

was held by the members of this Bar in the present day; a n d

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be made a part of the permanent records of this Association, and that copies hereof be furnished to Mrs. Green and the Nashville press.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) James A. Newman

" W, B. Marr

" W. E. Norvell, Jr.

" F. A. Berry

" Seth M. Walker,

Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

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ALBERT WARREN AKERS.

ALBERT WARREN AKERS was born in Atlanta, Georgia, June 18, 1871.

His father, Cornelius Franklin Akers, graduated as an honor student at Emory University. He served with distinction as a colonel of the Confederate army and at the close of the War between the States, he engaged successfully in the practice of law in Atlanta, Georgia, for some ten or twelve years when he moved to LaGrange, Georgia, where he continued the practice of his profession. His health had become impaired because of hardships suffered during the Civil War and at the direction of his physician, he went to Orlando, Florida, to live when his son was about thirteen years of age.

Albert Warren Akers completed his academic education at Rollins College at Winter Park, Florida.

Before reaching his majority, he left Florida for Tennessee, and for a short period lived at Fayetteville, Tennessee. He moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and became private secretary to Mr. Justice Horace H. Lurton, then a United States Circuit Judge and later a member of the Supreme Court of the United States.

While so employed, Mr. Akers studied law under the tutelage of Mr. Justice Lurton and was admitted to the bar in 1895. He continued, however, Mr. Justice Lurton's secretary until 1899, when he became associated with the law firm of Champion, Head & Brown. When Mr. Head became mayor of Nashville, Mr. Akers was taken into the partnership. The firm then became Champion, Brown & Akers. This firm enjoyed a large practice and when a controversy arose involving the validity of the charters of certain street railway companies operating in and near Nashville, Tennessee, the litigation was handled by Mr. Akers. Representing the street railway companies were the outstanding lawyers of Nashville and the matter finally terminated in a compromise decree in the Supreme Court of Tennessee, whereby, among other things, the park system of this community was brought into being. Among the terms of the settlement order was a provision obligating the traction companies to pay a percentage of their gross revenues for the support and maintenance of a park system.

Albert Warren Akers gave unstintingly of his time to the promotion of the public interests of Nashville, Tennessee, and served for twenty years as a member of the Board of

Education. He resigned as President of the Board of Education in 1923, when he moved beyond the city limits.

He was devoted to his profession and was one of the organizers of the Nashville Bar & Library Association.

He was always interested in the activities of the bar, being a member of the American Bar Association, Bar Association of Tennessee and of the Nashville Bar and Library Association, of which last named organization he served as its President.

Albert Warren Akers was always a gentleman, a man of unimpeachable integrity and a wise counsellor of sound judgment.

In 1896 Miss Lillian Crenshaw and he were married in Griffin, Georgia. He brought his bride to Nashville, Tennessee, where they have continuously resided. Theirs was a beautiful home life of perfect understanding.

There were born to them three sons and one daughter, Albert Warren Akers, Jr. Frank Akers, Charles O'Neal Akers and Mrs. Anlee Akers Konrad.

His three sons are all graduates of the United States Naval Academy. His eldest son was graduated just at the close of World War I, and despite his youth, was sent overseas as Chief Engineer on a battleship which was used to return troops to the United States. He was retired for disability and is now General Manager of the Zellerbach Paper Company, located at Seattle, Washington, where he has for many years resided.

The carrier Saratoga was the last command of Captain Frank Akers during World War II. He is now on an assignment in Tokyo.

As a young Lieutenant Charles O'Neal Akers was attached to a ship, part of the fleet based at Pearl Harbor at the outbreak of the hostilities with Japan. He now holds the rank of Commander and has been reassigned to the cruiser, Miami.

Commander Akers served throughout World War II in the Pacific, serving on the Ramsey as Executive Officer and skipper on the Hobby,

His only daughter is the wife of Commander Edmund G. Konrad, who has an outstanding war record, being the holder of the air medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and is at present the Executive Officer at the United States Naval Air Station at Sand Point, Washington, where Mr. Akers died.

Mr. Akers and his wife were visiting their eldest son and daughter at the time of his death, April 1, 1946.

In addition to his ideal family life and deep interest in professional and civic organizations, Mr. Akers was at all times a genial and affable gentleman, willing to stop his work and discuss with others their problems and advise them, and this is especially true of the younger lawyers who came to the Bar from time to time. Mr. Akers had his own views and did not hesitate to express them; but he was tolerant of the views of others and his contacts with his professional associates and others were always pleasant.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the members of the Nashville Bar Association, that this Association, the members of the Nashville Bar, his family and the community at large have suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Albert Warren Akers; that his life, character and deeds will always be remembered and cherished, and that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the memorial book in our Chancery Court and that copies thereof be presented to the other courts sitting at Nashville and a copy thereof also be sent to his widow.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Norvell, Jr.,  
Thomas G. Watkins,  
Albert W. Stockell, Chairman.

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