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MEMORIAL OF EVERETT H. BROWN, JR.

By JOSEPH W. HENDERSON

The sudden passing, on May 2, 1951, of Everett H. Brown, Jr., a senior partner of the firm of Clark, Brown, McCown, Fortenbaugh & Young, was a heavy loss to his friends and to the many private and community organizations in which he was interested.

Mr. Brown was born March 31, 1888 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended the Germantown Academy and from there he went to the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his Academic degree in 1910 and his Law degree in 1912. Immediately upon graduation, he entered the law firm of Conlen, Brinton & Acker. This firm later became Acker, Manning & Brown. Some years later, upon the death of Messrs. Acker and Manning, the firm became consolidated in 1933 with the firm of Shields, Clark & McCown, which then became the firm of Shields, Clark, Brown & McCown and then, later on, the firm of Clark, Brown, McCown, Fortenbaugh & Young, which was the name of the firm at the time of Mr. Brown's death.

Mr. Brown attained a high position at the Bar and was greatly respected and highly regarded both by his associates and by his adversaries, who considered him at all times a man of high integrity and of great skill in his profession. Those who could claim his close friendship knew him as the real man that he was.

During his time at the Bar, Mr. Brown was associated with many public, charitable and religious activities. He gave much of his time to them, including the Germantown Y.M.C.A. of Philadelphia of which he was director for many years, and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in the same community, of which he was a Vestryman.

He was extremely active in various community matters and always gave of his best for the improvement of his fellow man.

He was not concerned solely in his profession with those phases of activity which had to do primarily with attorney-and-client relationships, but he gave much of his time to the organized Bar. He served on many important committees that endeavored to improve the profession as well as to improve the administration of justice.

He leaves surviving his widow and the following family: Mrs. Robert J. Carson of Lexington, Va., Mrs. Frank J. Oehlschlaeger of Evanston, Ill. A son, Everett H. Brown, III, lost his life in World War II.

We of the Admiralty Bar have lost a great friend, a worthy opponent, and the community at large a real citizen.

MEMORIAL OF ARTHUR W. CLEMENT

By OSCAR R. HOUSTON

Arthur Wilfred Clement was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 17, 1878. He was the son of New York State Supreme Court Justice Nathaniel Holmes and Amelia Piper Clement.

After graduating from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Academic Department, which he attended from 1891 to 1896, Mr. Clement attended Yale University from which he graduated in 1900 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. Thereafter he attended New York Law School from which he graduated in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of New York in the same year.

After being with the Corporation Counsel's office of the City of New York for a brief period of time he became associated with the firm of Guthrie, Cravath & Henderson and the successor, Cravath, Henderson & de Gersdorff, from 1904 to 1910. From 1910 to 1921, Mr. Clement engaged in individual practice and in the latter year became associated with the firm of Bigham, Englar & Jones and the successor, Bigham, Englar, Jones & Houston, of which firm he became a member in 1929.

In the field of law Mr. Clement was not only an exceptional trial counsel but also an exceptional appellate advocate. His trial experience was in all the trial courts both State and Federal in the Consolidated City of New York. His appellate experience was likewise in all the appellate courts in the Consolidated City of New York, as well as the United States Supreme Court.

He was very generous in his assistance to his younger associates and was referred to by them as the expert on all legal problems. He had the unusual faculty of conducting his discussions in such a manner so as to enable the younger associate to reason out the solution to his problem.

During his lifetime Mr. Clement traveled throughout Europe, the United States and Central America as frequently as time would permit. In the course of his travels Mr. Clement's chief interests were in the fields of Art and he became very familiar with the

various museums throughout the United States, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Mexico and other Central American countries.

For many years Mr. Clement collected not only various objects of art and paintings, but also early American furniture, glass and pottery. It is believed that a number of his paintings, furniture and ceramics can be found not only in the Brooklyn Museum, but also in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Newark Museum. Mr. Clement also made gifts of other materials to the New York Historical Society, Albany Institute of History & Art, Museum of the City of New York, and the New York Public Library.

Mr. Clement was a trustee of Kings County Trust Company, of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and vice-chairman of the Governing Committee of the Brooklyn Museum.

Because of his interest in American ceramics Mr. Clement was instrumental in having a permanent collection established in the Brooklyn Museum to which he contributed both gifts and loans. He assisted the Newark Museum in assembling examples of and preparing the catalogue in connection with its exhibition of New Jersey pottery.

