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October 26, 1940

A special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association was held in the Courtroom, Saturday, October 26 at 9:30 o'clock A.M. to take appropriate action in the death of Henry H. Spangler.

The meeting was called to order by President Edmund C. Wingerd. Those present were: Hon. Watson R. Blainson, John M. L. Sharpe, Blair Munich, Beng. L. Seefner, Thos. K. Scheller, T. J. Minchart, William C. Hazlett, Stenger Diehl, Albert Strite, Rudolf Wertime, Paul Crider, Edwin Strite, James Strite, A. J. W. Hutton, and J. Glenn Benedict.

The President stated that the purpose of the meeting was to take appropriate action and make a proper record of the death of Henry H. Spangler who died October 23, 1940.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions, having filed its report with the Secretary, the Secretary read the report and the resolutions as follows:-

"Henry Hake Spangler, a member of this Bar since 1897, died on Wednesday October 23, 1940. He was born in 1873 and was fifty-seven years of age.

Mr. Spangler was one of the oldest members of the Franklin County Bar, there being at this time only three members of that Bar admitted before he was. From the time of his admission on April 26, 1897, to the day of his death he was a very practitioner, having a



large practice and an extensive clientele. Immediately upon his admission to the Bar he opened an office for the practice of his profession in Mercersburg, his home town, and there he continued to practice until his death. Mr. Spangler's practice was to a large extent in the Orphans' Court and he seldom appeared in the Common Pleas or Criminal courts representing clients. This was because of his own wish, for if he had desired a practice in either of these courts, it would have been his. He wrote more wills and settled more estates than almost any member of the Bar during the years he was a member of it, and in Orphans' Court practice he was an authority. His death is a great loss to the Franklin County Bar, and he will long be remembered as a conscientious, honest and learned lawyer and one in whom his clients and the public could place implicit confidence. It is not given to many men to practice a profession in a small community for a period of forty-three years and during all that time to have the respect, confidence, admiration and love of the people of that community as had Henry Lake Spangler.

Mr. Spangler was born in Mercersburg, was a graduate of the former Mercersburg College and attended the University of Virginia, and later was graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in

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Lancaster. He read law with the late  
 Hon. W. H. Brewer and, as has been said,  
 was admitted to this Bar in 1897.  
 He was deeply interested in all the  
 civic affairs of Mercersburg and the  
 community surrounding it, and, at  
 the time of his death, was a member  
 of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg  
 Academy, having served on that Board  
 for the last twenty-five years,  
 and for some years had been a  
 member of the Board of Trustees  
 of Franklin & Marshall College. He  
 was a director and treasurer of the  
 Mercersburg Water Company, Treasurer  
 of the Fairview Cemetery Association  
 and a director of the Farmers Bank.  
 He was a member of Trinity Reformed  
 Church in Mercersburg and served as  
 an elder of that Church for many years,  
 and for twenty-five years was  
 Superintendent of its Sunday School.  
 He was a member of the Kittocktinning  
 Historical Society, the Avon Club  
 of Mercersburg, the Franklin County  
 Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania  
 State Bar Association. In all of these  
 activities he took a part and served  
 in all of them to the very great betterment  
 of the various institutions to which  
 he belonged.

The Franklin County Bar  
 Association hereby testifies to its  
 regard for Mr. Spangler and expresses  
 its grief at his death and directs  
 that this minute be placed on  
 its permanent records as an indication  
 of its regard and grief, and that



a copy of it be sent to his family."

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Judge Davison, in moving the adoption of the resolution, recalled his early acquaintance with Mr. Spangler and spoke briefly of Mr. Spangler's many virtues.

Mr. Minehart, in seconding the motion, stated that he was admitted prior to the date of Mr. Spangler's admission to the Franklin County Bar, and spoke of his long acquaintance and association with Mr. Spangler.

Mr. Scheller further seconded the motion and recalled his boyhood recollections of Mr. Spangler as the young attorney in Mercersburg.

Chairman Edmund C. Wingerd further commented on the many deaths among members of the Bar Association and of the many changes that have come about in recent years. He recalled his acquaintance and association with Mr. Spangler which he warmly cherished.

Motion was called for and unanimously carried.

President Wingerd called for show of hands of those attending the funeral and it was indicated that Judge Davison, Edmund C. Wingerd, William R. Davison, Benjamin Reifner,



his family."

William C. Hazlett, Steger Riedl, George

Wenger, J. Glenn Benedict would attend

the funeral services to be held in

the Reformed Church at Mercersburg

at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

On motion meeting adjourned.

J. Glenn Benedict

Secretary.