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Special meeting of the Franklin County Bar
Association March 8, 1938.

Meeting called to order by Edmund C.
Kingerd, Chairman

Those present were Charles F. High, D.
Edward Long, Hon. Watson R. Davison, H. St.
Atherton, A. L. Minick, T. J. Minchart, John Mc/D.
Sharpe, H. H. Spangler, Benj. L. Heefner,
John R. Jackson, Arthur H. Hillan, H. M. R.
Davison, George C. Thinger, J. H. Light, George
S. Black, Stenger Diehl, Paul Crider, N. F.
Zeller, John D. Benedict, H. C. Hazlett, Daniel
Long, J. Glenn Benedict, Rudolf Hertine, Thos.
K. Scheller, Samuel F. Huber.

Mr. Kingerd stated that the meeting
was called for the purpose of paying last
respects to J. A. Strite who died Sunday,
March 6, 1938 and regretted the necessity
for such a meeting.

D. Edward Long, Chairman of a special
committee to prepare resolutions for J. A.
Strite reported for the committee, read
the resolutions and moved their adoption

Judge Davison second the motion
and spoke of the very great change in
the membership of the Bar Association
since his admission in 1893. He recalled
some of the members of the Bar at the
time of his admission.

George S. Black second the motion
and spoke of his feeling of personal loss
by the death of Mr. Strite and recalled
some kind incidents and advice received
from Mr. Strite

John Mc/D. Sharpe recalled memories
of his neighborly association with Mr.
Strite and the Strite family.

T. J. Minchart referred briefly to Mr.
Strite in his connection with friendly

orders and organizations.

Thos. H. Scheller spoke of his personal loss and his kind feeling toward Mr. Strite.

Edmund C. Stinger, Chairman, called for a vote on the motion, the vote being unanimous for adoption of the resolutions prepared by the Committee and the Secretary was directed to spread the resolutions upon the minutes of the Association and deliver a copy to the family of the deceased member. The resolutions are as follows:

A Minute upon the death of J. A. Strite adopted by the Franklin County Bar Association March 8th, 1938.

Jacob Aaron Strite was born in Washington County, Maryland, June 19, 1861, and died at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania March 6, 1938.

He attended the public schools of Maryland; graduated from Dickinson College in 1884; took post-graduate work at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; later entered the law offices of the late Senator Louis C. McComas, a distinguished lawyer of Hagerstown, Maryland, where he served his apprenticeship as a student of law and was admitted to the practice of law in Washington County, Maryland, in the year 1886; in 1888 he came to Chambersburg and was admitted to the Franklin County Bar and practiced his profession in this County for half a century.

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presiding officer of the Franklin County Bar
Association and he held at the same time
membership in the Pennsylvania Bar Associa-
tion and the American Bar Association.

As a lawyer Mr. Strite's counsel was
widely sought. Early in his professional
career he acquired a large clientele and
enjoyed a lucrative practice thereby
surmounting the difficulties which
usually confront young lawyers; he rapidly
obtained a position of prominence at the
Bar. The reports of the decisions of our Supreme
Courts, as well as the records of our local
Courts, bear testimony to the ability of Mr.
Strite as a lawyer.

As a business man, Mr. Strite had
unusual acumen, good judgment, indomi-
table energy, perseverance and patience
coupled with a keen sense of acquisitiveness
and the natural gifts of leadership. He
was cautious and conservative in business
and many of the corporations with which
he was connected owe their success in
large part to his wise counsels and
innate shrewdness. Early in his business
career he showed a great interest in
turnpikes, trolley, bus and electric
utility lines in Franklin and adjoin-
ing counties. He was president of the
Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike
Company, Chambersburg - Greencastle -
Gettysburg Street Railway Company,
Chambersburg and Shippensburg Railway
Company, C. V. Transit Company, director
of the South Penn Power Company and
director of the Franklin Transmission
Company.

As a banker, he was one of the organizers
of the Chambersburg Trust Company, an

Original director of the same and president from 1919 to 1935 when he became chairman of the Board of Directors. He was the moving spirit in the organization of the Marion Bank in 1901 and its president for twenty-seven years. He was interested and active in many other local enterprises.

Mr. Strite's fraternal affiliations were most numerous. He belonged to almost all the fraternal organizations in Chambersburg and was elected to high official positions in a number of said organizations.

As a Church man, Mr. Strite belonged to the Central Presbyterian Church, was a regular attendant upon its services, took an interest in its activities and was a former official of the congregation.

Mr. Strite in all his activities is a shining example of the man who stuck to his "busk", attended strictly to his profession and business and made a great success of life as measured by the modern world's standard of success. May each one of us emulate his virtues, avoid his mistakes and be ready to pass through the portals to eternity as peacefully and quietly as did Jacob Aaron Strite on last Sabbath morning.

Mr. Strite was a quiet unassuming man, essentially a home man, deeply devoted to his family to whom we extend our sympathy as friends, associates and colleagues at the Bar.

Respectfully Submitted

John H. Hoke

A. J. White Hutton

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On motion the meeting was adjourned.

J. H. Bunker
Secretary.