

of NOAH W. COOPER.

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Noah W. Cooper was born on the ancestral farm of his father in Horrey County, South Carolina, on August 17, 1868, being the second of twelve children, eleven of whom survived their parents; the mother dying in 1926.

At the time of his birth, his father, Noah B. Cooper, was Probate Judge of Horry County. Both his mother and father were devout members of the Methodist Church.

He attended school and graduated from Mullins College, South Carolina.

For a while, as a boy in his teens, he taught school in Georgia, coming to Nashville to further his education. He graduated from the University of Nashville when he was twenty-one years of age.

Two years later, or in 1891, he was admitted to the Bar, and was engaged in the active practice of the law for more than sixty years.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Lucy Binkley, the daughter of Captain B. F. Binkley.

Captain Binkley was one of the pioneers in the Title Company business in Nashville, so it was but natural that Mr. Cooper's practice should, to a large degree, involve real estate law. He often wrote the deeds for his clients in long hand, which caused the Register's Office much concern in "translating".

About seven years after his marriage, he moved to 901 Benton Avenue in Waverly Place, where he lived until his death.

Waverly Place Methodist Church was organized in 1894, and Brother Cooper and his wife were Charter Members of this Congregation. He remained a member of this Church until his death. He held practically every office in the Church except that of Pastor, though being a local preacher in the Methodist Connection, he often filled the pulpit in the absence of the Pastor, and taught a Sunday School class in the Church for many years.

Brother Cooper was a crusader in every sense of the word.

For many years he espoused the cause of Sabbath Observance, and refused to ride a street car on Sunday.

He made numerous speeches throughout the country, and went to Washington on many occasions in an effort to have a National Sunday Law passed by Congress.

In 1912-13 he was a candidate for Mayor of Nashville, on a platform seeking the enforcement of the State Liquor Laws in Nashville, which campaign he conducted in his usual vigorous way. His brother, Wade Hampton Cooper, had also been a candidate for this office some six or eight years before. Both were unsuccessful; but as far as known, this was the only time in the history of Nashville when two brothers, on different occasions, had made a campaign for this office.

His last crusade was a campaign to abolish war; and he spoke before a House Committee in Washington against Military Conscription in peace time.

For twenty five years and until the company was absorbed by another life insurance company, he was General Counsel of the Methodist Benevolent Association, and took a very active part in the management of its affairs.

During the greater part of his practice, his office was in the McGavock Block, and he was an advocate of numerous poor clients, in need of legal representation.

Mr. Cooper was vigorous in spite of his years. He never wore a hat, and was a familiar figure on the down-town streets of Nashville for years.

His friends were legion, hundreds can testify to many small acts of kindness which

he rendered in their behalf. He always met you with a cordial handshake, and was highly respected by his brother lawyers.

He died on October 3, 1957, in his 90th year; survived by two daughters: Mrs. Nelson Allen, of Middlesboro, Kentucky; and Mrs. Joseph O. Edwards, of Mullins, South Carolina. His daughter, Mrs. Mary Cooper Tippens, predeceased him, and her two children lived with Mr. Cooper at the time of his death.

Truly in his death, a large chunk of color of the Nashville Bar, passed with him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION that in the death of NOAH W. COOPER, the Bar has suffered the loss of a Stalwart Christian Gentleman, an ardent advocate and a true friend of all who knew him.

That a copy of these Resolutions be spread upon the records of this Association; and a copy furnished to the members of his family.

Littell Rust, Chairman.

W. Rufus Pardue,  
Newman Brandon, Jr.,

COMMITTEE.

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ANDREW JACKSON GRIGSBY, JR.,

We are gathered here today to pay honor and respect to the memory of a lawyer, and a friend who served long and honorably at the Nashville Bar, Mr. Andrew Jackson Grigsby, Jr.

Jack Grigsby, as he was affectionately known to those who were privileged to share his friendship, was born December 16, 1882, in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Andrew Jackson Grigsby, and Serena Howell Grigsby. He gained his early education in the Nashville Public Schools, attended and graduated from the famous Bowen Preparatory School, then was graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1910. He began the practice of law in Nashville in 1912, and maintained a successful practice here until his retirement on November 4, 1954. Mr. Grigsby died December 6, 1957.

Early in his life, Mr. Grigsby united with the Baptist Church, and remained an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church until his death. He was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and proud that he was a 32<sup>o</sup> Mason.

Jack Grigsby was a rugged individualist. As a lawyer he was deeply studious, and thorough and skillful in the preparation of his cases. In the presentation of his cases to the Court and Jury, he gave in abundance to each client his ability, learning and skill.

In the later years of his practice he instilled in the young lawyers who asked his help, an unflinching zest and desire to master the law in all its intricate details; and impresses upon them that study, reading, preparation, logical thinking and hard work were the corner stones of a successful legal practitioner. Many of us, in the years to come, will have occasion to remember his assistance and generosity.

On November 14, 1918, he was married to Miss Sara Butler of Shelbyville, Tennessee, who survives him.

For "Miss Sally" as he called his wife, he maintained a truly sincere affection and devotion that was the guiding star in his life.

To visit in his home was a pleasure, and it was here at home with "Miss Sally" that Jack was the greatest. It was there he loved most to be, and where he was seen as his best.