Mr. Clement was also the author of the book "Our Pioneer Pot-
ters", and several pamphlets on American ceramics; he also contributed articles on American ceramics to the Brooklyn Museum Bulletin and Antiques Magazine. He was frequently invited to give lectures, not only on American furniture and American ceramics, but also on the art of collecting and the art of research for the purpose of attribution.

Mr. Clement was a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and The Maritime Law Association of the United States. He was also a member of the Century Association of New York, the Rembrandt Club of Brooklyn, New York and the Pewter Collectors Club of Boston, Massachusetts.

MEMORIAL OF CARL V. ESSERYBy **SHERWIN A. HILL**

Carl Vanstone Essery, son of Evan and Victoria Farewell Essery, was born in Worth Township, Sanilac County, Michigan, on January 4, 1886. He died in Detroit, Michigan, on September 18, 1953. He is survived by his wife, the former Clara Prentice Mooney, to whom he was married in 1920.

Mr. Essery was graduated from the University of Michigan with an A.B. degree in 1910 and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1912. The same year he began the practice of law in Detroit with the law firm of Warren, Cady & Ladd. After serving as a United States Naval Officer in the Mediterranean theatre throughout World War I, he returned to Detroit to specialize in admiralty as a member of his former law firm, presently known as Hill, Essery, Lewis & Andrews.

Mr. Essery was long recognized as a leading authority on maritime legal affairs and was Associate Editor of American Maritime cases. For some time he had served on various committees on admiralty and maritime law of the American Bar Association and as a member of the House of Delegates. In 1939 he was named as a member of the Board of Governors.

He was a member of the Detroit Bar Association, a past president of the State Bar of Michigan, and was influential in behalf of the State Bar Association in the establishment of an integrated bar for Michigan. He became a member of The Maritime Law Association of the United States in 1925 and at the time of his death was acting on a committee of the Association in the promotion of legislation bearing upon the safety of life at sea.

Mr. Essery was a man of the strictest integrity and in all his professional and personal dealings adhered to the highest principles of honor and justice. He was an ardent student of Early Americana and owned a fine collection of period furniture and other art objects.

He was a member of the Detroit Club, Detroit Boat Club, Thomas M. Cooley Club, Navy League, Naval Post of the American Legion, past master of Corinthian Lodge F. & A. M., charter member and

past president of the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Detroit.

Mr. Essery was a clear and forceful writer and speaker, contributing generously of his time and energy to many philanthropies and civic activities. He was past president of the Michigan Humane Society and trustee and president of Church Youth Service. At the time of his death he was senior warden of Christ Church, Cranbrook, and a vestryman in St. Peter's Church and the old Mariners' Church in Detroit.

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND FORREST FARWELL

By ROBERT S. ERSKINE

Captain Raymond Forrest Farwell, U.S.N.R., who died on August 10th, 1951, possessed a unique combination of talents as an educator and an experienced navigator of merchant vessels. His educator's keenness of analysis and his navigator's experience early led to his realization that navigators in both the Navy and the Merchant Marine should be familiar not only with the context of the Rules of Navigation, but also with their interpretation and application in varying circumstances and conditions, as defined through a long line of decisions by our Admiralty courts. That resulted in his authorship of the book by which he is, perhaps, most widely known,—“The Rules of the Nautical Road”. Despite his “non-lawyer” status as a member of this Association since 1942, there are probably few, if any, Admiralty practitioners who could match his comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the “collision law” of the United States.

Farwell was born in Seattle, Washington, on July 20th, 1893. After graduating from Seattle's Broadway High School, he commenced his career as an educator by teaching in certain Grade Schools from 1911 to 1915. After some interruption by his service in the United States Navy, during World War I, he received the degree of B.A. from the University of California in 1920, and, later, the degree of M.A. from the University of Washington in 1926. From 1921 until his death he was a member of the faculty of the University of Washington, as Associate Professor of Transportation in 1921 and becoming full Professor of Transportation in 1940, with leave of absence during his return to service in the Navy in World War II.

