

CARL R. HARDIN

Carl R. Hardin was born in Dickson County, Tennessee; he attended public schools of Dickson County and Davidson County. At the age of 18 years he entered the District Attorney's Office, attending the Y.M.C.A. Law School at night, and after being admitted to the Bar was made an Assistant Attorney General of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, which position he held until he retired to enter the private practice of the law in 1927.

In 1929 he was elected as a Representative from Davidson County to the General Assembly of Tennessee, and later was reelected to this office. After an active period in the practice of law he announced himself as a candidate for the State Senate of Tennessee, and represented Davidson County in the Senate during the years 1951 and 1953, with distinction in that body.

When World War II erupted, Carl R. Hardin entered the military service as a private; his leadership being promptly recognized he was sent to an Officer's Training Camp, and at the end of this War was discharged as a Captain. His interest in ex-service men was strong; he was a former vice-commander of Nashville Post No. 5, American Legion. He was active in fraternal bodies, being a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner.

Carl was a most active practitioner of law. In his early years of practice he was in the offices of Judge W. C. Cherry, William E. Steger, and Charles Gilbert, who later was Judge of Division II of the Criminal Court of Davidson County. He was an excellent trial lawyer in jury cases; his pleasant disposition, humorous phrases in his trials, and his colorful disposition made him an outstanding advocate, and a person who filled the court room with those present principally to hear and watch him in his conduct of the trials, his cross-examination of witnesses, and his arguments before juries. He was one of the most popular members of the Nashville Bar; his friends were legion and loyal. In groups or in gatherings Carl was an outstanding figure by the value of his remarks and the witty manner in which he presented them.

In 1953 Carl suffered a stroke which disabled him for months, and although partially disabled physically, thereafter, he returned to the practice of law and continued frequently to appear in Court, with his colorful presentation of cases, until a few months prior to his death, August 21, 1968.

Carl was an active member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, during the latter years of his life he was a true friend and loyal supporter of the Nashville Union Mission; throughout his entire career he liberally contributed to charities; but his largest contributions were to the deserving members and work of the Mission, and he contributed liberally of his time and funds to further the work and efforts of this worthy cause.

In 1924 he married Miss Mae Frances Betty of Nashville, and of this union were born two children, Mrs. Betty Hardin Ladd of Mobile, Alabama, and a son, John Rucker Hardin, who survive.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION:

That in the passing of Carl R. Hardin this association has lost one of its most beloved, respected and colorful members, whose life contributed greatly to the administration of justice, the general welfare of our community, and whose work in the religious and charitable fields will long be remembered by his many friends, those with whom he was associated, and our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Nashville Bar Association, and that a copy thereof be furnished the members of his family.

This 26th day of November, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry G. Nichol, Chairman
K. T. McConnico, Jr.
James C. Havron
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