

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in the death of JOHN ARNOLD BELL, the Nashville bar has lost a distinguished member, and the City of Nashville and his associates an outstanding citizen and true friend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Bar of Nashville extends to his bereaved family their sympathy, and that his widow and daughter be furnished with a copy of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to the local courts, the appellate courts and the United States District Court at Nashville with the request that same be spread upon the minutes of said courts.

W. E. Norvell, Jr., Chairman.

F. A. Berry,

W. P. Cooper,

Littell Rust,

Eugene Russell.

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Memorial Service held 9 A. M. Friday, October 9, 1942.
C. W. Tuley, Secretary Nashville Bar Association.

WALTER STOKES:

Walter Stokes was born April 19, 1862, and died August 15, 1942. He was a son of Jordan Stokes and Martha Frazer Stokes. He was born in the family home at Lebanon, Tennessee, where his father was recognized as the outstanding citizen as well as an able and distinguished lawyer of the state.

Mr. Stokes received his preparatory education at the famous Webb School, then located at Culleoka. Thereafter he was a student at Vanderbilt University and graduated as a high ranking member of his class, receiving his law degree in 1886.

He was admitted to the bar shortly after his graduation, and from that time actively practiced his profession in Nashville until a few weeks prior to his death, when impairment of his health confined him to his home.

For a number of years Mr. Stokes was a partner of his brother Jordan Stokes, the two composing the well known firm of Stokes & Stokes, recognized as among the leading law firms of this section. After the dissolution of this firm Mr. Stokes continued actively the practice of his profession without a partner, only having some younger associate with him from time to time.

In 1888 Mr. Stokes married Miss Nellie Treanor, who with his son, Walter Stokes, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Wemyss, survive him. Thos. O. Stokes, another son, predeceased his father about twelve years.

Mr. Stokes always displayed an active and genuine interest in all matters affecting or pertaining to his profession. He was a member of the Nashville Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Even in his latter years during his advanced age he was a frequent attendant and took an active and prominent part at the meetings and gatherings of every character of the local bar association. He donated his entire Law Library of about fifteen hundred volumes to the Nashville Bar Association with the following expression of sentiment: "In consideration of my respect, admiration and friendship for the lawyers of the Nashville Bar, which has meant so much to me."

Throughout his professional life he was interested in the social and civic affairs of his community. While at Vanderbilt University he was a charter member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and was one of the principals in the organization of the first Student Loan Fund at that institution. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hermitage Association and was counsel for and a member of the Advisory Board of the Old Women's Home. The "Walter Stokes School", a unit of the public school system of Davidson County, receiving its name in his honor and located near his home, was a recipient of his generous as well as his genuine interest. He equipped the school with a valuable library which is now known as the "Nellie Treanor Stokes Library."

Years ago he was a member of the Erskine Club, an association formed among the then leading young lawyers of Nashville. This club was literary in character and devoted its time and discussions chiefly to matters and questions in which lawyers were more particularly interested. What was once a well known club of this city no longer exists for the reason that all of its members have passed away. The sole surviving member, Mr. Lemuel R. Campbell, died at a ripe old age just a few days before this meeting.

Mr. Stokes well merited his outstanding position among the members of his profession. He descended from a gifted and distinguished father, Jordan Stokes, who was generally recognized as one of the great lawyers of this State in his time. It is worthy of note that son and father continuously spent more than one hundred years of practice before the Tennessee Bar. Possessed with many natural attainments and endowed by nature with a high degree of mentality, Mr. Stokes assiduously applied himself to the development of these attributes. He was a safe counsellor, industrious and untiring in the preparation and performance of all his professional duties. For more than thirty years he was general counsel for the Tennessee Central Railway Company, and adviser for other large corporations and substantial interests.

Notwithstanding his high position in his profession as a general practitioner, many who knew him during the early years of his professional life regarded as his outstanding attainment his gift as an advocate before a jury. When a student at the University he won the medal for oratory. He had many things which add to the power of the advocate. Possessed with a fine physique, and with classic and orderly features, dressed appropriately for the part, he always presented a handsome and attractive appearance. Having a highly sentimental nature, he was naturally a crusader for his cause; and blessed with the beautiful as well as forceful graces of art - a gift possessed by so few of us and desired by so many of us - he could stir the emotions of men. Skillfully and effectively applying these rich gifts he won many a verdict from the jury,- an accomplishment often beyond the power of the ordinary man to attain.

Mr. Stokes was loyal and devoted to his friends, and warm hearted and generous as he was, his friends were legion. He was a delightful associate, with a fine sense of humor. While ever ready to perpetrate a joke on his close friends, when one was played on him he treated it with the same good humor and seemed to enjoy it as much.

Having attained an age a full decade beyond his allotted three score and ten, this man and friend of whom we write, quietly slipped away into the mysteries and tranquil silence of another world, leaving behind him many landmarks which bear evidence of the active and useful life of one who contributed so much to the happiness of his fellow men while among them.

RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association in regular meeting assembled:

1. That in the death of Walter Stokes this Association has lost a member whose ability was outstanding, and whose character was unsullied.

2. During his life he contributed generously of his time and means to those among whom he lived and loved. The State has lost a citizen who accomplished much during his career, and won the esteem of those who knew him.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished his widow, son and daughter, with whom we deeply sympathize, and that a copy be lodged among the permanent records of this Association.

F. M. Bass, Chairman.
A. B. Neil,
Wm. H. Swiggart,
A. H. Roberts, Jr.
W. P. Cooper,
Committee.

November 6, 1942.

The foregoing Resolution adopted
on above date:

C. W. Tuley, Secretary
Nashville Bar Association.

CHARLES C. TRABUE:

Charles C. Trabue was born in Nashville March 9, 1872. He died in Nashville September 12, 1942, at the age of seventy years.

He was the son of George W. and Ellen Dunn Trabue. His father was superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company in the South and for a time before his death resided with his family in New York.

At the age of twelve Charles C. Trabue became an orphan and he and his three brothers were reared in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Martha Trabue Thompson, and her daughter, the late Mrs. Mattie W. Thompson, who died in 1940 just before her ninetieth birthday.

Mr. Trabue attended Montgomery Bell Academy and graduated from that institution in 1887. He entered Vanderbilt University in 1888 and graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, also winning membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He entered the law school of Vanderbilt University in the fall of 1892 and graduated, as Founder's Medalist in 1894. He began the practice of law in the Fall of 1894, sharing for a time an office with Grafton Green, and later was associated with the late W. H. Williamson. Thereafter Avery Handly came in with Mr. Trabue and this connection continued until Mr. Handley's death in 1932.

Mr. Trabue very quickly won recognition from the Bar, the courts, and the public as an exceptionally capable lawyer. He escaped the long waiting period that young lawyers ordinarily endure and quite soon acquired a lucrative practice which he enjoyed until his death. For the greater part of his career, except for his connection with Mr. Handly, he practiced law alone. During his later years he was the head of the firm of Trabue, Hume and Armistead and shortly before his death organized another firm composed of himself, Overton Dickinson, and his son, Charles C. Trabue, Jr.

Mr. Trabue appeared in many important cases in the State and Federal Courts, among which may be mentioned State ex rel, College of Bishops vs. Vanderbilt University, 129 Tenn.; 279; Howse v. Creveling, 147 Tenn., 589, and the cases in the Federal Courts involving the powers of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The Vanderbilt University case