

WALKER H. GILL:

Walker H. Gill was born at Allensville, Kentucky, on January 20, 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Gill. His family lived for a time at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and then removed to Mississippi, where his father had business interests. From there he presently attended the McTyeire School at McKenzie, and came on to Vanderbilt, where he was for three years in the academic department and then entered the law school, in which he graduated. He was admitted to the bar in Nashville and was for a while associated with George H. Armistead, Jr., in the practice of law, and afterwards with Charles C. Trabue, where he remained until March 19, 1923, at which time he accepted an offer of the Nashville Trust Company to become its trust officer. Later he became a vice-president, and continued as vice-president and trust officer until his resignation a few months before his death. He left surviving him his father and mother and his widow Mrs. Jean Dunning Gill. For some years before his death he was a member of the Belle Meade Country Club.

As a member of the Vanderbilt track team he broke the southern record for the mile in 1913. He was elected captain of the team, but declined the office, as he had then entered the law school and felt he should devote his time to his studies. For a while he was editor of the Vanderbilt Hustler. In college he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and afterwards and up until his death was treasurer of the chapter house association of that fraternity.

Walker Gill had a clear-thinking mind, an unusual memory for detail, and a fine faculty for expression. He spoke always quietly and with a rare choice of language that never hesitated for a word. He was well read and scholarly in his tastes. He was pleasant to listen to and a good companion. With these qualities was joined that of blunt honesty. He was honest with himself as with others. If he had remained at the bar his conduct would always have done honor to it. He liked the practice of law and gave it up regretfully. He did not seek the high and responsible position that took him away from the law, but it sought him. He accepted it because it would, he felt, better enable him to meet responsibilities that had fallen early on his shoulders, and it was for the same reason that he felt constrained to remain at home when he would rather have gone to the war.

These qualities of his the members of the Nashville Bar, to whom he was widely known, commemorate for themselves and for his family.

Chas. C. Trabue, Chairman.

Wm. J. Wade,

E. J. Walsh,

J. M. Peebles,
COMMITTEE.

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