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APPENDIX

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH
DAKOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION:

During the year that has slipped away since we last met, many have been sorrowed through the loss of close and dear friends.

We have, as individuals, borne our own griefs and have done what seemed best, in our sympathy for our sorrowing friends.

Today, as an Association and as individual members of the Association, we by appropriate Resolutions, express the feelings that possess our minds and hearts, as we contemplate the inroads that the Grim Reaper has made in our ranks.

Some of those for whom we mourn, have been prominent in the Bar and in public affairs since Territorial days. Some have but recently come to the State and others were comparatively young.

It would be inappropriate, if not impossible, for this Committee to set forth a tribute to each who has gone, and we suggest that personal tributes should be presented by the more intimate and local friends, to be by the Secretary given appropriate place in the Journal.

We submit the names and brief facts, with respect to the members of the Bar who have taken the long journey during the last year:

W. E. BISSETT

W. E. Bissett of Grand Forks, North Dakota, died July 4, 1929, leaving surviving him his wife, Florence.

Mr. Bissett, with his family, came to Grand Forks in 1926, from the State of Missouri and had given his attention to the practice of law since the time of his arrival, although, because of illness, he had been prevented much of the time, from taking an active part in the practice.

JAMES V. BROOKE

James V. Brooke, Cando, North Dakota, died June 12, 1929 at his home in Cando, at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Brooke was a native of Virginia and practiced law in that State before coming to the Territory of Dakota, to which place he came in 1882, locating at Fargo. He later lived and practiced at Devils Lake and for some years served as Register of the United States Land Office at Grand Forks, later moving to Cando, where in the County of Towner he served as County Judge and States Attorney.

He was also, during 1909 and 1910, Secretary to Senator S. L. Thompson.

MARION CONKLIN

Marion Conklin, of Jamestown, North Dakota, who had practiced law in this States for forty years, died at his home in Jamestown on June 9, 1929, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Conklin had held various offices, being at different times Alderman of the City of Jamestown, Police Magistrate and also States Attorney and County Judge of the County of Stutsman.

FRANK B. FEETHAM

Frank B. Feetham, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, died at his home in that City on August 1, 1929, at the age of 62 years.

Mr. Feetham had lived in Grand Forks since 1887. He read law in the office of the late John M. Cochrane; was admitted to the Bar in 1889 and entered into a partnership with Judge Cochrane and had practiced law in Grand Forks ever since until the time of his death.

A. J. HABIGER

A. J. Habiger of Harvey, North Dakota, died at his home in that City April 7, 1929, at the age of 32 years.

Mr. Habiger was a native of Minnesota and a graduate of the University of Minnesota and had practiced law at Harvey for six years. At the time of his death, he was City Attorney of the City of Harvey and Commander of the American Legion Post in that City.

W. A. JOY

W. A. Joy, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, died
at his summer home at Lake Lizzie, Minnesota.

Mr. Joy, while not in the practice, had been in his earlier days and was admitted to practice in the Courts of this State. Most of his life however, was devoted to the farm loan business and to the incidental law business connected with his general business.

At the time of his death, he was 74 years of age.

EMIL SCOW

Emil Scow, of Bowman, North Dakota, died at his home in that City on July 17, 1929, at the age of 52 years.

Mr. Scow had practiced law in North Dakota for twenty-two years and, at the time of his death, was serving as States Attorney for Bowman County. He was a member of the State Board of Regents from 1913 to 1917. At the University of Wisconsin, his Alma Mater, he made an enviable record as a football player. His subsequent career in no wise dimmed his college record, for he made many business and professional touchdowns.

ED SLINDE

Ed Slinde, of Fessenden, North Dakota, was killed in an automobile accident near his home town in the fall of 1928. At the time of his death he was only 30 years of age. He was a graduate of the University of North Dakota, went from there to Fessenden, where he established himself in a very short time, and at the time of his death it was generally accepted that he would be the next State's Attorney of Wells County.

ISAAC N. STEEN

Isaac N. Steen, of Carson, North Dakota, died July 19, 1929 at his residence in Carson at the age of 67 years.

Mr. Steen had practiced law in North Dakota for thirty-five years, had held the offices of City Attorney of Mandan and City Attorney of Carson, North Dakota, and States Attorney of Grant County, North Dakota.

W. J. COURTNEY

W. J. Courtney, of Page, North Dakota, died May 24th, 1929, as he was walking through a store in his home town, apparently feeling well and in good spirits. He was 58 years of age.

