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ber 14, 1956, that all publishers of court decisions in this group of Western States, including but not limited to West Publishing Company, be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to omit from such bound volumes of decisions of said states, those California Intermediate Appellate Court decisions and those of other states, thereby increasing the utility and value of such published reports; eliminating therefrom reports of decisions of little or no value to the Bar at large, enabling practitioners at a lower aggregate cost to accommodate more volumes in the limited space to all law offices, and that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the State Bar organization of each state covered by the Pacific Reporter system.

Passed, adopted and approved this 14th day of September, 1956.

WYOMING STATE BAR  
Edwin V. Magagna, President

ATTEST:

Daniel C. Rogers, Jr.  
Secretary-Treasurer

I certify that this is a true copy of the original resolution as passed, adopted and approved on the 14th day of September, 1956.

Daniel C. Rogers, Jr.  
Secretary-Treasurer  
WYOMING STATE BAR

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#### REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

During the past year since our last annual meeting, the deaths of eight members of the Wyoming State Bar have been reported. Of the eight, one was serving as Chief Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court at the time of his death, after more than 50 years in his profession in Wyoming, three were taken by death after more than 50 years in the active practice in Wyoming (one nearly 60 years), two after more than 40 years in the active practice in Wyoming, one after more than 20 years of active practice in Wyoming, and one had never practiced his profession in Wyoming, though he had been a member of this Bar for many years. In each case, they will be missed most by their families and those who were associated with them closely, but the loss of this distinguished group of men will be felt by the entire Bar of Wyoming and indeed by all the people of our State.

#### WILLIAM A. RINER

William A. Riner was born at Greene, Iowa on June 26, 1878, and died at Cheyenne, Wyoming on November 20, 1955, at the age of 77. He attended the University of Southern California, from whence he received his A.B. degree in 1899, and the University of Michigan, from whence he received his law degree in 1902. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar

in 1902 and briefly practiced law at Lansing, Michigan. He was a nephew of Federal District Judge John A. Riner of Wyoming. Later in 1902, he moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and was admitted to the Wyoming Bar. From 1908 to 1911, he was City Attorney of Cheyenne. From 1911 to 1912, he was Assistant U. S. District Attorney for Wyoming. In 1922, he was appointed Judge of the First Judicial District of Wyoming and shortly thereafter he was elected to the same office for the term of 1922-1928. In 1928, he was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Wyoming and thereafter was elected to the same office continuously until his death. He served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court several times under the Wyoming system of rotation of that position, and was so serving at death. His service on the judiciary of Wyoming spanned a period of nearly 35 years. Judge Riner was universally recognized for his high devotion to the jurisprudence of Wyoming, his unquestioned integrity, industry and ability. He literally devoted a lifetime of distinguished service to his high calling. His many affiliations included Phi Beta Kappa, Congregational Church, and the Masonic Order, in which he had held many honors, including Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. Prior to his accession to the Bench, he had been an active member of the Republican Party for many years. He was a member of the American Bar Association. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Richard D. Yoder of Denver, Colorado, and his lawyer son, William A. Riner, Jr., of Cheyenne. He was preceded in death by his wife and one daughter. Judge Riner has left an indelible imprint on the legal profession in Wyoming. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues on the Bench and his many friends and admirers everywhere.

#### GEORGE A. BRIMMER

George A. Brimmer was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, April 10, 1879 and died at Cheyenne, Wyoming on April 3, 1956, at the age of 76. He received his B.A. degree at Columbia University in 1901, where he also studied law. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York and practiced law at Sandy Hill, Glens Falls, and New York City, New York. He came to Rawlins, Wyoming in 1905 and practiced law there until 1923 when he moved to Cheyenne. His many activities included corporation law, banking, livestock operations, and oil and gas investments, in all of which he was very successful. He was active in the Masonic Order and had held many honors therein, including service as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. He was leader in Republican Party activities and had served both as Treasurer and Financial Chairman for the Republican State Central Committee. He was active in the early affairs of the Wyoming Bar Association. In 1954 he declined the Interim appointment as U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Lester C. Hunt. He was a member of the American Bar Association.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, and four children, Mrs. Mary Wallace and Mrs. Shirley Bradbury of Evanston, Wyoming, John G. Brimmer, and

his lawyer son, William N. Brimmer of Rawlins, and four brothers, including his brother, Clarence E. Brimmer, lawyer of Rawlins. George Brimmer was widely known and respected throughout Wyoming, and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

