

RESOLUTIONS AT MEMORIAL SERVICES, Friday December 7th, 1956, at
10:30 A. M. in LAW ASSEMBLY ROOM on Fourth floor of Davidson
COUNTY COURT HOUSE, upon the death of FELIX EDWARD BOWERS.

FELIX EDWARD BOWERS:

Felix Edward Bowers was born in 1876 in Davidson County, Tennessee. His preliminary education was in Davidson County and he attended High School at Old Jere Baxter School. He studied medicine at the University of Nashville and left medical school before completion to become a moulder instructor at old Phillips and Buttorff foundry. In his late thirties he decided to make the practice of law his profession, and although he was married at that time and was the father of six children nevertheless he managed to support his family and attended Cumberland University, where he graduated in 1916 at the age of forty. He then divided his time between general contracting and the ministry. In 1932 he began the practice of law, which he continued until his office was destroyed in the Exchange Building fire in November 1954. His health prevented his return to practice.

He was outstanding in real property and titling, and his work in this highly technical field attracted widespread attention.

He was the father of nine children. At his death on June 16, 1956, he was 79 years of age.

Mr. Bowers was very active in all phases of the work of the Church to which he belonged. Almost single-handed in 1900 he organized the old California Avenue Church of Christ under the auspices of the Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ. Under his guidance it became a church with an overflowing congregation. In 1930 he saw that the Church helped organize was too small to accomodate its congregation and he again almost single-handed organized a new and larger church called the Pennsylvania Avenue Church of Christ. He remained there as an active elder until 1949, when his health would not permit his continuing vigorous church activities. At that time he had seen his church grow until again the building would not accomodate the membership.

Ed Bowers was a good man, a good Christian gentleman. He lived his religion daily. The rule of his daily conduct and treatment of his fellowman was: "As you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them." In his Church he was a leader. He set the example for other Christians. Ed Bowers had his full share in life of disappointments, of difficulties, of reverses and of defeats. He met them calmly, bravely, courageously and he lived to overcome.

Ed Bowers was a good husband, a good father, a good neighbor, a good citizen. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

He was a good lawyer. To his clients he was ever loyal and zealous for their every interest. He capably and courageously presented the cause of his client to the Court. His demeanor in the Court room was worthy of notice. To the Court he was respectful, to his adversary he was courteous. The witness was shown kindness and consideration. His cases were always carefully prepared and although forcefully presented he rarely lifted his voice above the conversational. He kept himself abreast of the holdings of the Appellate Courts, and his citations were accurately at his finger tips. He was always ready to assist with his accurate knowledge of the law, other lawyers who needed help, and especially his younger lawyer friends.

Many acts of kindness, especially to the poor and needy were done by him, not for any vainglory or reward but because he loved his fellowmen.

We have indeed lost a great and a good man and his good works do follow him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ed Bowers' family has sustained an irreparable loss in his going; his community has lost a good citizen; his Church a loyal and valuable member, and his profession a capable and learned advocate/

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nashville Bar Association tender to his family our sympathy and that they be furnished a copy of these resolutions, and that a copy be spread upon the records of the Courts where he practiced.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Reynolds, Chairman.

Grafer H. Russell,
Jack Green,
COMMITTEE.

ELMER DAVID DAVIES:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION:

Your Committee, appointed to draft an appropriate resolution commemorating the life of the late Honorable ELMER DAVID DAVIES, respectfully submits the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 7, 1957, the Honorable Elmer David Davies departed this life, leaving surviving him, a devoted family and many bereaved friends, it is deemed appropriate that the Nashville Bar Association adopt this resolution or memorial in his honor.

Judge Davies was a comparatively young man at the time of his death. For the past few years he had not been in the best of health but his untimely departure from this life was not expected. Judge Davies was born in Magnolia, Arkansas, on the 12th day of January, 1899. He was the son of the late Elmer H. and Annie Dixon Davies of Magnolia. He graduated from the High School at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and entered Vanderbilt University in 1918. Prior to entering Vanderbilt he had been a student at Henderson Brown College, a Methodist institution at Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

While a student at Vanderbilt, he joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and also was a member of Phi Delta Phi, an honorary legal fraternity.

During his last year in law school, Elmer David Davies was associated with the firm of Berry & Smith. Following his graduation and upon the formation of the firm of Bass, Berry & Sims, Judge Davies was an associate of this firm for a period of five years. He opened his own law office in the early part of 1928 and on October 1, 1928 formed a partnership with Ferriss C. Bailey, which association continued until October 1, 1938. He then became a member of the firm of Price, Davies & Price. Shortly after joining this firm, he was appointed United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, on July 13, 1939.

Judge Davies gave of his time and efforts to public service and was a distinguished member of the Senate of Tennessee in 1935 and 1937. In his early days, he was Secretary of the Nashville Bar Association from 1926 to 1931.

During the seventeen years that Judge Davies served as Judge of the United States