

accomplishment of his profound mind and eager interest. "General James Robertson, Father of Tennessee" is an encyclopedia of research and a vivid picture of the life and times of the State of Tennessee, especially that section that was known as the Cumberland country. It contains data never before published, and will undoubtedly remain a reference book for future historians.

In theories of government and economics Judge Matthews was more nearly akin to Jefferson than probably to any of our American statesmen. He was devoid of the arts of the demagogue. His belief was that life was real and earnest, and men should be self reliant.

Judge Matthews was a member of Christ Church. His Church affiliation did not dominate the catholicity of his spirit. His religion was this: To help the poor and suffering within the gates; to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. He was not a mystic. He was practical. He was a Christian geneltman, fearing nothing but God.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Ewing, Chairman,
Litton Hickman,
J. B. Daniel.

COMMITTEE.

April 20, 1945.

JOSEPH READY WEST:

Joseph Ready West was born in Todd County, Kentucky, January 16, 1858, and died at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 5, 1945, after a short illness. Mr. West was the son of the late Dr. Joseph B. and Mary Rebecca Jared West. His father was a well known Methodist Minister, who served as Pastor of several outstanding churches, including McKendree and Tulip Street, in Nashville,

Mr. West was graduated from Southwestern Presbyterian University of Clarksville, Tennessee, and received his Bachelor of Law degree from Vanderbilt University. He became a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity while in the latter school.

Mr. West was admitted to the practice of law on October 3, 1881, and until 1885 he was associated in the practice of law with the firm of East & Fogg. In August of that year, he was appointed Deputy Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Nashville, by Thomas W. Wrenne, Clerk and Master. He served in this capacity until 1912, when he became Secretary, Counsel and title examiner for the Guaranty Title Company. Six years later in 1918, he was appointed Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Nashville, in which office he remained until 1939. During his connection with the Chancery Courts, comprising forty-eight years of service, Mr. West served with nine Chancellors. During these years he was in daily contact and intimate association with the lawyers and business men of Nashville, counting them as his friends, for half a century.

On several occasions he served as Special Chancellor in important litigation.

Mr. West was interested in the civic affairs of his community. Hr was a member of the City Board of Education during the administration of Mayor Head. During World War One, he served as a member of the Draft Board. He was a member of West End Methodist Church, a Thirty-second Degree Mason, and a member of the Nashville Bar Association.

Mr. West was married to Miss Patti Southworth on November 5, 1885, and of this union

six children were born, of whom four survive him, as follows: A daughter, Mrs. Patti Ready Weatherly of Nashville, and three sons, Joseph B. West of Nashville, and Edward H. West and Augustus S. West, of Louisville, Kentucky. Twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive him. Mrs. West predeceased him, dying in 1937.

Mr. West was devoted to, and justly proud of his family, and especially of the fact that he had four sons to serve their Country in World War One, and eight grandsons serving in World War Two.

Mr. West was kindly tolerant toward others, and inclined to be optimistic about the affairs of life. No man was ever more ready with a story apt to the occasion. His reports as Master were concise and to the point. He was endowed with an unusually logical mind, and without doubt would have made an outstanding success as a lawyer had he not seen fit to devote his life to the public service. He outlived his generation, and in his later years retired from active participation in the affairs of the community, but he never lost his active interest in the happenings of the day.

Joseph R. West was a Christian gentleman, a useful citizen and able lawyer, a devoted husband and father, and these qualities will remain a monument to his memory.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that in the death of Joseph R. West, Davidson County and Nashville, Tennessee, have lost a useful and worthy citizen;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we tender his family our deep sympathy, and that the Secretary of this meeting be instructed to present to them a copy of these resolutions; and that these resolutions be enrolled on the Memorial Book of the Nashville Bar.

James B. Newman, Chairman.

J. C. Dale, Jr.,

John M. Barksdale,

John F. Killebrew,

COMMITTEE.
