

"There is no death. The stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore,
and bright in Heaven's jewelled crown, they shine forevermore."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association that we lament the
passing of this distinguished lawyer, citizen and jurist, whose death has left a vacancy
in many hearts, and we extend to the members of his family our sincere expression of
sorrow and the deep sympathy we hold for them in the hour of sadness and bereavement,
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the
Association and copies furnished to the different courts of record for entry, and that
a copy be presented to his family.

Garland S. Moore,
Chairman.

Edwin A. Price, Jr.
Arthur Crownover, Jr.
Wm. F. Carpenter.

JUDGE GUILD SMITH.

Guild Smith was born in Franklin, Tennessee, on June 27, 1889. He was
the son of Baxter Smith, Jr. and Georgianna Buchanan Smith. He spent most of his life
as a resident of Davidson County, moving to Nashville with his family at an early age.
He attended the public schools of Nashville, Montgomery Bell Academy, Vanderbilt University
and Cumberland University. After his graduation from the Law School of Cumberland
University in the Class of 1910, he began the practice of law in Chattanooga, Tennessee,
at the request of his grandfather, Colonel Baxter Smith, who was more than eighty
years of age, and had retired from active practice after a distinguished career at the
Nashville bar, and was then acting as one of the original Commissioners of the Chickamauga
National Park. At the expiration of one year he returned home to enter the practice of law.

His first public position was that of Assistant Attorney General of Davidson
County, to which he was appointed by the late Attorney-General, A. B. Anderson. He
served in this position with distinction until he resigned in 1917, and volunteered for
service in the United States Army during World War I, serving in the Artillery until he
was discharged early in 1919. Upon his discharge he returned to Nashville and re-entered
the practice of law. Shortly thereafter he was appointed Deputy Clerk and Master of the
Chancery Court of Davidson County by the late Joseph R. West, who was then Clerk and
Master. After serving two years in this position he resigned to again engage in the
practice of law with General A. B. Anderson.

In 1925 Judge Smith was a candidate for Judge of Division II of the Criminal Court
of Davidson County, and in a hotly contested election was defeated by a very small margin.

On November 15, 1928, Mr. Smith was appointed by the late Mayor Howse to fill
an unexpired term of City Judge, and in 1931 was elected for a full four-year term.
He was re-elected in each of the three subsequent elections, being unopposed for this
responsible position in 1943.

In May 1941, and while serving as Judge of the City Court, the Honorable A. B. Neil

resigned as Judge of the Second Circuit Court to become a candidate for the Supreme Court of the State, and Judge Smith became one of the candidates to succeed Judge Neil as Judge of the Circuit Court, but was unsuccessful, and continued to serve with poise and distinction as Judge of the City Court of Nashville until the time of his death.

Judge Smith came from a family of distinguished lawyers and jurists who contributed in large measure to the history of the Tennessee Bar. He was a great-grandson of Judge Jo C. Guild, a noted author and jurist who presided for a number of years as Circuit Court Judge. He was a grandson of Baxter Smith, a Confederate Army Colonel, and for many years Nashville Attorney for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. In his quiet way Judge Smith carried on his family traditions and the record of his public service to his community may appropriately be added to the family record. Judge Smith was married to Miss Katherine Reed, and his widowm five daughters and a son survive him among other relatives. His children are Mrs. Richard Paul of York, Pennsylvania, Miss Katherine Reed Smith, Miss Mary Frances Smith, Miss Roberta Anne Smith, Miss Thelma H. Smith, and Guild Smith, Jr., all of Nashville.

Judge Smith was devoted to his family and his work as City Judge. He was kindly and tolerant of the frailties of others. These characteristics, coupled with a deep knowledge of human nature, enabled him to show mercy and leniency in jis judgments on the bench and he had a wide following among people in every walk of life. He was a genial and delightful companion, and was never happier then when in the company of his fellow-lawyers.

Judge Smith was a member of the Methodist Church. He was also an active member of the Masonic Order, the American Legion, the Elks, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Minute Men, and the Red Men. In college he was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Judge Smith was a true southern gentleman, a distinguished judge, a useful citizen, an able lawyer, a devoted husband and father, and these qualities will long be remembered and serve as his lasting monument.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION in regular meeting assembled, that in the death of Guild Smith, Davidson County and the City of Nashville, Tennessee, have lost a faithful servant and a worthy citizen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we tender his family our deep sympathy and that the Secretary be instructed to furnish them a copy of these Resolutions; and that the Resolutions be enrolled in the Memorial Book of this Association.

(Signed) Horace Osment, Chairman.

" J. G. Lackey,

" James B. Newman.