#### HARRY B. DURHAM

Harry B. Durham was born on a farm in Maryland County, Iowa on February 2, 1880 and died at Casper, Wyoming on May 15, 1956 at the age of 76. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University. He studied law for two years at Nebraska University and received his law degree in 1908 from George Washington University. From 1909 to 1914, he was employed by the United States Department of the Interior in Cheyenne. In 1914, he commenced his practice of law in Cheyenne, and four years later he moved to Casper where he practiced until shortly before his death. He served at one time as City Attorney of Casper and was a past President of the Natrona County Bar Association. He was active in the American Bar Association, in which he served on the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law and as a Commissioner on Uniform State Laws.

He was widely known for his many civic activities, including his long service with the Boy Scout Organization, and on the National Boy Scout Council, as well as in the American Red Cross, in which he was Wyoming State Chairman in 1938. He was also active in the Crippled Children organization. He had held offices and directorates in a number of corporations and specialized in corporation law. His many affiliations included the Methodist Church, Elks, Kiwanis, and the Masonic Order. He was an active member of the Republican Party.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel, and three children, Mrs. C. J. Christensen of Casper and Mrs. George H. Holdrege of Boise, Idaho, and Dr. Harry B. Durham, Jr. of Casper, and three brothers. Harry B. Durham was a beloved and respected member of the Wyoming Bar, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

#### WILLIAM E. HARDIN

William E. Hardin was born at Hardinville, Illinois on February 15, 1872, and died at Lander, Wyoming on April 24, 1956, at the age of 84. He was self-supporting from the age of 12 and was self-educated in the law, having read law in the law office of Judge William Jones of Robinson, Illinois. He came West and was admitted to the Colorado Bar and to the Wyoming Bar in 1898 and practiced law in Lander continuously until shortly before his death, nearly 60 years. Early in his career he was a member of the Democratic Party and elected Fremont County Attorney on that Party's ticket. Subsequently, he became a devoted Republican and served that Party thereafter continuously in many party offices.

He was very active in civic affairs and was elected several times as Mayor of Lander. He also served on the School Board, and was instrumental in getting the Fremont County Vocational High School established, and was Chairman of the School Board when the high school was built in 1917. In addition to his law practice, he was interested in farming and at one time owed or had an interest in a large number of Fremont County farms. He had held several corporate directorates, and founded the Central Trust Co. in 1906. His many affiliations included the Methodist Church and the Masonic Order, in which he held a large number of honors.

He is survived by his wife, Julia, and a son, Charles Hardin of Chicago, Illinois. William E. Hardin's legal career spanned all but the first 9 years of Wyoming's years of statehood and he will be sorely missed by his host of friends throughout the State.

#### H. GLENN KINSLEY

H. Glenn Kinsley was born in Shelbyville, Indiana on August 7, 1885, and died at Sheridan, Wyoming on March 4, 1956, at the age of 70. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Grinnell College in 1909, and was graduated from the University of Chicago with a Doctor of Law degree in 1912. He was admitted to the Wyoming Bar in 1912, and served as City Attorney for Sheridan from 1924 to 1928 and again from 1934 to 1938. He was President of the Wyoming State Bar Association in 1936 and a past President of the Sheridan County Bar Association. He was very active in the American Bar Association for many years, having served in numerous capacities therein, including Associate Editor of the American Bar Journal, a member of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Grievances, and as Wyoming's member of the House of Delegates since 1948 and as a Commissioner from Wyoming on Uniform State Laws since 1943.

