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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. In each case they will be missed most by their families and those with whom they were closely associated, 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.

PRESTON T. McAVOY

Preston T. McAvoy was born in Elkhorn, Nebraska on October 18, 1890 and died at Newcastle, Wyoming on July 20, 1958 at the age of 67. He attended Creighton University and the School of Law at Columbia University in New York, receiving a Bachelor's Degree and Law Degree, and was admitted to the Bar in 1916.

He served in World War I as first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, and in 1920 he and Mrs. McAvoy came to Wyoming. During the 1920's he served two terms as a state representative. He also served two terms as county attorney of Weston County and was a former city council and school district board member. He practiced law in Newcastle until being appointed to the bench in November 1951. The following year he was elected sixth judicial district judge for a six year term.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Elizabeth; two daughters, Mrs. Frank B. Batzer of Thermopolis and Mrs. Albert B. Zanoni of Newcastle; and seven grandchildren.

LOUIS KABELL, JR.

Louis Kabell, Jr. was born in Vernal, Utah, on April 14, 1888, and died at Ogden, Utah on July 19, 1958 at the age of 70. He received his Law Degree at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado and was admitted to the Bar in 1913. He served as Deputy Attorney General of the State of Wyoming for one year, and then began the private practice of law in Sheridan, Wyoming.

In 1915 he moved to Evanston to take over the law practice of Judge Arnold and has been engaged in private practice in Evanston since that time. For several years he maintained a law office in Ogden as well as in Evanston.

He served a term in the Wyoming State Senate where he was active in the passage of Wyoming's first direct primary law. During his residence in Evanston he was an active member in many civic organizations. He was a member of the American Bar Association; the Wyoming State Bar Association; the Utah Bar Association; and was vice president of the Uinta County Bar Association. For many years he took an active part in the county and state Republican organizations.

He is survived by his wife, of Ogden; one son, Louis Jack Kabell, of Palo Alto, California; three grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Otto Benham, of Carson City, Nevada.

CHARLES L. CARTER

Charles L. Carter was born in the year 1884, and died at Long Beach, California in January of 1958 at the age of 73. He received his Law Degree at Blackstone College of Law, Chicago, Illinois and was admitted to the Bar in 1924. He came to Sheridan, Wyoming from Sioux City, Iowa in May of 1907, where he had been employed as secretary to the superintendent of the Northwestern railroad, and after arriving in Sheridan, worked in the same capacity under E. P. Bracken, then superintendent of the Burlington Railroad. The following year he set up a stenographic office in the office of M. B. Camplin, Sheridan attorney, and the following year was appointed to the court reporter office, holding that position under three district court judges.

He was reappointed as court reporter in 1917; he was first elected justice of the peace in 1931, holding the office for one term, and was appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1945, being reelected in 1946, 1950 and 1954.

Charles L. Carter retired as court reporter September 29, 1951 after holding that office for almost 43 years. Following his retirement as court reporter, Mr. Carter continued as justice of the peace. He was a charter member of the Sheridan Lions Club. He is survived by his wife, and one son, Charles.

GEORGE W. HUFSMITH

George W. Hufsmith was born in Creighton, Nebraska on November 12, 1899 and died at Jackson, Wyoming on June 7, 1958 at the age of 58. He attended Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska and received his Law Degree from New York Law School, New York, N. Y. He was admitted to the Bar in 1922.

He began the practice of law in Chicago, Illinois, moving shortly thereafter to Plymouth, Indiana where he was elected Prosecuting Attorney. After several years there, he was elected Assistant Attorney General of the State of Indiana. After his tenure of office he accepted an invitation to practice in New York City.

In 1937 he moved to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where he became the head of the legal department of the Brazillian Light, Power and Traction Company, the second largest private utility company in the world.

When World War II broke out, he was appointed by the President of the United States to work with the office of the Co-ordinator of Inter-

American Affairs. He worked with Nelson Rockefeller in directing the American war effort in Brazil. During this time he became a friend of many important military and political leaders of that country and did much to further the understanding between that country and ours.

After his retirement in 1953, he moved to Jackson, Wyoming and was appointed County Attorney, the position he held until his death on June 7th. He is survived by his wife; and two sons, George, Jr. and Robert; one brother, Harold; and a cousin, Maurice Horn; and grandchildren.

