

It was Mr. Marr's belief that every practicing attorney should assist a young lawyer entering the practice; and during his many years of practice, he always maintained in his office a young attorney just admitted to the practice of law. He was most interested in the work of the Vanderbilt Law School and looked forward to Class Reunions. In his last will and testament, after making provision for his widow and bequests to his sisters, Mr. Marr directed that the balance of his estate be placed in trust for the Vanderbilt School of Law, the income to be used in establishing law scholarships for young man of Middle Tennessee, graduates of public schools, to be styled the William B. Marr Scholarship.

Mr. Marr was killed in an automobile wreck on April 9, 1952, when on a visit to one of his tracts of land in Cheatham County. Shortly before his death Mr. Marr had offered to deed this tract to the State of Tennessee for the erection thereon of a State Tuberculosis Hospital which had been authorized by a recent Act of the Legislature.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. W. Neblett, and two half-sisters, Miss Eugenia L. Jones and Mrs. Jenny Michaelson, all of Riverside, California.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That by the death of William Blakemore Marr, the Bar of Tennessee and particularly the Bar of Nashville, have lost a most distinguished member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this memorial be spread upon the Minutes of this Association, and copies be forwarded to the members of his family, and the Court where he practiced.

Ross V. Dunn, Chairman.

R. B. C. Howell,
Wm. E. Steger,
Harry G. Nichol,
Ben L. Roskin,
COMMITTEE.

This October 17, 1952.

JAMES BRYAN NEWMAN.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER 12, 1952,
NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION.

JUDGE JAMES BRYAN NEWMAN.

JAMES BRYAN NEWMAN, a Member of this Association, and also of the Bar of Tennessee, as well as the State of Alabama, died at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, at 10:15 o'clock on Saturday evening, April 12, 1952, of a heart attack.

Judge Newman was born at Grove Hill, Alabama, on December 19, 1870, the son of James A. and Ann Elizabeth Burroughs Newman. His early education was received in the Grove Hill Academy and New Town Academy, near his home. He attended the University of Alabama, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1889. He became County Solicitor of Clark County, Alabama, in 1890, and held this office until he removed to Talladega, Alabama in 1891, where he was County Solicitor from 1892 until 1893. He continued the practice of Law in Alabama, until his removal to Nashville in 1899, where he opened an office for practice of law, and became active in politics. He served as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee from Davidson County, in the years 1906 to 1908. He served as Secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee in 1912, and was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore in 1912, being elected from the Sixth District of

Davidson County.

In 1915 the work of the Chancery Court for the Nashville District became so heavy that the Legislature created Part Two of the Chancery Court and Governor Tom C. Rye appointed Judge Newman to serve as Chancellor on January 29, 1915. He served as Chancellor of Part Two for twenty-six years, retiring on April 14, 1941, at the age of seventy. He was not thereafter active in the practice of law, but maintained an office in the Third National Bank Building, serving occasionally as Special Judge on the State Supreme Court. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Round Table, the oldest literary society in Tennessee, and possibly the best known. He was an active member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, serving at one time on the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He was married on November 19, 1901, to the former Miss Lilah McDaniel of Anniston, Alabama, who died January 30, 1925. He was married again on February 5, 1927, to Mrs. Annie Cate King of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, who survives. No children were born of either marriage.

In addition to his widow and step-children, he is survived by three nephews, General James B. Newman of Baltimore, Maryland; James A. and Charles Newman, of Nashville, Tennessee, and two nieces, Mrs. E. Graef of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mrs. Ed McCullough of Marlin, Texas.

Chancellor Newman had the benefit of a splendid education, a fine judicial mind, moral courage to a high degree, and the ability to weigh evidence and make decisions according to the applicable law.

During the many years that he served, he had not only the confidence, but the affection and respect of the Nashville Bar, and all other lawyers who practiced before him from time to time, and they were many. By reason of his location in the capital City of Tennessee, he was called on to decide many cases involving public policy, the constitutionality of various statutes, including many involving taxation. His fame as a clear thinker and impartial judge will endure as long as the records of his Court are preserved. During his long incumbency in office he maintained a file of his opinions, which were well prepared and in writing, and at the end of his term there were few questions that he could not decide by referring to prior decisions where he had already considered the question, and if of importance, where his decision was affirmed by our Appellate Courts.

It was a matter of regret to the entire Bar of Middle Tennessee when Judge Newman retired as Chancellor, and this without disparagement to the splendid and learned Chancellors who have succeeded him. His memory will long endure as an inspiration to the lawyers of Tennessee.

BE IT RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be adopted as a mark of respect to Chancellor James Bryan Newman, and be spread upon the Minutes of this Association, and a copy be furnished to his widow.

A. B. Neil,
E. F. Langford,
W. E. Norvell, Jr.,
F. A. Berry,
Chairman.

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