

RESOLUTION ON THE LIFE OF NEWMAN BRANDON, JR., WHO  
DIED JUNE 6, 1970, PRESENTED AT MEMORIAL SERVICES  
OF THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION - DECEMBER 7, 1970

Newman Brandon, Jr., was born in Tobaccoport, Tennessee, on the banks of the Cumberland River on June 24, 1894, where he spent much time in his early years in and around the General Store which was owned and operated by his uncle in Tobaccoport.

He attended the Public Schools of Stewart County and, in 1913, he entered Brandon Training School at Shelbyville, Tennessee, where he made an outstanding scholastic record and where he graduated with honors in June, 1915. He entered Vanderbilt University in September of that year and graduated from that institution with an LL.B. degree in June, 1918, which, incidentally, was the 43rd commencement of the University.

On July 4, 1917, while still in Law School, he married Anna Mary Tishel of Stewart County, whom he had known and courted while in school in Shelbyville when Miss Tishel was a teacher of Elocution in the school. To this union four children were born: Newman, III, now in Wellesley, Ontario; Joe, who with his family lives in Los Angeles, California; Roberta, now Mrs. C. W. Bradley, lives with her family in Memphis, Tennessee; and Frank, who lives in Amarillo, Texas. There are thirteen grandchildren. Mrs. Brandon, all four of the children, and the thirteen grandchildren survive.

After his return from service in the United States Army following the Armistice in 1918, Newman entered the practice of law in Nashville in association with the late Frank Ready. When Mr. Ready moved to Washinton, D.C. in 1919, Newman became associated with Berry D. Shriver, with offices on the 10th floor of the Stahlman Building, where he continued in the practice until the Fall of 1920 when Thomas A. Shriver came to the Bar and moved in with his brother, Berry, at which time, because of lack of available office space, Newman moved to the 8th floor of the Stahlman Building where he remained for a number of years. Eventually, he moved to the Third National Bank Building, now the

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J. C. Bradford Building, and occupied offices with Neill S. Brown and James W. Crutcher, the latter of whom was still his office associate when he died on June 6, 1970.

Newman was a brilliant student and became a lawyer of distinction who earned the respect and esteem of fellow members of the Bar of Nashville and of Tennessee and of all the Courts before whom he practiced throughout the years.

He had a great capacity for friendship and enjoyed the company and companionship of many people who admired him, as, for example, a group of men who met regularly for lunch at the Round Table in the Noel Hotel Coffee Shop and swapped yarns, discussed politics and other interesting subjects over a period of several years and until Newman's death. He organized the Round Table a number of years ago and, while the membership changed from time to time as some of the members died and moved away, still others came and joined the group. Some of those who still meet at the Round Table with more or less regularity are the Chairman and members of the Committee who have signed this Resolution and Howard Travis, Warren Evans, Clarence Evans, William H. Woods, Earl McNabb and others. Those who remain will always miss Newman and his dry wit, interesting stories which he had a rare talent for recounting, and his philosophical comments which displayed much wisdom and common sense.

In the death of Newman Brandon, Jr., the Nashville Bar Association lost a valuable and distinguished member and the community lost a much loved and valued citizen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the membership of the Nashville Bar Association in meeting assembled at the Metropolitan Courthouse in Nashville, Tennessee on December 7, 1970, does hereby express sorrow and regret at the passing of Newman Brandon, Jr.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the sentiments expressed in this Resolution are adopted by the members here assembled and that a copy of this Resolution be preserved in the Minutes of the Association and copies be furnished members of the family.

This December 7, 1970.

NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Wm. H. Woods, President

John L. Chambers, Secretary

Thomas A. Shriver, Chairman

Tom Stewart

Lewis S. Pope

Will T. Perry

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