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## Report of the Necrology Committee

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Accordingly, Mr. President, I hereby move the acceptance and filing of this 1963 annual report of the Committee on Minor Courts.

Next, Mr. President, I propose the following Resolution :

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Legislature in its 1963 session has adopted and approved the proposed Amendment to the Wyoming Constitution designated Senate Joint Resolution No. 6; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Wyoming State Bar assembled at Laramie on September 27, 1963 that said proposed Constitutional Amendment should be endorsed by the State Bar and appropriate steps taken to promote its passage by the people at the polls in November, 1964.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WYOMING STATE BAR that our organization hereby goes on record in support of the Constitutional Amendment passed as Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 in the 1963 session of the Wyoming Legislature and that the officers of the Bar give appropriate public notice of this action; and that the officers and commissioners of the Bar take appropriate action in support of the campaign to promote the favorable action of the people upon said proposed Amendment, including the expenditure of reasonable funds from the Bar treasury; and that the special committee on Minor Courts be continued for another year with its membership appointed by the President of the Bar at no less than one member for each of the twenty-three counties of Wyoming, and said committee shall continue its studies relative to the new system to be proposed in substitution of the present system and report thereon at the next regular meeting of the Bar in 1964.

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

September, 1963

During the past year our profession has been saddened by the deaths of eight respected members of the Wyoming State Bar.

George W. Bremer, Clarence A. Brimmer, Lewis H. Brown, Mrs. Madge Enterline, John U. Loomis, Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Richard C. Maurer and Lowell O. Stephens will long be remembered by members of the Wyoming State Bar as close friends and worthy advocates.

### George W. Bremer

George W. Bremer was born on May 10, 1881 in Dixon, Illinois. In 1928 he commenced the practice of law in Worland, Wyoming. For nearly twenty years prior to that time he had been associated with the Snyder brothers in banking in Lovell, Wyoming and with banks in Cheyenne, Pine Bluffs and in Nebraska. Burial was in Worland. Mr. Bremer left surviving him four nieces and two nephews all of whom reside outside the State of Wyoming.

### Clarence A. Brimmer

Clarence A. Brimmer, Carbon County's dean of Attorneys and senior partner in the Rawlins, Wyoming law firm which bears his name, passed away in Rawlins within a few days of the annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. Brimmer was born January 15, 1890 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts where he received his early education. He graduated from the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1913 and was admitted to practice in Wyoming in January, 1914.

Mr. Brimmer always had the pleasure of practicing law with members of his family having first practiced with his brother, the late George E. Brimmer and later with his son Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr., who continues this fine old practice.

Always active in the affairs of his profession and of his community, Mr. Brimmer served continuously as Commissioner of the U.S. District Court in Carbon County since 1919; also, he served for a number of years as Carbon County District Court Commissioner. In addition to the duties relating to the Courts, he served several times as Rawlins City Attorney and was four years a member of the Rawlins City Council. For 27 years he was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Rawlins School District. At the time of his death Mr. Brimmer was Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Rawlins.

Mr. Brimmer is survived by his daughter Mrs. Dorothy Swanson of Rawlins, and his two sons Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr., who was his father's partner in the practice, William G. Brimmer of Rawlins and three brothers, Col. Howard W. Brimmer; Fred A. Brimmer and Commander Kenneth E. Brimmer. Mrs. Brimmer preceded him in death on November 14, 1955.

### Lewis H. Brown

Lewis H. Brown entered the practice of law at Rock Springs, Wyoming in 1919 and was always thereafter prominent in the affairs of his profession and the community. He was elected a member of the Wyoming House of Representatives in 1920 and later served in the Wyoming Senate. Mr. Brown was among the first attorneys in the State of Wyoming to recognize the need for the formation of Sublette and Teton Counties and worked toward that accomplishment. Blind in later life, Mr. Brown continued active practice with the generous assistance of his wife Iva May

Brown who assisted him with reading and in his daily office practice. In about 1951 he moved to Pinedale, Wyoming with the hope that he could take things a little easier in a quiet environment, but soon found himself deeply involved in the affairs of that community. Mr. Brown died in Sun City, Arizona on October 10, 1962. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Iva May Brown.

