

FRANK PUGH BOND.

Frank Pugh Bond was born in Windsor, North Carolina, June 27th, 1851, and was the son of Louis Taylor and Penelope A. Bond. His elementary education was received in the Preparatory School, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and after graduation, he attended the University of Virginia, graduating at the age of nineteen (19) with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. A year later he was awarded the degree of LLB at the Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee. While attending the University he was awarded a medal for his exceptional powers of oratory, which were evidenced throughout both his political and legal careers.

Shortly after graduating at Cumberland University, he began the practice of law at Brownsville, Tennessee, continuing until his appointment, as Collector of Internal Revenue for Tennessee, by President Cleveland. He then removed to Nashville, and after his term of office expired, again engaged in the practice of law, until his death, which occurred on September 5th, 1925. Mr. Bond took an unusual interest in politics, more actively, when a young man, having made the race for Congress in the \_\_\_\_\_ District of Tennessee, and being defeated, by only a small majority. In politics he never sacrificed a principle, regardless of the popular side of the issue. He was a Democrat of the old Jeffersonian school. Being a strong believer in state rights, he fought with vigor and untiring energy, every effort by advocates of a strong centralized Federal Government, to encroach upon the power and rights of the sovereign states. He was so strongly imbued with the idea of preserving to the American citizens, the rights of personal liberty and security in the ownership of property, by principles of Government as guaranteed by the Constitution that he gave freely of his time, his means and his talents to that end. In public speeches he often reviewed with pride the struggles, throughout the centuries for liberty and freedom. He believed that the citizen should be ever vigilant to preserve to himself the rights acquired by the blood his ancestors shed. His whole interest in politics was unselfish, and characterized by a desire to promote and preserve sound principles of Government, consistent with our Democratic Institutions, and to maintain in office worthy public servants.

As a lawyer Mr. Bond was profoundly learned. His mind was at once acute and comprehensive. His sound reasoning faculties coupled with his strong mentality and powerful eloquence, soon placed him in the front ranks of his profession. In his practice he was kind, courteous, and considerate of his brother lawyers and adversaries. He was successful in his profession by virtue of his zeal, untiring efforts and great abilities. He was held in the highest esteem by the Bar, and had the fullest confidence of the Bench. His lofty ideals and finespirit of high ethics characterized his long legal career. He was one of the ablest lawyers in the State.

As an orator it was, and is, difficult to find his peer. His thorough knowledge of history and literature afforded him an almost inexhaustible supply of comparisons and references. He never lacked for a word, and some of his greatest speeches were made, apparently, without mental effort. He was endowed with a gift of beautiful expression, that charmed and delighted the listener, whether in conversation, or in public speech. His wealth of fluent words, poetry, and forceful expressions, early won for him the reputation of being one of the foremost orators of the State.

To know Mr. Bond was to love him. His lovely and unselfish disposition exhibited a charm that could not be resisted. He was ever loyal to his friends, and kind to his fellowman. He was firm and courteous, yet gentle and kind, to an unusual degree. He was a man of unsullied honesty and of the highest integrity. Above all he was truly a gentleman of the old South, and a representative of its fine ideals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the passing of Mr. Bond, the bar has lost one of its brightest, and most distinguished members; the State one of its leading and beloved citizens, the South one of its greatest orators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family of Mr. Bond, and a copy spread on the Memorial Books of the Chancery and Circuit Courts of Davidson County, Tennessee.

November 15, 1925.

W. M. Fuqua,

John J. Vertrees,

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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

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