

RESOLUTION ON THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THE LATE LEE BROCK.

LEE BROCK, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, an outstanding figure of the Republican party of Tennessee, and an honored member of this Association, died at the Veterans Hospital in Davidson County, Tennessee, on January 24, 1947.

He was born at Sciotoville, Ohio, on January 23, 1861, a son of the late James Ezra Brock. He moved with his father and stepmother to Dickson County, Tennessee, when he was twelve years of age, where he attended the public schools of that county. He later attended an educational institution at Norwalk, Connecticut, and the University of the South at Sewanee, and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Upon finishing his education, he formed a law partnership with the late Jacob Leech, of Charlotte, Dickson County, Tennessee.

On October 1, 1890, he was appointed Assistant United States District Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, which position he held for eleven years, during which time he became a close personal friend of Judge William H. Taft, who was soon to become President of the United States. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War he took leave of absence and joined with the Honorable Cordell Hull in organizing a unit of troops, which became Company "H" of the 114th Volunteer Regiment. The late Governor Robert L. Taylor commissioned Mr. Brock a First Lieutenant and Mr. Hull a Captain of that Regiment. These two shared the same tent and worked together to the end of the war.

When peace was declared, Mr. Brock resigned to return to Nashville, where he received the appointment of United States Collector of Internal Revenue for Nashville, which office he held for four years.

In 1908 he was appointed Referee in Bankruptcy, which position he held until 1924. During the years 1918 and 1919, he also served as Federal Fair Price Commissioner for the State of Tennessee.

In 1925, Mr. Brock returned to private practice, but only for a few months, when he was again appointed United States Collector of Internal Revenue for the Tennessee District, which post he held for four years.

For many years he was a Director of the Hermitage Club of Nashville, and served as its President in 1922-1924.

Afterward, he went to Washington as a member of the Federal Encollment and Disbarment Board.

After returning to Nashville, he engaged in the private practice of law until 1935, when he was appointed United States Commissioner at Nashville, which position he held until his death.

The above facts, stated without embellishment, are evidence of Mr. Brock's long and distinguished career as a public spirited citizen in this community and State. Across the years he was entrusted with offices of great responsibility, demanding real ability, high integrity, and consideration for all classes of people. He fulfilled these responsibilities in every instance with marked success, and at all times enjoyed the fullest confidence of the Bar and his fellow citizens. Frankness, fairness and humility were attributes of his character. Although a leader in this State of one of the great political parties, he was absolutely free of partisan politics and prejudices.

His administration of the office of Referee in Bankruptcy and the office of United States Commissioner, brought him in intimate contact with members of the Bar over a long period of years. He performed the judicial functions of these offices in the most forthright and fearless manner. While prompt in the dispatch of business, Mr.

Brock was never criticized by the Bar for any unfairness or hasty judgment in his rulings. He had no pride of opinion, and was never unhappy over an appeal from his judgment.

Mr. Brock was an active and loyal member of this Association all of his life. Many of us remember his last appearance at a meeting of this Association, when despite the infirmities of age, he delivered a beautiful and eloquent tribute in memory of one of his contemporaries, a distinguished member of this Bar who had passed on.

In the year 1926, Mr. Brock was married to Mrs. Belle Estes Dykes, who predeceased him in May 1938. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Whitworth Stokes.

In tribute to the memory of our Brother,- good soldier, distinguished public servant, and honored member of this Bar, whose life was marked by high accomplishments and fine achievement - we offer these Resolutions and move, first, that these Resolutions be adopted and a copy thereof be furnished to Mrs. Whitworth Stokes, his niece, and second, that these Resolutions be duly recorded on the Bar Memorial Book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County.

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMES WHITWORTH STOKES.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION:

Your Committee appointed to draft appropriate resolutions commemorating the life of the late James Whitworth Stokes, respectfully submits the following memorial and resolution:

JAMES WHITWORTH STOKES was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 28, 1887, and he was, therefore, 59 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred in Nashville on March 22, 1947. His father was Jordan Stokes, Sr., who was engaged in the practice of law for many years and was an outstanding and prominent member of the Nashville Bar. His mother, before her marriage, was Mary Whitworth. The families of both his father and his mother were early settlers in Middle Tennessee and have long been prominent in the civic, business, professional, and educational life of Tennessee. His paternal grandfather, Jordan Stokes, was admitted to the Bar in 1838 at Carthage, Tennessee, and for more than 100 years his descendants have graced the legal profession in Tennessee, and have made indelible marks upon its development.

James Whitworth Stokes' early education was obtained at Branham & Hughes Military Academy at Spring Hill, Tennessee, and at Wallace University Preparatory School in Nashville. He attended Vanderbilt University, which university conferred upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law, the latter degree being conferred in the year 1910.

He began the practice of law at Nashville, Tennessee, in association with his father and his brother, Jordan Stokes, Jr., and he was thus engaged in the practice of law at the beginning of World War I. Shortly after the beginning of hostilities and before the