

WILLIAM CAPERS CHERRY.

William Capers Cherry, son of the Reverend Stirling M. Cherry and Emma Capers Cherry, was born in Barton, Alabama, on September 5th, 1870, and died on February 11th, 1951 in Nashville, Tennessee.

His father, the Reverend Mr. Cherry, was a widely known well loved member of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and during Judge Cherry's early years was assigned to churches in many localities in Tennessee. Some of these being Triune, Thompson Station, Bee Springs, Mt. Pleasant and Culleoka.

Judge Cherry's mother, Emma Capers Cherry, member of a prominent Virginia family, was a relative of Bishop Capers, who ranked high in the councils of the Methodist Church in the South.

While his father was pastor of a church at Culleoka, Tennessee, Judge Cherry entered the famous Webb School for Boys where he acquired a portion of his early academic education under the tutelage of the beloved Wm. R. (Sawney) Webb, during the years prior to the transfer of that renowned institution to Bell Buckle, Tennessee.

After completing his preparatory school education, Judge Cherry entered Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where, because of his brilliance as a student of Law, he was rated second, in the graduating class of 1891.

Since he was not yet twenty-one years of age, and was thereby ineligible to practice law, he taught for a year in a grammar school in Fayetteville, Tennessee, before being admitted to the bar.

In 1892, the young attorney entered the practice of law, and for some time was associated with the Honorable J. Washington Moore.

Later, he was connected with Mr. Chas. C. Porter, District Attorney for the North Carolina and St. Louis Railway Company. He subsequently formed a partnership with Wm. E. Steger, who is now Tax Assessor for the City of Nashville.

Judge Cherry was connected with various other attorneys, including the Hon. Chester K. Hart, who is now Judge of the Criminal Court of Davidson County, and the Honorable Thomas L. Cummings now the Mayor of Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1938 Judge Cherry was appointed by Mr. Cummings, to the position of City Attorney and was re-appointed to this position in 1942. In 1943 Mr. Charles G. Blackard became the director of the legal department of the City of Nashville and at this time Judge Cherry assumed the position of Assistant City Attorney. In later years he served this department of city government as a consultant.

Wm. C. Cherry, who was called "Judge" by all of his associates and friends, had served at various times as a special Justice of the State Supreme Court, and as a special Judge of the Court of Appeals. He had acted, on numerous occasions, as a Special Chancellor of the Chancery Court, and also as a special judge in the Circuit and Criminal Courts.

At one time, for a period, Judge Cherry held a chair in the Vanderbilt University School of law, and during World War II he represented the Consolidated Vultee Aviation Corporation in which capacity he rendered invaluable service to this great enterprise.

Judge Cherry, for many years, held membership in the Belle Meade Country Club, the Executives Club and the several Bar Associations. At the time of his death, he was a communicant of Christ Church Episcopal in Nashville, Tennessee.

On June 5th, 1907, Judge Cherry was married to Miss Dea Fletcher of Little Rock, Arkansas, who survives him and resides at their home on Love Circle, where for so many years their mutual interest in all things cultural and beautiful attracted a host of friends who enjoyed their charming hospitality.

Judge Cherry, being possessed of brilliant intellect, sparkling wit, and a gentle, kindly nature, endeared himself to the members of this association and to all those who came in contact with him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association in regular meeting assembled:

- (1) That in the death of Judge Wm. Capers Cherry this Association has lost an outstanding and respected member.
- (2) That during his entire life, he contributed much of his time and talents to those whom he loved, and among whom he lived. The City, the County and the State has lost a citizen who accomplished much during his noteworthy career.
- (3) That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the members of his family, with whom we deeply sympathize, and that a copy be placed among the permanent records of this Association.

(Signed) Litton Hickman,
Wm. E. Steger,
E. F. Langford,
Chester K. Hart,
Charles Gilbert,
Harry G. Nichol.

BRADLEY WALKER:

Bradley Walker died unexpectedly at his home in the Sulgrave Apartments, 3415 West End Avenue, on February 3, 1951. In his case, death was not preceded by prolonged invalidism, and he retained his sturdy physique until the end. He was born in Columbia, Tennessee, October 14, 1877, the son of William Overton Walker and Alice Cabler Walker. He received his early education in Columbia, Tennessee, and later attended Peabody College where he was outstanding in football, baseball and track. After graduating from Peabody College, he taught mathematics at St. Albans School, Radford, Virginia. He then attended the law school of the University of Virginia from which institution he was graduated. While at the University of Virginia, he was nationally known as an outstanding football player. He began his law practice in Nashville with the firm of Champion, Brown and Akers. He was retained as attorney by Peabody College and served them in a legal capacity for twenty-six years. Mr. Walker retained his interest in athletics throughout life. He was the first State gold champion in Tennessee, winning the title in 1914. He participated annually in the State meet until last year when because of other engagements, he was unable to play. The State tournament last year held at Richland Golf Course in Nashville was named the Bradley Walker Golf Tournament in his honor.

He was a well-known football official in Nashville for twenty-five years, and was also greatly interested in baseball and boxing. He was very actively interested in church and civic affairs. He was a member of the West End Methodist Church, and had served on the Board and Executive Committee for the Monteagle, Tennessee, Assembly for twenty years. He was one of the organizers of the Tennessee Taxpayers Association, and had served on its Board for many years. He led many campaigns for funds to fight infantile paralysis and was a leader in Red Cross, Big Brothers, Shrine, Junior League and Community Chest campaigns. As a field representative for Civilian Defense in