HASWELL GRANT

Haswell Grant was born in Bainbridge, New York on May 19, 1899 and died at Cheyenne, Wyoming in June, 1958 at the age of 59. He received his Law Degree from Drake University and was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1923. Before moving to Casper in 1953 he was a resident of Michigan, and was a founder of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association.

In World War II he served as a commander of the "Armed Guard" on a merchant vessel during most of the war. During the latter part of the war he served in the Naval Legal Department at Great Lakes. He was a Lieutenant Commander during the war and was a full Commander in the Naval Reserve at his death. He was a member of the Casper Elks Lodge, St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife, Allegra of Casper; his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Grant; four sons, William W. of Casper; Alexander H. of Grand Rapids, Mich; Garrett of San Diego; and John C. of Freeport, Ill; two brothers, T. W. Grant and David Grant, both of St. Joseph, Missouri; a sister, and two grandsons.

GEORGE WEDELL

George Weedell was born in Willmar, Minnesota on August 7, 1883 and died at Casper on August 22, 1958 at the age of 74. He received his Law Degree from the University of Minnesota and was admitted to the Bar in 1912. He practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota until he was called into the service during World War I.

After his discharge he moved to Casper to practice law. He ran successfully for the office of county and prosecuting attorney on several occasions and in 1939 served as police judge. In 1923 and 1924 he served as chief clerk to the House of Representatives for the State of Wyoming. He was a member of the county and state bar associations, Masonic orders, B.P.O.E., the American Legion, Forty and Eight, the Izaak Walton League, Delta Chi Fraternity, the Loyal Order of the Moose, and the Wyoming Police Officers Association, and was very active in most of these organizations. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife.

FRANK E. HAYS

Frank E. Hays was born in Casper, Wyoming on July 25, 1904 and died at Lander on June 20, 1958 at the age of 53. He received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and his Law Degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. He was admitted to the Bar in 1940.

In World War II, he served in the South Pacific, in charge of an air base security battalion, first on New Caledonia, then on New Guinea. He was then chosen to prepare for the occupation of Japan, and after learning the Japanese language, history and customs, he went to Japan, assigned to the government section of General Douglas MacArthur's occupation forces. He reached the rank of colonel and was on the general's staff in Tokyo for nearly five years. In this capacity, he was one of the group of men who drafted the new Japanese constitution which replaced Japanese imperialism with a democratic form of government. Mr. Hays wrote the section of the Japanese constitution dealing with the governmental aspects of law enforcement.

Upon his return to Lander, Mr. Hays established his law practice. He was a member of the Fremont County Bar Association and had been admitted to practice law before the U. S. Supreme Court. Among his civic affiliations were Rotary Club, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge, Military Government Association, Delta Upsilon Fraternity at the University of Nebraska, Shrine and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor; two brothers, Harry Hays and Paul Hays.

BURT GRIGGS

Burt Griggs was born in Beatrice, Nebraska on June 18, 1881 and died at Billings, Montana on March 16, 1958 at the age of 76. He received his Law Degree from the University of Nebraska in 1904. Mr. Griggs assumed the management of the real estate and insurance business of W. J. Thom and Co. in 1904 at Buffalo while preparing to open a law practice. The business in 1906 became the Wyoming Loan & Trust Company. He was the first cashier of this company and continued in that position until he was elected county attorney. In 1908 he became a law partner with T. P. Hill and that partnership continued until 1921, when he began his own practice. Throughout his life Burt Griggs took an active part in community affairs and people respected his judgment in legal, financial and community matters. Throughout his active and purposeful life, he enthusiastically supported projects and campaigns for the betterment of the city of Buffalo. He was an active member of the Congregational Church and served much of his life as a member of the board of trustees of the Buffalo church.

He is survived by his wife, Emily; three daughters, Mrs. Wayne Davis of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. A. A. Schlaht and Mrs. G. E. Peterson, both of Billings, Montana; one brother, Clifton C. Griggs, Edgewater, Maryland; and five grandchildren.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar at its regular annual meeting at Jackson Lake Lodge, September 11, 12 and 13, 1958, pay its respects to Preston McAvoy, Louis Kabell, Jr., Charles L. Carter, George W. Hufsmith, Haswell Grant, George Weedell, Frank E. Hays, and Burt Griggs, 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
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