

March 16, 1939.

A special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association held March 16, 1939, in the Court Room, Chambersburg, Pa., at 1:30 o'clock.

Those present were George Wenger, Arthur Billan, Judge Davison, T. J. Minehart, N. D. Keller, James Strite, Rudolph Wertine, Stenger Liehl, Edwin Strite, George W. Atherton, J. Glenn Benedict, Chauncey Leary, Thomas Skeller, William R. Davison, William Hazlett, Downey Benedict, Jack Sharpe, George Black, Paul Crider and Benjamin Herfur.

Edwin H. Strite called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to pay last respects to J. H. Light, who died Monday, March 13, 1939.

George W. Atherton, chairman of a special committee to prepare resolutions to perpetuate the memory of J. H. Light, deceased, reported for the committee, read the resolutions and moved their adoption.

The resolutions are as follows:-

Jeremiah H. Light, Esq., member of the Franklin County Bar, died on Monday, March 13, 1939, passing away as most of us would prefer, without prolonged illness, and having been able to pursue his ordinary routine of life until a few hours before the end. Although the oldest member of the Bar in years, he was preceded in membership who is with us today.

Mr. Light was essentially one of the lawyers of the old school who were usually not graduates of Law Schools, and often had not even attended a College, but who builded their professional life upon a sound basis of experience in other activities. This is no reflection upon Mr. Light nor other members of that old school as may be attested by those of us who came to the

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Bar forty or more years ago and who encountered them in the trial of cases. A preliminary period of teaching or participation in business pursuits had taught them that there is no short cut to success, but that their ends must be gained by hard work and frugality and who were therefore industrious and painstaking. They knew life with its many human relationships were not bound by abstract theories, but were endowed with practical common sense. They were hard headed, adroit, versatile, and in both office and forum were more than worthy antagonists.

Of this school Mr. Light was an outstanding example. He preferred not to engage largely in the trial of causes, and seldom did so, except for the three years he was District Attorney of the County. He focused his energies upon his office work and the giving of sound advice to clients, and to a large extent on husbanding his personal resources. To all of his activities he brought a painstaking determination which gained for him a very considerable measure of success.

His honor and integrity were above reproach and his given word could be implicitly trusted. In his relationships with fellow members of the Bar he was ever friendly and agreeable, and until the very closing days of his when he was over four score years of age, he took an interest in the activities of the Bar Association, regularly attending its professional and social gatherings.

He was active in the affairs of his community and of the County, and for this reason held many offices of trust

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and influence in Church, banking and
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 and successful. The measure of his standing
 in the County is to be found in the fact
 that he was chosen District Attorney and
 later elected to two terms in the House of
 Representatives where he served with credit.
 No better proof of his political prowess
 and popularity in the County can be
 found than in the fact that in 1893
 he gained the republican nomination for
 District Attorney, defeating the then in-
 cumbent who was a lawyer of proved
 ability, high standing and wide acquaintance
 in the County. His nomination was
 endorsed by the electors in the following
 November.

We, members of the Franklin
 County Bar, deplore the passing of this
 fellow member with whom we have had
 long and pleasant association. We shall
 miss his geniality and his participation
 in the activities of the Bar Association.
 To his widow and daughter we extend
 our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul M. Crider

Wm. R. Davison

John W. Hoke

G. W. Atherton, Chairman

Judge Davison seconded the motion
 and spoke of Mr. Light as a teacher in 1882 and
 in later years as a lawyer, and a member
 of the Bar Association and his activities
 in church and banking circles.

Mr. Keller in seconding the motion
 spoke of his early acquaintance with Mr.
 Light and the friendship that followed.

George Black called attention to Mr. Light's sympathetic interest in the younger members of the Bar.

Mr. Stite called for a vote on the resolutions and the vote was unanimous in favor of its adoption, and the secretary was directed to record the resolutions in the minutes of the Association and deliver a copy to the family of the deceased member.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

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