Mr. Courtney was born in Illinois, receiving his early education there, and later graduating from the Mayville Normal. He was superintendent of schools for a number of years, and was admitted to the bar in 1901, practicing from the time of his admission until death at Page.

ALFRED STEELE

Alfred Steele, of Jamestown, North Dakota, died June 5, 1929, at his home in Jamestown, at the age of 69 years.

Mr. Steele was a graduate of Wisconsin University, but practiced law for only three years. He was called to serve his community and county in many capacities, and was one of the oldest members of the State Senate, in point of service, at the time of his death.

EDWARD M. WARREN

Edward M. Warren, of LaMoure, North Dakota, died June 6, 1929 at his home in LaMoure, at the age of 63 years.

He had practiced law in North Dakota for twenty-nine years; at one time served as Private Secretary to Congressman B. F. Spaulding and had served his County, both as County Judge and States Attorney.

J. T. KRAUSE

J. T. Krause, of Mandan, North Dakota, died March 31st, 1929, at his home in Mandan, at the age of 57 years.

He was born on a farm, and grew to manhood, in Wisconsin, graduated from the North Dakota University Law School in 1916,

after homesteading near Ryder. Politically, he was an ardent Non-Partisan, under which banner he was elected State's Attorney of Morton County in the fall of 1928.

GEO. H. PHELPS

Geo. H. Phelps, of Bowbells, North Dakota, died at Minot on February 29th, 1927, at the age of 65.

He received his legal education in Vermont, but soon removed to North Dakota, where he was in active practice for more than 40 years. He was held in high esteem by the Masonic Fraternity, and served that organization in many capacities.

R. H. GRACE

R. H. Grace, of Minot, North Dakota, died at Leever, South Dakota on the 11th day of February, 1929, well along in years.

Efforts to obtain information have been unavailing so the committee can only record that which is common knowledge, namely, that he served his State as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

WILLIAM E. PURCELL

William E. Purcell, of Wahpeton, North Dakota, died at his residence in that City November 23, 1928, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Purcell had practiced law in North Dakota and the Territory of Dakota for more than forty-five years.

He served as United States District Attorney for the Territory of Dakota from 1887 to 1889. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention that framed the Constitution for North Dakota. He also served as States Attorney for Richland County; State Senator from that District and in 1910 was by Governor Burke appointed as United States Senator from North Dakota, serving during that year and 1911.

F. E. HECKEL

F. E. Heckel, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, died at his home on January 30th, 1929, at the age of 53.

An Iowan by birth, he graduated from Upper Iowa University, later receiving his law degree from Chicago. He was admitted to the North Dakota Bar in 1909, beginning his practice at Bowbells. After serving as States Attorney, he obtained his J. D. degree at Chicago, and accepted a position at the North Dakota University Law School.

CHARLES E. WOLFE

Charles E. Wolfe, of Wahpeton, North Dakota, died at his home in that City, February 20, 1929, at the age of 69 years.

Mr. Wolff had practiced law in North Dakota and the Territory of Dakota for forty-four years and had served for many years as City Attorney of Wahpeton, States Attorney of Richland County and at the time of his death, was serving as Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District.

CLOSING

In closing our Report, we ask again, the question that has come down to us echoing through the ages: "If man die, shall he live again," and in our hearts, we make the same answer that the learned and the unlearned, the Christian and the Pagan, alike have made, "there is no death." That which appears to us as death, is the beginning of life.

As we close the imperfect life of pain and sorrow here, we enter upon the glories of a perfect life of happiness There.

We who are finite, can neither add to nor take from the record that each has made. Neither can we, by human speech, assuage the grief of the dear ones who are sorely stricken.

We can only testify to the high standing of each as a member of the noble profession of the law, and as a man and a citizen.

To the family and the close friends of each, we say: He, whom you loved so well has, answering the call of his Maker, passed from death unto life. His human form a broken vessel, has been returned to Mother Earth from whence it came. His soul, that mysterious something of which we know so little and without which we are nothing, has winged its way to the Magic Isle of Somewhere and to the God who gave it.

He has greeted the friends who have sailed before "o'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore," and there he awaits the coming of those dear ones with whom he lived, and loved, on Earth.

To them we give love and sympathy. To him, we say goodbye for just a little while.

Peace Be With You.

TRACY R. BANGS,
Chairman Memorial Committee,
North Dakota State Bar Association.

In Memoriam
