

Travelers Claims Office in Nashville, Tennessee, being the immediate predecessor of the late John W. Seeley of this Bar.

While living in Nashville Mr. Ramey met and in 1926 married the former Mrs. Vera Hanchett. They were married in Rockford, Illinois. There was one child, a girl, born of this union and she is now Mrs. Peggy Colbert of Wichita, Kansas. She has four children. At the time of their marriage Mrs. Hanchett was the mother of a seven year old son, Robert Hanchett. Mr. Ramey reared this child as his own son, never making any distinction between him and his own daughter. Robert Hanchett now lives in Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. Ramey left Travelers Insurance Company to become associated with Joe T. McCary and Arthur Crownover in the handling of insurance claims for Western Casualty Company, Massachusetts Bonding Company, Bituminous Casualty Company, and Zurich Insurance Company. This association terminated in 1943 and Mr. Ramey continued his representation of these companies until his untimely death on January 31, 1960.

Mr. Ramey was admitted to this Bar in 1937.

Mr. Ramey was a life long member of the Sharon Methodist Church of Abbeville, South Carolina, and in the last few years of his life he attended Belmont Baptist Church.

To those of us who knew Mr. Ramey well during his many years as Claims Representative in the Nashville area, he is best remembered for his proficiency in investigating and analyzing difficult and complicated claims and his complete honesty and trustworthiness in his dealings with claimants and members of this Bar.

Mr. Ramey was a respected citizen of our community, an honored member of our Bar, and a beloved, dutiful husband and father.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Association has lost a valued member in the death of Thomas W. Ramey and this community has lost a fine citizen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on the records of this Association and a copy be presented to his wife and to each of his two children.

This 10th day of February, 1961.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. Morris, Chairman

John T. Conners, Jr.

Joe T. McCary

JOHN F. KILLEBREW:

The committee appointed to draft appropriate resolutions on the death of John F. Killebrew, respectfully submits the following:

John Frierson Killebrew was born in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, on August 1st, 1902, and was, therefore, fifty-eight years of age at the time of his death, which occurred on November 10th, 1960, in Nashville, Tennessee. His immediate survivors are his brothers and sisters, he having never married.

He was a son of the late George Wimberly Killebrew and Donna Frierson Killebrew, being one of nine children. He and his family moved to Nashville in 1912. He attended Tarbox School, Lake Placid School for Boys in Lake Placid, New York, Wallace University

School, Vanderbilt University and Cumberland University. He was graduated from Vanderbilt University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He obtained his law degree from Cumberland University and was licensed to practice law in Tennessee August 24, 1933.

From 1934 to 1939, he was a Deputy Clerk and Master in the Chancery Court at Nashville, serving in Part One of the Court. In this capacity, he rendered capable and creditable service and endeared himself to the members of the Bar by his fairness and friendliness.

After leaving the office of the Clerk and Master, Mr. Killebrew, in 1939, joined the legal staff of the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, where he remained for a period of ten years. He was Assistant General Counsel and handled many large and important matters.

Upon severing his connection with the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, he became associated with various lawyers in the private practice of law. During the years 1953 and 1954, he was connected with the firm of Edwin A. Price, Jr. and at the time of his death, he had offices with Paul A. Green.

Mr. Killebrew was a member and a Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church. In 1953 he was Exalted Ruler of Lodge Number 72, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also served as a director of the Boys Club, and was a member of the Tennessee Historical Society.

As a lawyer, John Killebrew, had all of the necessary qualifications of a good lawyer. In the first place, he possessed unquestioned integrity. He was careful and studious and ever loyal and devoted to those whom he represented. He had an innate sense of justice and fair play. In all matters in which he was engaged, he desired that right, reason and justice should prevail. It can be truthfully said, to his credit, that he always gave his best to his clients, no matter how small the case, or how humble the client.

As a man, John Killebrew, was of the highest caliber. He was a gentleman in every respect, being kind, thoughtful and considerate of all with whom he came in contact. Friendliness was perhaps his outstanding trait, and his name should be written as one who loved his fellow man. Those who knew him felt this warmth and sincerity with the result that there are a host of friends, who are grieved by his untimely death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association that the members of this association, although bowing to the will and wisdom of Almighty God, never-the-less, do deplore the death of their fellow member, John F. Killebrew, and record their sense of loss at his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be filed and retained permanently in the records of this Association as a memorial, and that a copy thereof be delivered to the family.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of February, 1961.

Paul A. Green,
Chairman

Douglas Henry,

Edwin A. Price, Jr.
