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Memorial

to

JOHN D. ROWLAND

John D. Rowland was born at Racine, Wisconsin, on March 8, 1863, the son of David Rowland and Elizabeth (Davis) Rowland. His parents came to this country from Wales. He died on the 13th day of May, 1952, at the age of eighty-nine years.

Mr. Rowland attended the Winslow School and McMynn Academy in Racine. He was employed for a time at the First National Bank of Racine and was graduated from the law school of the University of Wisconsin in 1886. He practiced law in Racine and Kenosha and then moved to Phillips, Wisconsin, where he was pursuing his legal career at the time of the occurrence of the great Phillips fire, in which his home and office were destroyed. While in that area of the state, he was for several years land agent for the Wisconsin Central Railroad. In 1903 he returned to Racine and entered into partnership with the late W. H. Carpenter in the insurance business, under the firm name of Carpenter and Rowland. In 1911 he was elected president of the Wisconsin Association of Insurance Agents. He continued a long and successful career in the insurance business, until his retirement.

In 1916 Mr. Rowland was appointed public administrator for Racine County, a position which he held until he resigned from that office in 1947. He carried out the duties and

responsibilities of the office with dignity and courtesy. We are sure that every member of the Racine County Bar who practiced during Mr. Rowland's tenure of office was appreciative of and grateful for his spirit of courtesy and cooperation.

The many trust and guardianship estates which he was required to handle by virtue of his office, he attended with meticulous care. He kept perfect books of account, all written out in his own "copperplate" longhand.

The manner in which Mr. Rowland bore these responsibilities was in the finest tradition of the Bar. The welfare of the minor or the incompetent was always first in his mind and in his heart. He gave freely of his time and his substance, and made innumerable trips to institutions to visit with his wards and supply them with any little comforts they might need.

After Mr. Rowland had been more than thirty years in this office, the passage of the years began to take its toll and he was obliged to submit his resignation due to failing health. Shortly thereafter a dinner was given by the Racine County Bar Association as a testimonial to Mr. Rowland's more than fifty years as a member of the Bar, and County Judge J. Allan Simpson paid tribute to Mr. Rowland's long and devoted tenure as a public servant.

Mr. Rowland was one of the founders of the Laymen's Bible Union in Racine in 1916, and served as its president for several years. It is now known as the Racine Bible Church.

In 1890 Mr. Rowland married Lizzie Hand, daughter of Judge E. O. Hand. Three children were born of this marriage, Margaret Rowland Delehanty, now of New York City; David H. Rowland, who died in 1924; and John S. Rowland of Racine, who has succeeded his father in the insurance business. Mr. Rowland also left surviving two grandchildren, Patricia D. Hildt of Locust Valley, Long Island, New York, and John David Rowland of Racine, and four great-grandchildren, the children of Mrs. Hildt.

Mr. Rowland was an honest God-fearing man, who believed in and practiced the Golden Rule. We have lost much by his passing.

We respectfully request that this Memorial be spread upon the records of the Court.

Dated this 6th day of October, A. D., 1952.

Wm. H. Whaley
Frederick P. Helm
John B. Hand

Committee

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JOHN H. LIEGLER.

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MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

John H. Liegler died on the 2nd day of November, 1952 at St. Mary's Hospital in the City of Racine after a brief illness.

John H. Liegler was the son of John and (Fanny Pollock) Liegler and was born in Racine on the 12th day of March, 1872.

The Liegler family has long been known in this community as John's grandfather, John Liegler settled here in the year 1854. The grandfather was a Bohemian of French descent and traced his ancestry back in his native land to the year 1730 and like many of the educated central Europeans was an accomplished linguist speaking eight languages. The grandfather was a furrier and established one of the first houses in Racine. After the death of the grandfather the business was continued by his son John Liegler Jr., the father of John H. Liegler.

John H. Liegler's mother died in June 1891 and his father died several years later, his sister Fanny Liegler who was an accomplished musician died after the death of the mother. *His brother Arthur Liegler is still living & a resident of Racine*
After graduating from the Racine High School John attended the Mc Mynn Academy and later entered the University of Wisconsin where he completed a general literary and scientific course in 1896, after which he entered the law school of the University. After completing the second year of the law course he was appointed clerk of the newly created Municipal Court of Racine County. He continued as clerk of the Municipal Court for a period of five years in the meantime reading law and in 1899 passed the State Bar Examinations. The same year he opened a law office in the City of Racine.

On April 15th, 1924 he was appointed City Attorney, which office he held until December 26th, 1927, at which time he resigned and resumed the private practice of the law. A short time thereafter he became identified with the Wisconsin Screw Company and occupied an executive position with that company for a number of years.

John was married to Miss Gertrude P. Houser of Colorado on September 17th, 1915. They had no children and Mrs. Liegler preceded her husband in death.

Fraternally he was a member of the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Moose.

John was an outstanding athlete during his college career, being particularly proficient in base-ball and track athletics. He held the University record for the running high jump during his junior and senior years.

John, like his grandfather was capable of conversing in several languages.

He enjoyed the finer things of life, music, art and literature and he loved people. Of a most sympathetic nature he gave most generously of his time and money to assist any one who needed assistance.