Starting in 1910 as a “deck boy”, Farwell's love for the sea led him to spend his summer vacations in the Merchant Marine; and, after qualifying for and obtaining a Pilot's license, he spent many summers piloting vessels of Alaska Steamship Company on their regular run in the tricky waters between Seattle and Alaskan ports. In 1950 and 1951, after his retirement from the Navy, Farwell resumed his summertime piloting, and was serving on the S.S. ALEUTIAN in Alaskan waters when he died suddenly of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ashley Farwell, by two married

daughters, Mrs. Ruth Kilby of Berkeley, Cal., and Mrs. Virginia Hanscom, of Auburn, Washington, and by two sons, Raymond F. Farwell, Jr. and George W. Farwell.

In addition to "The Rules of the Nautical Road" Farwell was the author of numerous articles on the subject of navigation, which were published in the U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings over the years from 1935 to 1948; was the author of a textbook on Elements of Navigation; and was the editor of Hansen's Handbook, a manual for Puget Sound and Alaska pilots.

He was a member of the U. S. Naval Institute, the Propeller Club, the Institution of Navigation, the Faculty Research Club, the University Kiwanis Club, St. Andrew's Society, and the Honorary Society, Pan-Xenia.

In 1945, while still serving in the Navy, Farwell was appointed by our State Department as one of the delegates from the United States to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, to be held in London in 1948, and, in preparation for that Convention, he served as Chairman of the Sub-Committee which formulated the proposals to be made by the United States to the Convention for the revision of the International "Rules of the Road". During the course of the numerous meetings of that Committee over a period of nearly two years, a thorough consideration of appropriate up-to-date changes in the existing Rules was guided by Farwell with unusual efficiency, in the light of his own study and expert understanding of the subject. The members of that Committee, like all persons who had the privilege of intimate acquaintance with Farwell, quickly appreciated, and were attracted by, his unique ability, his fineness of character, his warm friendliness and his intriguing personality. Many of the changes in the International Rules, as recommended to the maritime nations by the 1948 Convention, were the result of Farwell's profound understanding and foresight of the requirements arising from modern inventions of navigational equipment and modern developments in ship design, which have affected all navigation upon the high seas.

MEMORIAL OF FRANK H. GERRODETTE

By HENRY N. LONGLEY

Frank H. Gerrodette was born in Brooklyn on November 1, 1866. He attended public schools in Brooklyn and thereafter graduated from Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass. After completing a four years' course in three years, he graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. A year later he received a degree of Master of Arts. After studying law for some years, he was admitted to practice before the New York Bar.

Mr. Gerrodette was for some years connected with the New York Central Railroad Company and certain surety companies. For a number of years he was associated with Bigham, Englar, Jones & Houston in the practice of Admiralty Law. Thereafter he was associated with other admiralty firms. He was largely engaged in research and library work.

On his death on May 13, 1951, he was 84 years old and was one of the oldest members of the Association. He was a kindly, conscientious student who took pleasure in working out complex problems involving many details. It is of interest to know that his full baptismal name was Jean Baptiste Francois Honore Henri de Mirabeau Guischarde Gerrodette. He early recognized the desirability of shortening this to the name of Frank H. Gerrodette by which he was known to his many friends.

Upon his death he left four children, ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES H. LEAVY

By LANE SUMMERS

The Honorable Charles H. Leavy was born during 1884 under most humble circumstances in Pennsylvania. With his numerous brothers and sisters he was soon taken by his parents to Kansas. He taught school and studied law first in Missouri and later in Washington. Being admitted to the Bar in 1912, he opened an office in a small town near the Columbia River, where successively he was made Prosecuting Attorney, Special Assistant United States Attorney, and Superior Court Judge. In 1936 he was elected to Congress, where as a member of the Appropriations Committee he fought to finance the great dams on the Columbia River at Grand Coulee and Bonneville. From his appointment in 1942 until his death in 1952 he served the profession and the public with honor as the only Federal Judge at Tacoma, where he tried all admiralty cases filed in the Southern Division for the Western District of Washington.

A glimpse into his personal life is preserved in a memorial address by an intimate, who recalled that after a busy office day on approaching his home late in the evening the Judge remarked "There's a friendly light".

MEMORIAL OF HOWARD M. LONG

By JOSEPH W. HENDERSON

Howard M. Long was born in Lewes, Delaware, on November 14, 1876; the son of a Delaware River pilot and a descendant of a pilot's family.

He attended the public schools in Lewes, then came to the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in high standing from its Wharton School in 1897. He continued his education by attending the University of Pennsylvania Law School from which he was graduated in 1900.

