty of letting other people attend to theirs, without unsought advice or interference.

After serving as Mayor of Rock Hill, he was, in 1915, elected City Attorney and attended almost every council meeting. He gave honest,

sound and able advice to the City Fathers whenever he was called upon, but he carefully abstained from interfering in legislative or policy matters, or entering into politics or personal differences, and as a result he remained, to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned, City Attorney until his death.

The older members of this bar, due to the respect and esteem they had for Mr. Spencer, affectionately referred to him as "The Old Master."

"The Old Master" was more than a great lawyer, he was great in many other fields. He was widely traveled, both in this country and in Europe. He was a student of literature and philosophy, he loved and appreciated good music, and he was a connoisseur of fine art. He loved beautiful flowers. He loved the better things of this earth and he had the mental ability to truly appreciate them.

He was a kind, considerate, loving and unselfish father, who devoted much time and care to the welfare of his children. Almost up to the day of his death, he would frequently take his grandchildren for long rides in the country, showing them the beauties of nature, just as he had done with his own children many years before. Mr. Spencer was justly proud of his children, all of whom are of high character, well educated, and gentle people. We, as members of the Bar, are particularly happy that C. W. F. Spencer, Jr., and William C. Spencer will carry on the practice of their father and their grandfather with the ability, devotion to duty, and high standard of ethics which has characterized the name of Spencer at the York County Bar since 1873.

Mr. Spencer was a devoted husband, tender, kind, loving and thoughtful, and during the later years of his life, his wife was his constant companion and help mate.

Mr. Spencer was a master of the English language and he never found it necessary to use profanity in order to express himself. In all of my associations with him, I have never heard him tell a dirty or even an off color story.

While Mr. Spencer never wore his religion on his sleeve, he was a deeply spiritual man. At Hampden-Sidney College he devoted a great deal of his time to religious studies. As a result of this and his early training at home he acquired a deep and abiding faith in the Christian religion. He was a broad man who respected Protestant, Jew and Catholic alike. He never mocked any man's religion.

For almost four score years he lived a full, rich and useful life and we are all better people for having known him. He was a cultured gentleman, clean inside and out, he neither looked up to the rich, nor down on the poor — Dear friend, good night.

WALTER FORE STACKHOUSE

By A. F. Woods

Walter Fore Stackhouse, the senior member of the Bar of Marion County, died in the Town of Marion on January 6, 1956, at the home of his niece, Miss Esther Stackhouse, with whom he had made his home for the last few years since the death in August, 1944, of his wife, the former Miss Daisy Waller of Greenwood.

Mr. Stackhouse was born near Little Rock, then in Marion County but now in Dillon County, on December 1, 1873. He was the son of Colonel Eli Thomas Stackhouse and his wife, the former Elizabeth Anne Fore. Colonel Stackhouse, his father, was an extensive farmer, who was considered much ahead of his day in efficient and scientific farming. *Sellers' History of Marion County* has the following to say of the attainments of Colonel Stackhouse in the field of agriculture: "After he was married, he settled on the place where he ever after lived; he was a farmer, a good and very successful one—farmed on the intensive system; his farm was like a garden—all his house and farm arrangements were complete and adapted to comfort and convenience; his farm was a model one." At the outbreak of the Civil War Colonel Stackhouse raised a company, of which he was made captain and which became a part of the Eighth South Carolina Regiment. He was recognized as an efficient officer, and he rose to be Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. He went through the entire war with this regiment until the final day at Appomattox. After the war he served two terms in the Legislature of South Carolina, and in 1890 he was elected to Congress, but in 1891 shortly after taking his seat in Congress he died.

Walter Fore Stackhouse, the son of Colonel Stackhouse, in the fall of 1891 entered Wofford College from which he received an A.B. degree in June, 1895. Thereafter he studied law for one year at Harvard Law School, and then entered the University of South Carolina Law School, from which he graduated in 1897. After graduating from law school and practicing at Greenwood for a brief period, he moved back to Marion County and entered a partnership at Marion with the late Hon. W. J. Montgomery, his brother-in-law and at one time Senator from Marion County. Subsequently this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Stackhouse then continued the practice of law at Marion alone for many years.

In 1909 Mr. Stackhouse married Miss Daisy Waller of Greenwood, who died in the year 1944. No children were born of this union, and after the death of Mrs. Stackhouse, Mr. Stackhouse was left alone and consequently for some years and up to the time of his death he made his home with his niece, Miss Esther Stackhouse.

Mr. Stackhouse was a Trustee of Wofford College for forty-five years, and education of the youth of his state was one of his chief interests in life. He not only served as a Trustee of Wofford College for many years, but he served as a member and as Chairman of the Marion County Board of Education for several years. In addition to his interest in education he was also strongly interested in his church. He served for a number of years as a member of the Board of Stewards of the Marion Methodist Church, as a Trustee of the church property, and also as a member of the Building Committee of the present Methodist Church at Marion, which without doubt is one of the handsomest pieces of church property in the State of South Carolina.

Although much interested in public education and in his church, these interests did not in any way impair his interest in and attention to his duties as a very active practitioner of the law. His ability as a practicing lawyer and his keen intellect were recognized not only by the people of his home county but also by the members of the bar of the entire Pee Dee section of the State. But in the last few years of his life

he was overtaken by the tragedy of losing his health and to all practical purposes completely losing his eyesight, so that unwillingly he was forced to give up the active practice of the law. However, in spite of all this, he was not able to give up his attachment to the law, and consequently he served as Magistrate at Marion until only a few weeks before his peaceful death at the age of eighty-two years.

FRANK AUSTIN THOMPSON

By W. KENNETH SUGGS

One of the most beloved members of the Horry County Bar Association, Frank Austin Thompson, after a lingering illness, passed away on the 29th day of June, 1955. Frank was born on March 5, 1895 at Little River, Horry County, South Carolina. He was a son of Roberta Vereen and Austin Charles Thompson. He graduated from Burroughs High School in Conway, South Carolina, which school is now known as Conway High School. After his graduation from high school, he attended Wofford College and later graduated in Law at the University of South Carolina with the class of 1920. While a student at the University of South Carolina, he volunteered for service in World War I, and served for twenty-three months in the United States.

Upon graduation from Law School, Frank commenced practice in Mullins, South Carolina. Shortly after beginning the practice of law, Frank was married to Donna Coleman, sweetheart of his high school days, and to this union there was born Mrs. T. W. Edwards of Sumter, South Carolina; Philip Austin Thompson, Sara Elizabeth Thompson, and John Coleman Thompson, all of Conway.

While practicing in Mullins, he served two terms as a member of the State House of Representatives from Marion County. He later elected to return to his native county, where he continued his law practice as one of the keenest trial lawyers of this state to the time of his death.

He was elected Senator of Horry County where he ably served the county during the years 1945 through 1948. He was again elected Senator in 1953 and continued in that office until the time of his death.

Frank was a leading member of the Methodist Church, serving as a teacher of the Bible Classes both in Mullins and Conway.

He was a member and Past Commander of the American Legion Horry Post No. 111.

Frank was endowed with the superb ability of making people forget their sorrows by his keen wit, humor and understanding of people. He was one of the few people who could suffer, yet smile and bring happiness to others. Through his untiring efforts while in the Senate, he was instrumental in establishing the Horry County Library with Headquarters in Conway, which serves the entire County. At all times he was untiring in his work in civic affairs and in everything which was for the betterment of his community.

In his passing, we have lost a great leader, who gave unceasingly of his time, talents and energies to the welfare of his community.

Upon his death, Frank was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Conway, South Carolina.