

REESE LILLARD MACEY:

Reese Lillard Macey was born in Wilson County, Tennessee, on February 25, 1904, a son of Harry Buford Macey and Pearl Carter Macey. He was a namesake of his step-grandfather, Dr. Reese Q. Lillard, between whom the warm relationship of father and son existed after the death of Mr. Macey's father. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Pearl Carter Macey; his wife, Mrs. Margaret Witherspoon Macey, to whom he was married on the 5th day of March 1930; and two children, a son, John Witherspoon Macey, age five years, and a daughter, Katheryne McKee Macey, age two and one-half years.

He spent his entire youth in the county of his nativity, graduating from the preparatory department of Cumberland University, and later receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree of Cumberland University in 1925 and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1926. During his school days he was a star member of the football, basket ball and baseball teams, and a leader in student activities and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. After his graduation he became a member of the Masonic Lodge and was an active participant in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. in Lebanon.

In the year 1932 he was appointed Assistant United States District Attorney by the Honorable A. V. McLane, was a member of the Republican Executive Committee for the State of Tennessee, and a leader in the affairs of his party. In 1932 he ran a credible race for the Railroad and Public Utilities Commission, but was defeated by the Democratic nominee, the Honorable L. D. Hill of Sparta, Tennessee.

Reese Macey was a splendid trial lawyer and excelled particularly in the examination of witnesses and in the presentation of jury cases. Indeed, his was a young life full of much promise as a lawyer.

Under all circumstances he was a gentleman, a true friend, and a congenial companion on all occasions. Indeed it may be said of him that he loved his friends and they loved him. Death for him ended the life of one who was in love with life and for whom life would seem to have held much.

RESOLVED, that in the death of Reese L. Macey, the Bar of Tennessee has lost a lawyer of much promise and his many friends an associate whose passing has deprived them of much pleasure and happiness in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Nashville Bar and Library Association extend to his bereaved family their sincere condolence and sympathy, and that his mother and widow be furnished a copy of these resolutions.

John J. Hooker, Chairman,  
Albert Williams,  
Sam Felts  
H. H. Chitwood.

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