

RESOLUTIONS OF THE NASHVILLE BAR
IN MEMORY OF MR. W. D. COVINGTON.

William Demonbreun Covington was born on a farm in Williamson County, Tennessee, on May 13, 1843, and received his education in the county schools of Williamson County. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 20th Tennessee Infantry and served gallantly until forced to retire on account of ill health in 1863, when he returned to the farm, regained his health, and in the fall of 1864, enlisted in Forrest's Cavalry and served until the surrender at Gainesville, Georgia. He participated as a soldier in many battles including Fishing Creek, Shiloh and Murfreesboro. After the close of the war he came to Nashville and began the practice of law, for which he had prepared himself by taking a course in the law school of Cumberland University at Lebanon. He was married to Miss Deliah Bostick, and they had one son, Captain William A. Covington of the United States Army.

Mr. Covington practiced continuously at the Nashville Bar until shortly before his death, which occurred on March 30, 1917. He was a man of unusual intellectual power, was deeply versed in the law and always careful and thorough in the preparation of his cases. He was effective in the presentation of a case, and was a good advocate and sound advisor. He was an untiring student of the law, but his studies also covered a wide range of literature. He had an extensive knowledge of history due to long and wide reading of the great historians. He was a close and constant student of the Bible, and his knowledge of current events was accurate and extensive. While he spent much of his time in all of these studies he was very active in the practice of his profession and was fresh in his contact with the world around him. He was genial in temperament and had many cordial friends even among the younger members of the profession.

Therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Nashville Bar assembled on this the 7th day of April, 1917, to pay a tribute to his memory;

1. That in the death of Mr. Covington we have lost an able and useful member of the Bar and a genial and beloved friend; and that while he had passed his three score and ten years he will be sadly missed among us.

2. That we extend our sincere sympathy to his bereaved widow and son in their sorrow, and we assure them that we shall cherish with great pleasure the recollections of our associations with him.

3. That copies of these resolutions be presented to the various courts in which Mr. Covington practiced, and also the the members of his family.

Harry A. Luck, Chairman,
A. G. Rutherford,
W. P. Cooper,
John H. DeWitt,
Jeff McCarn.