After being admitted to the bar in 1900, he entered the office of Henry R. Edmonds, a leader of the admiralty bar, and was with him for about three years, after which he opened his own office. Long had a special aptitude for marine matters and particularly litigation. He represented many schooners and the books abound with some famous cases that he has handled involving schooners, as well as steam vessels and motor vessels. He came by it naturally. He lived by the way his family had lived years before him and were all connected with the conditions that followed the going to sea.

He has appeared in every District Court on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. He also was appointed United States Commissioner in 1914 and served until he resigned in 1931. He was a former President of the Vessel Owners and Captains Association of Philadelphia. He also served a term in the Pennsylvania Legislature in the year 1934.

He was always willing to help others, particularly the young and inexperienced attorneys and he took many cases without pay for the less fortunate. He won the respect of his opponents and the confidence of the judges. He gave his life to his profession; he worked hard from morning to night but finally, on account of ill health, was forced to give up his practice a few years before his death, which occurred on December 1, 1952. He leaves surviving him two sons, Howard T. Long, of Villanova, and Paul M. Long, of Washington, D. C., and a daughter, Mrs. Frederick Schofield, of Philadelphia.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN C. MAHONEY

By CALVERT MAGRUDER

Hon. John C. Mahoney, a retired member of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, died at his home in Providence, Rhode Island, on November 18, 1952. He had been an Associate Member of this Association since 1941. In his ten years of active service on the Court of Appeals, he had the affection and respect of his colleagues, and of the bar, for he was a soft-spoken, unassuming gentleman who performed his judicial work quietly, conscientiously, and competently.

John Christopher Mahoney was born in Providence December 19, 1882. After attendance at local parochial and public schools he studied at Brown University, from which he received a degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. In later years his alma mater was proud to honor him, in 1938 by electing him a life trustee of the University, and in 1945 by conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

He took his law degree in Harvard Law School in 1908, and was admitted to the Rhode Island bar, becoming shortly thereafter a partner in the firm of Flynn and Mahoney.

A lifelong Democrat, he was interested in politics from early manhood. At various times he was a member of the Democratic State Committee and a delegate to his party's city and state conventions. He ran unsuccessfully for the legislature in 1916. Later that year he was named a Special Assistant to the United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island and participated in the prosecution of several notable cases.

In 1921 Mr. Mahoney returned to private practice. In 1931 he was elected by the Providence City Council to be City Solicitor, and he served in that capacity until his resignation in 1935 to become United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. His appointment to the Court of Appeals by President Roosevelt followed in 1940. Because of ill health he was obliged to retire from regular active service on the bench on December 18, 1950, to the great regret of his colleagues.

MEMORIAL OF A. GORDON MURRAY

By OSCAR R. HOUSTON

A. Gordon Murray was Secretary and Treasurer of The Maritime Law Association in 1906 and 1907 and from 1915 to 1922, during the presidencies of Robert D. Benedict, Judge Holt, Judge Lacombe, Judge Ward and Judge Hough—all gone before him.

He was a member of the class of 1891 at Princeton and practiced admiralty law in the office of Herbert Green, and later independently. He resigned his office in the Association on January 10, 1922 and at that time the following minute was entered (p. 1157):

“The Association is deeply in debt to Mr. Murray for his many years of faithful service, not only in routine matters, but in the active and effective prosecution of the most important projects of the Association.”

He resigned as a member of the Association on April 12, 1922 and disappeared from the admiralty practice.

He had accumulated some substantial real estate holdings and was in comfortable circumstances until the latter part of his life. Then he became totally blind and, after his wife's death, apparently lost interest in life and died on December 1, 1951. The following touching account of his final years has been supplied by Mr. Orville Taintor:

“Although Gordon Murray and I have not been able to see each other for many years, I have ventured to write this brief memorial because for some six years we have shared the same room in a home for the blind, and I feel that I got to know him rather thoroughly.

Some of us will remember the years when Gordon and his wife had a pleasant house in Princeton, whose door was always open to their friends. Gordon was then a busy lawyer and his wife was a successful painter of miniatures. Her maiden name was Grace Harper Staunton. When Gordon became blind he moved to New York and Mrs. Murray used to lead him around the streets before she became ill and spent a year in Hospital with great suffering until she died in 1945. After that Gordon had no one to help him.

His wife's death was a crushing blow and discouraged him to such a degree that he paid no attention to his own affairs and lost all his property, which was in mortgaged real estate.