#### Mrs. Madge Enterline

Mrs. Madge Enterline, Natrona County's first woman Attorney and for many years its only woman Attorney, passed away on April 2, 1963, in Reedley, California. Having come from Basin, Wyoming to Casper in 1923, she sought and found work in the law office of E. E. Enterline. Under Mr. Enterline's guidance and tutelage she was admitted to the Wyoming Bar in 1927. Upon her marriage to Mr. Enterline, Madge actively entered the practice of law and enjoyed a career which spanned thirty-five years. Always active in the community, Mrs. Enterline served two terms in the Wyoming House of Representatives and was chairman of the first Wyoming Merit System Council. Later she served on the Casper College Advisory Board and the Casper Long Range Planning Commission.

Madge, as she was affectionately known to other members of the legal fraternity, will long be remembered as a champion of womanhood and members of the legal profession will recall that she took the lead in ensuring the right of a woman to sit on a jury.

Mrs. Enterline left surviving her son, Dr. Donald Enterline of Reedley, California. Mr. Enterline preceded her in death in 1943.

#### John U. Loomis

John U. Loomis, senior member of the eminent Cheyenne law firm, Loomis, Lazear and Wilson, was born in Salina, Kansas on April 2, 1893. He attended Dartmouth College and the Columbia University Law School. Mr. Loomis was admitted to the State Bar of Nebraska in 1919 and to the Wyoming State Bar in 1931. He practiced law continuously in Cheyenne since 1931. During this entire period Mr. Loomis was a widely recognized and influential Attorney in railroad matters as a general Counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Mr. Loomis was a member of virtually every prominent and worthwhile organization in Cheyenne and was keenly interested in the well being of the entire state. Often sought out by legislators and government leaders for advice, he gave unstintingly of his time and energies literally until the day of his death.

He is survived by his son Fred, a partner in his father's firm, and a son, John Jr., and also by a daughter, Ann, of New York City and his wife of Cheyenne.

#### Joseph C. O'Mahoney

Joseph C. O'Mahoney was admitted to the State Bar of Wyoming

in 1920 and practiced law in Cheyenne from 1920 to 1933, during which time he was active in community and civic affairs. Commencing in 1933, Mr. O'Mahoney embarked on a career in government and politics which has been rarely equalled in the history of Wyoming or of the United States. From March 6, 1933 to December 31, 1933, he served as First Assistant Postmaster General of the United States and on January 1, 1934 entered the United States Senate where he served continuously until January 3, 1953. He was again elected to the United States Senate in November, 1954 and served thereafter until January 3, 1961.

Always a champion of Wyoming and the West, Senator O'Mahoney also gained fame for his eloquent defense of the United States Supreme Court during the "court packing" attempt of the 1930's and later for his work in the evolution of anti-trust legislation.

#### Richard C. Maurer

Richard C. Maurer was admitted to practice in Wyoming in 1924 and practiced continuously in Douglas as a member of the firm of Maurer and Garst until his death. Widely respected in the community, Mr. Maurer served almost continuously as Douglas City Attorney and as a member of many boards and commissions. Active in business circles in Converse County, Mr. Maurer was instrumental in the formation of many large ranching corporations.

He is survived by a son, now living in Oklahoma, and by his wife of Douglas.

#### Lowell O. Stephens

Lowell O. Stephens was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 9, 1903. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1925 and taught school in Powell, Wyoming for several years. Later, he returned to the University of Florida and attended law school having graduated in 1935. He commenced the practice of law in Powell in 1936. In the years following, Mr. Stephens distinguished himself as Attorney for the Wyoming House of Representatives in 1937, and as District Counsel for the Office of Price Stabilization in 1951. In 1959 he became an Assistant Attorney General of Wyoming, which position he held until his death, January 5, 1963.

Always maintaining an interest in community affairs, Lowell Stephens served on many Powell and Park County civic committees and boards.

He is survived by his wife of Powell, sons Lowell, Jr. and Robert, a daughter Ellen and three grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar, as its regular annual meeting held in Laramie, Wyoming, on September 26, 27 and 28, 1963, does hereby pay its respects to the members above named, in recognition of their many services and contributions to the legal profession and the people of the State of Wyoming, and that their

memory be perpetuated by spreading this Resolution upon the minutes of the meeting of the Wyoming State Bar.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the families of these distinguished members of our profession.

Respectfully submitted,

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

*by:* D. Thomas Kidd, Chairman

Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr.

John O. Callahan