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Bar the Legislative Committee use that means to become better acquainted with the Judiciary Committees of the House and Senate and then tender the assistance of such Legislative Committee and acquaint the Judiciary Committees with the legislative problems of the Bar as adopted at the legislative meeting.

Dated at Laramie, Wyoming, this 30th day of August, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

During the past year the Wyoming State Bar has lost some of its most prominent and outstanding members, who were leaders in their community and profession. They had long careers in the legal profession and contributed to the development and progress of that profession in Wyoming. The Wyoming State Bar feels keenly the loss of Alex B. King, Albert D. Walton, Oscar O. Natwick, Lloyd C. Sampson, James T. McGuckin and G. B. Hockett.

ALEX B. KING

Alex B. King, for over 37 years a member of the Bar of the State of Wyoming, and for all but a little less than three months of this time, an active practitioner of his profession at Casper, Wyoming, and throughout this period an active and interested member of the Natrona County Bar Association, the Wyoming Bar Association and a member of the Wyoming Bar during the entire time since its "integration", died at his home in Casper on May 5th, 1951.

Born at Troy, New York, in 1869, he was graduated from the high school in that city and thereafter attended and was graduated from college at Albany, New York.

He was admitted to the practice of law in the states of New York, Illinois, Tennessee and Wyoming. He came to Wyoming late in the year 1913 and in March, 1914, entered the practice of law at Casper, Wyoming. His practice was notable both for the number and variety of the items of professional employment which he handled, but was even more notable by reason of the fact that an unusually large proportion of his work was

concerned with litigation and proceedings in Court. He cherished and cultivated the acquaintance and friendship of his fellow practitioners of the Natrona County Bar, and few members of the Bar of his own community have ever had as wide acquaintance among practitioners throughout the state of Wyoming. He was a genial, vivacious and gracious host and at every suitable opportunity extended his hospitality not only to the members of his local Bar association, but also on numerous occasions to the members of the Wyoming State Bar Association and the Wyoming Bar.

He was a friend of every fellow member of the Bar and a confidante of many. No notation on the records of the Wyoming Bar of the passing of Alex King would be complete unless it made particular mention of his especial kindness to the younger members of his profession, for almost all, if not indeed all, of his professional juniors in his own community, at some time or other, and many of them on numerous occasions, have had touching evidence of his kindly concern, generous friendship and sincere helpfulness.

ALBERT D. WALTON

Albert D. Walton was born in Dundee, New York on February 22nd, 1886; he was graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1907; was admitted to practice in the states of Wyoming, Michigan and New York; removed to Wyoming in 1910 and entered the practice of law which he continued until shortly before his death at his home on April 3rd, 1951. He served as United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for thirteen years and at one time was City Attorney for Cheyenne, and was a member of the Laramie County, Wyoming State and American Bar Associations. He was associated with the Special Government Counsel in the prosecution of "The Tea Pot Dome Case".

Mr. Walton was an active Mason and an ardent Republican, having served as Republican State Committeeman from Laramie County for more than 20 years. He was well known for his genial and friendly manner, his interest in people and their problems, and had the gift of graphically describing not only a particular legal problem but also interesting events and historical places which he had visited. Outstanding among his characteristics was his ability and desire to always help the young practitioner who was getting started in his profession.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet Walton, a son, William G. Walton, a law student at the University of Wyoming, and two daughters, Mrs. James Baggs and Mrs. Frank Bodeaus. His death brought to a close a distinguished career as a lawyer and an outstanding citizen of Wyoming.

OSCAR O. NATWICK

Oscar O. Natwick was born at Viroqua, Wisconsin, on the 21st day of March, 1884. He attended the school there and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1907. As a young attorney he came

to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and went into practice with M. A. Kline in 1909 and later that year opened a branch office in Wheatland, Wyoming, under the name of Kline and Natwick where he remained in the active practice of law until his last illness necessitated his retirement in 1949. He served several terms as County and Prosecuting Attorney of Platte County. He was an active member in the Masonic Lodge; he received the honor of becoming Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in the Masonic Order in 1945 and was grand master of the Wyoming Masonic Order in 1926. He served as a director of the State Bank of Wheatland, was Deputy Attorney General in 1934, State Liquor Commissioner in 1936, and State Land Commissioner in 1942 and 1943.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Natwick whom he married on July 16, 1912, his son Oscar O. Natwick, Jr., Margaret Natwick, and Mrs. Bruce Douglass.

LLOYD C. SAMPSON

Lloyd C. Sampson died October 6th, 1950, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he had practiced law for a period of thirty-five years. Mr. Sampson came to Cheyenne, Wyoming, after being graduated from Northwestern University law school at Evanston, Illinois.

He was extremely well known to the members of the Wyoming Bar because of his great service to the Bar itself. He was Secretary of our Bar for a number of years and a member of the State Board of Law Examiners for some twenty years. Many of the younger members of the Bar will recall having taken the bar examination under his supervision, and will recall his kindness in that hour of trial. He served as President of our organization for one year.

In addition to his special services to the Bar, he served from 1923 to 1927 as Deputy Attorney General for Wyoming, and as Deputy County and Prosecuting Attorney for Laramie County for four years. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Young Men's Literary Club, and past president of the Kiwanis Club.

Survivors included his wife, of Cheyenne, who died shortly after Lloyd's death; his brother, Russell B. Sampson, of Washington, Illinois; a sister, Mrs. Joe Ranney, also of Washington, Illinois; and two nieces and a nephew.

JAMES T. MCGUCKIN

James T. McGuckin died at Sundance, Wyoming, at the age of sixty-two. He was a graduate of Creighton University Law School and in 1920 he came to Sundance to practice. He served in the Navy in World War I. He was married to Claire Crewdson, and their one son, James T. McGuckin, Jr., is a doctor serving in the U. S. Army. He is also a graduate of Creighton University in the Medical School. Mr. McGuckin was County

Attorney of Crook County and City Attorney of Sundance. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming. He died of a heart attack on October 26, 1950.

GUY B. HOCKETT

Guy B. Hockett died of a heart attack on August 6th, 1951 at St. John's Hospital in Jackson, Wyoming, at the age of 72, following an illness of about a year.

Mr. Hockett was born in Oregon and came to Wyoming in about 1920 where he studied law at night school and admitted to practice in Wyoming in 1929. He practiced law in Sublette County, having his office first in Big Piney and later on in Pinedale; he was County Attorney of Sublette County for 15 years.

He is survived by his wife, Roselie Hockett, two daughters, both of Seattle, Washington, and two sons, one residing in Alaska and the other in Rock Springs.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wyoming State Bar in regular annual meeting assembled at Laramine, Wyoming, August 30th and 31st, and September 1st, 1951, pay its respects to Alex B. King, Albert D. Walton, Oscar O. Natwick, Lloyd C. Sampson, James T. McGuckin and G. B. Hockett, and recognize their contribution to the legal profession of the State of Wyoming and that their memories be perpetuated by spreading this resolution upon the minutes of the meeting of the Association.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the families of each.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

James O. Wilson, Chairman

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