He was my companion in the long years which we spent together in the same room. His death leaves me alone but under the friendly care of good, kind people. He came to the House for the Blind on October 19, 1945, and died December 1, 1951. He graduated from Princeton '91, and went into the newspaper business, then into the practice of law with Judges Green and Alexander. Our life together for these six years was a congenial one and gave me an opportunity to take care of someone.

He is survived by one child only, Archibald Gordon Murray, Jr., and by a sister, who is 83 years old, of Belvedere, New Jersey."

MEMORIAL OF LEON TYLER SEAWELL

By BARRON F. BLACK

On October 1, 1952, Leon Tyler Seawell passed away after a period of failing health which extended over the last few years of his life, and during which, with great courage and determination, he carried on his usual and customary activities.

Some men grow up in the law. Others merely graduate into practice. To the former, the law is truly a jealous mistress. To the latter, she is merely a passing acquaintance.

Leon Tyler Seawell was one of those of whose very being the law and its practice was an integral part. He started as an office boy with the firm of Hughes and Little. No more beneficial association for a young boy could be imagined. Robert M. Hughes was a man distinguished for his scholarship and learning. Among the legal treatises written by him was "Hughes on Admiralty", for many years a text book in law schools, and a basic statement of the admiralty law for lawyers. Henry Little, the other member of the partnership, was a strong and able lawyer. The firm specialized in admiralty.

In the shadow of these two figures, Leon Tyler Seawell learned admiralty law. He learned it by actual contact—not from lectures or text books—but from the sea captains themselves, and from the very mouths of the admiralty judges,—and he learned it well. Experience taught him his admiralty lore from never-to-be forgotten lessons of actuality, so real as to almost exude the salty aroma of the sea.

He emerged as a lawyer of great ability in his practice before the bar. His personality was a pleasant and easily approachable one; yet in the representation of his clients, he was exceedingly firm. The preparation of his cases was always painstaking with particular attention to that very essential part of the case often referred to as "the factual side". Canny and far-seeing, he entered the courtroom with an air of discerning confidence which went far to strike terror in the hearts of his opponents. He had outstanding skill and finesse in the art of cross-examination. His pleasant approach and manner won for him the confidence of the witness. His oral arguments were models of concise fairness. While he used all of

the remedies made available to him by the law, yet he never stooped to an unethical device. The desire to win did not overcome the dictates of his own conscience.

Such a man could not but merit the admiration of all with whom he came in contact. Leon Seawell was deeply respected, not only by those who were his clients and associates, but also by those who met him as opponents in the courtroom. To underestimate him was a mistake which was never to be repeated.

His acquaintances and friends were legion. As President of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, a position he occupied for seven years, and as President of the Propeller Club of Norfolk, and as Vice President of the Propeller Club of the United States, his warm, pleasant personality won for him many friends among those people who, in one way or another, contributed towards the maritime industry of the Port of Hampton Roads and of the Nation.

Perhaps he was the best-known Norfolk admiralty lawyer to those who compose the admiralty law groups in other parts of this Country.

As a result of these qualities, Leon Seawell built a large and thriving law practice, specializing in admiralty, but by no means confined to this subject. For his associates, his passing will leave a void which time alone will fill. Their loss is the more keenly felt because of the affection he drew from them.

He took an active part in the organized group work of lawyers. He was President of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, and a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, The American Bar Association, and The Maritime Law Association of the United States. He served as Associate Editor of American Maritime Cases from 1924, the year in which this series first commenced publication, up to the date of his death.

Absorption in his law practice did not prevent Leon Seawell from taking a position of leadership in civic matters. He filled with his usual energy and ability the positions of President and Director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, as well as that of Director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. His interest in the welfare of the naval personnel stationed in the Norfolk area led him to serve as a Director of the Norfolk Naval YMCA.

There was a deep strain of the spiritual in his nature, and he took a large part in the activities of his church.

He was a man who made his own career by sheer ability, pluck and force of character. He was a person of wide sympathies and a broad sense of tolerance and charity. His family, his law associates, his clients, his friends, and even those who sat across the courtroom from him and opposed him, will sorely miss him.

MEMORIAL OF W. PARKER SEDGWICK

By JAMES MCKOWN, JR.