He had been on the Board of Directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Sheridan ever since it was formed. His many affiliations included Phi Beta Kappa, Episcopal Church, Elks, Rotary, and the Masonic Order. He was an active member of the Republican Party.

He is survived by two daughters, Beatrice Lake and Cecila Kinsley, of Sheridan, and four sisters. He was preceded in death by his wife. H. Glenn Kinsley was a well known and respected Wyoming lawyer, who will be missed by his many friends.

#### MARION A. KLINE

Marion A. Kline was born at Benton, Pennsylvania on July 22, 1868, and died at Denver, Colorado on February 8, 1956, at the age of 87. He attended college at Valparaiso University, from whence he received his B.S. degree. From 1889 to 1902 he was engaged in educational work in schools,

teaching Latin and Greek. He was a superintendent of schools in both Pennsylvania and Illinois schools. He came to Cheyenne in 1902, was admitted to the Wyoming Bar, and continuously practiced his profession thereafter until shortly before his death, over 50 years. He was the first Secretary of the Wyoming Bar Association and a past President of the Laramie County Bar Association. He was a member of the American Bar Association and had served as a member of the Conference of Commissioners for Uniform State Laws.

He was active in the Masonic Order and had served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, as well as holding many other honors therein. He was long active in the Republican Party.

He is survived by his lawyer son, former District Judge Arthur Kline, now of Washington, D.C., and three daughters, Mrs. Helen Erickson of Hood River, Oregon, Mrs. Eisenhuth of Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. Florence Atterbury of Longmont, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his wife and one son. Marion A. Kline was a highly respected lawyer of Wyoming for many years and will be missed by his many friends.

#### DONALD M. STARNES

Donald M. Starnes was born at Creston, Iowa on November 26, 1909, and died at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on July 15, 1956, at the age of 47. He was educated in the grade and high schools at Cheyenne and attended the University of Nebraska, receiving his B.A. degree in 1932 and his law degree in 1934. He was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in 1934 and to the Wyoming Bar in 1936. He served as Cheyenne Juvenile Judge from 1936 to 1938. He was elected Laramie County Attorney from 1939 to 1942 and again from 1947 to 1950.

He was an active member of the Democratic Party. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a Lieutenant in the Navy from October of 1943 to January of 1946, including 19 months of sea duty. He was a member of a large number of civic organizations, including the Eagles, Elks, Kiwanis, K. of P., V.F.W., and American Legion. He was a member of the American Bar Association.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lenore H. Starnes of Cheyenne, two uncles, M. C. Thompson of Creston, Iowa and George Starnes of Denver, and an aunt, Mrs. Charles Hart of Afton. Donald M. Starnes was well liked by his friends and associates, who keenly feel his tragic and premature loss.

#### WILLIAM F. MAY

William F. May was born at Lead, South Dakota, in the year 1889 and died at Palm Springs, California on February 28, 1956. He attended the University of Virginia where he received his law degree. He was admitted to the Wyoming Bar around the year 1914, but never practiced

his profession in this State. He was long a partner in the Antlers Ranch at Sunshine on Wood River near Meeteetse, Wyoming. He moved to California many years ago, where he made his home until his death. He is survived by his wife, Madelene, and his daughter, Mrs. Marjorie May Braun, both of Pasadena, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar at its regular annual meeting assembled in Sheridan, Wyoming, September 13, 14, and 15, 1956, pay its respects to: William A. Riner, George A. Brimmer, Harry B. Durham, William E. Hardin, H. Glenn Kinsley, Marion A. Kline, Donald M. Starnes, and William F. May, and recognize their contribution to the legal profession in the State of Wyoming, that our sympathy be hereby extended to their bereaved relatives and that their memories be perpetuated by extending 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 families of these eight distinguished members of our profession.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE  
Harry A. Thompson, Chairman  
Marshall S. Reynolds  
Lee S. Nebeker