He lived a long and useful life and I know if he could speak to us now he would say to us

" Life: We've been long together
Through pleasant and through stormy weather;
Tis hard to part when friends are dear;
Perhaps will cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time,
Say not "Good Night" but
In some brighter clime

Bid *me* " Good Morning".

Respectfully Submitted

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Committee.

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MEMORIAL FOR HENRY G. SMIEDING

Presented by

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MEMORIAL FOR HENRY G. SMIEDING

Presented to Circuit Court of
Racine County, Wisconsin,
October 6, 1952.

Henry G. Smieding was a member of a family which has provided the Racine County Bar with many outstanding lawyers. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin on October 17, 1867, was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Law School of the University of Wisconsin. In 1888 Henry Smieding was admitted to the Bar and his practise was generally limited to property and probate work. His wife, Theresa Smieding, preceded him in death August 14, 1950, and he was survived by three nieces, Miss Betty Jane Smieding of Racine, Mrs. Virginia Smieding Fenn of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Mary Kaczik of Michigan, and a nephew Grover George Smieding of Racine.

Henry Smieding was quiet and dignified at all times, although to his few close friends of the Bar he was known to have a very keen sense of humor. He was scholarly in his approach to the law and his opinion was well respected by his clients. Living up to the principles of his profession, he served his clients well and was a respected member of the community.

With the passing of Henry G. Smieding on March 7, 1952, the Racine Bar lost one of its oldest members who typified the conservatism and high principles of the old school.

John F. Thawfa
George J. Sweeney
Emery S. Benson

IN MEMORIAM

GLYNN WILLIAMS.

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GLYNN WILLIAMS, son of Hugh Williams and Catherine M. Williams, nee Thomas, was born in the City of Milwaukee, on the 1st day of July, 1901. Both of his parents were born in Wales, and in the year 1886 his father left Wales coming to this Country, his mother arriving in the year 1888, and they took residence in the City of Racine.

Glynn Williams was a practicing attorney in the City of Racine, Wisconsin, and died on the 9th day of September, 1952, after a brief illness. He attended the Racine Public Schools and after graduating from the Racine High School in 1919, he worked for a short period of time at the Racine Manufacturing Company, to earn sufficient money to attend the University of Wisconsin. While at the University of Wisconsin, he was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, and graduated with honors and as a member of the Coif Society, in 1926. He was admitted to the practice of law in the Supreme Court in the State of Wisconsin on the 2nd day of April, 1927. Upon receiving his license to practice law, he entered the firm headed by Thorwald M. Beck and practiced law with him for several years, after which he opened his own office for the general practice of law in the Arcade Building. He was admitted to the practice of law in the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and admitted to practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Glynn Williams left surviving him, his mother, Mrs. Catherine M. Kennedy; two sisters, Ellen Williams and Byre Kennedy. He was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, and as a young man taught Sunday School in said Church. He was also a member of the St. David's Society and Veterans of Foreign Wars. In politics Glynn Williams was a stalwart Republican and took an active part in all political campaigns.

Outside of the practice of law, his main interests were literature and history. He was a voracious reader and student, particularly of that period of history about the Civil War. Socially his friends found him a raconteur of great ability and dry humor, and they could sit and listen by the hour to his relation of anecdotes arising out of his experiences at the University of Wisconsin, and in particular the field of inter-collegiate sports in which he was immediately interested.

He entered the Armed Services of the United States as a private on the 29th day of July, 1942, and was honorably discharged on the 21st day of December, 1945, as a sergeant. While in the Armed Service, in which he served overseas, he was assigned as a personal Affairs Consultant, interviewing and assisting members of the Armed Service in their personal and financial affairs and maintaining liason with appropriate local, State, Federal and private agencies to effectively handle the personal affairs of the men referred to him.

Glynn Williams was an able, capable lawyer. He was endowed with a fine legal mind, and was a master in precedence fundamentals and technicalities of the law. His memory of legal precedence was extraordinary in that he could recall the volume and page of all the great legal cases of the State of Wisconsin. In many ways he reflected the well known traits of his Welsh Ancestry, in that his approach to legal problems was complete and critical so that his research developed all of the law applicable to the problem at hand. He was never surprised by the position of his opponent.

He was fair and just in all his dealings with his clients and fellow lawyers. He was firm in his convictions and his conclusion of the law was always upheld by the precedence. Glynn Williams was forthright and outspoken and would tolerate no deviation from the facts or the law, and because of his fine legal mind and honesty in his dealings, he was respected as a just and capable lawyer by the other members of the Bar Association.

His life had not been an easy one. He worked his way through college and had many trials and tribulations. In spite of these trials, he was always helpful to associates and fellow lawyers and took a great interest in helping new lawyers to become started in their profession and to advance in political life. The members of his family and each and every one of his friends are sad at his passing, as he was well on his way to attaining new and greater achievements in the practice of law.

The autumn leaves are falling now;
They'r yellow, red and brown;
The wind blows softly through the trees;
And they come floating down.

Our lives are like a summer's dream,
And like the leaves we'll die,
But clothed in immortality,
We'll live beyond the sky.

Respectfully submitted,