W. Parker Sedgwick died suddenly on December 24, 1952, at his residence in The Towers Hotel, Brooklyn, N. Y. Born on October 28, 1881, in Bath, New York, where he received his preparatory education, Mr. Sedgwick entered Hamilton College with the Class of 1903 but before graduating he transferred to the United States Naval Academy, from which he graduated in 1904—and was later awarded the degree of B.S. In 1912 he graduated from New York Law School and entered the office of Haight, Sandford & Smith, served his clerkship, and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1913. Mr. Sedgwick was a member of Haight, Deming, Gardner, Poor & Havens, successor firm to Haight, Sandford & Smith, when he died.

Recalled to active duty in 1917, he served with the Judge Advocate General's Office of the Navy in Washington, until 1919, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade. He maintained his interest in naval affairs and was a member of the Military and Naval Club of New York and of the Naval Academy Association of New York. He was also a member of the Sigma Phi Fraternity, The Lawyers Club of New York, and The Maritime Law Association.

Mr. Sedgwick leaves a son, William P. Sedgwick, 3rd, of New York City; a daughter, Ruth Joy (Mrs. Robert J.) Chapman, of Darien, Connecticut; a sister, Miss Florence Sedgwick, of Bath; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Sedgwick specialized in collision cases. He was particularly adept at adjusting questions of collision damages. He had not only the ability to assemble the data and a thorough knowledge of the applicable decisions, but he was gifted with the patience and uniform courtesy that are equally requisite to resolving such problems.

MEMORIAL OF JAMES NEIL SENECAI

By CHARLES W. HAGEN

James Neil Senecal was born in Watertown, New York, on June 30, 1893, the son of George P. and Catherine Senecal. He attended Cornell University and was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and, subsequently, in 1914, with a LL.B. degree.

After his admission to the New York State bar in 1916, he became associated with the firm of Butcher, Tanner & Foster, in New York City, until the outbreak of World War I, during which he served as an artillery officer and saw foreign duty in France. After he resigned from military service, Neil, as he was better known, resumed the practice of law, this time on the admiralty side, and thereafter was associated with James A. Hatch, and later with Kirlin, Woolsey, Campbell, Hickox & Keating; Bigham, Englar, Jones & Houston and Hill, Rivkins & Middleton.

In 1942, he engaged in private practice, until the formation of the firm of Hagen, Senecal & Eidenbach, with which firm he continued as a partner until his untimely death in January, 1953.

Neil was a specialist in cargo cases and over the years was known as a capable and able member of the Admiralty Bar. He was always held in high regard alike by his associates and by his adversaries as a man of high integrity and of skill in his chosen profession.

Although he was of a quiet and reserved nature, those of us who were so fortunate as to claim a close friendship, knew him to be warm and constant in his personal attachments.

MEMORIAL OF DAVID ANDREWS SIMMONS

By CARL G. STEARNS

David Andrews Simmons, 53-year-old nationally prominent attorney, died from a heart attack at his home in Houston on March 24, 1951.

The tribute to Mr. Simmons in the May, 1951, issue of The American Bar Association Journal is entitled "David Andrews Simmons, Gentleman". He truly was a "Gentleman" as well as a distinguished attorney and civic leader.

While Mr. Simmons engaged in little admiralty practice in the courts, he had wide experience in and contact with maritime matters. For many years he served as general counsel for the Port of Houston, in which capacity he had many problems, both legal and business, submitted to him in connection with the extensive shipping moving in and out of the Port of Houston.

A native of Galveston, Mr. Simmons was born there May 31, 1897, the son of David Edward and Virginia Finlay Simmons. After attending Houston Public Schools, he entered the University of Texas. In 1917, after three years at the University, he left school to serve in the Air Corps. At the end of the War, he returned to the University of Texas and was graduated with highest honors in 1920. He was admitted to the Bar in 1919, prior to receiving his LL.B. degree.

Returning to Houston upon his graduation from the University, Mr. Simmons was Assistant U. S. Attorney for two years. Then he joined the law firm of Campbell, Myer, Simmons & Hawkins, from which firm he withdrew in 1926 to become First Assistant Attorney General of Texas. While in that capacity he probably set a record for appearances before the Supreme Court of the United States for a man of his age. That was when Texas and Oklahoma were disputing the boundary lines between the two states. For many months Mr. Simmons presented the case for Texas and eventually brought it to a successful conclusion. In 1928 Mr. Simmons returned to Houston where he became a partner in the firm of Ball & Simmons. Tom Ball was counsel for the Port of Houston and when he retired, Mr. Simmons assumed that position. He was general counsel for the Port of Houston until 1948.

Few men received more honors than he received. He was the youngest president of the Texas Bar Association and the founder of its Bar Journal, and the youngest president of the American Bar Association, being only 47 years old when he became president of the latter. He served as president of the American Judicature Society.

Mr. Simmons' activities reached the international field also. He was U. S. Vice-President of the Inter-American Bar Association in 1944-45. He became an honorary member of the Canadian Bar Association in 1945 and was a member of the Selden Society of England. He had been a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission since 1942. He was consultant to the United States Delegation at the United Nations Conference on International Organizations at San Francisco, April-June, 1945, and on the drafting of the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Simmons held honorary LL.D. degrees from the University of Montreal and from Loyola University.

Only a short time before his death Mr. Simmons was awarded the Freedom Foundation Award for the year 1950 for his magazine article, "Man's One Fundamental Right: To Be Let Alone", which was published in the American Bar Association Journal for September, 1950, and appeared in several other national magazines.

In 1921 he married Elizabeth Daggett of Fort Worth and she survives him. Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Philip Masquelette of Houston and Miss Andrea Simmons, a student at the University of Texas at the time of his death.

Dave Simmons accomplished so much in so short a time. At least one-half of his life was given to the legal profession, which he loved so much. He lived a full life and died young. He was a great American, a great lawyer and a great scholar.

MEMORIAL OF HARRY FARRAR STILES, JR.

By EBERHARD P. DEUTSCH

Harry Farrar Stiles, Jr. was born in New Orleans on January 11, 1902, scion of a family which had given famed sons to the law.

His mother was Gertrude Snyder, sister of Jefferson D. Snyder, distinguished jurist and vice-president of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1921, and of Robert H. Snyder, also a renowned lawyer, Lieutenant-Governor of Louisiana from 1892 to 1900.

A cousin on Mr. Stiles' paternal side was Edgar H. Farrar, also a lawyer of distinction, president of the American Bar Association from 1910 to 1911.

Mr. Stiles received his A.B. from the Tulane University of Louisiana in 1922, did post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin during the following year, and received his LL.B. from Tulane, and was admitted to the Louisiana bar, in 1924.

Upon admission to practice, Mr. Stiles became associated, in the practice of maritime law, with Messrs. Terriberry, Young, Rault & Carroll, and later with Messrs. Montgomery & Montgomery. Thereafter, he practiced alone for a short time.

On October 31, 1937, Mr. Stiles married Beryl Whiteman of New Orleans, then fashion editor of the New York Times.

Mr. Stiles became a member of the firm of Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles on January 1, 1942, and thereafter devoted himself exclusively to maritime practice, achieving international eminence in his field.

Mr. Stiles had an unusually engaging and kindly personality, and was universally respected and loved by his business and professional associates and a host of friends throughout the world.

On the evening of February 14, 1953, while returning to New Orleans in haste to complete a brief following the noting of a deposition in Miami the same day, Harry F. Stiles, Jr. was killed in the crash of a National Airlines plane in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Stiles' brilliant career in the law of the sea thus came to an abrupt end as he might perhaps have wished it—he was lost at sea while actively engaged in the profession to which he had devoted his life.

MEMORIAL OF DELBERT M. TIBBETTS

By HAROLD B. FINN

Delbert M. Tibbetts, a member of this Association for many years, died on June 27, 1952.

Mr. Tibbetts was born in Westmoreland, Kansas, on April 5, 1878. He attended the College of Emporia, in Emporia, Kansas, and was in 1903 graduated from the Law School of the University of Michigan and admitted to the Michigan Bar. He was also admitted to the Oklahoma Bar and the Kansas Bar and was in 1919 admitted to the New York Bar.

He engaged in practice in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and formed a partnership with Fred W. Green under the firm name of Tibbetts & Green. He served from 1904 to 1913 as United States Commissioner and was from 1913 to 1917 the City Attorney of Guthrie.

In 1918 Mr. Tibbetts came to New York and became associated with the admiralty firm of Kirlin, Woolsey & Hickox. He later became a partner, and he was at the time of his death a member of the firm of Kirlin, Campbell & Keating. His work was largely in immigration law.

Mr. Tibbetts was a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York State Bar Association, The Maritime Law Association of the United States, Society of Mayflower Descendants, and Bankers Club.

His wife, a sister and a brother survive him.