

RESOLVED by the Franklin County Bar Association upon the death of Edwin Durboraw Strite, Sr.

Edwin D. Strite, Sr., a leading member of the Franklin County Bar, died September 24, 1959. His period of sickness from the time he was taken seriously ill in June of 1957 to the time of his death demonstrated the firm determination which was a mark of his character throughout his lifetime, for during this period he made a remarkable recovery so that he was able to return to his practice with much of the same vigor as before; and when he was again stricken some months ago, he still returned to his work when his condition was such that one of lesser courage might have given up without an effort.

Born in Chambersburg on May 5, 1892, Mr. Strite was a lifelong resident of Franklin County. He attended the public schools of Chambersburg and graduated from Dickinson College in 1912. Upon graduation from Dickinson School of Law in 1914, he was, the same year, admitted to practice. He was recognized throughout his career as one of the outstanding trial lawyers of our county. His counsel to clients was always reliable because it was given only after careful thought and was based upon deep and thorough knowledge of the law.

He was keenly interested in his profession, not only as a practicing attorney, but away from his work, as well. Thus, he was an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the Franklin County, the Pennsylvania, and the American Bar Associations. His fellow-lawyers recognized and regarded his considerable abilities, for he served this Association as president for five years and was appointed to important committees of the County and State Associations and of the Courts of Franklin County. He was also elected a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Mr. Strite served his country as a member of the American Expeditionary Force during World War I and thereafter with Troop E, 104th Cavalry of the Pennsylvania National Guard, rising through the ranks to Captain and Commanding Officer.

He belonged to numerous service and civic organizations and served his community and church in various capacities.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of The Valley National Bank of Chambersburg from 1933 until the time of his death.

A man of such broad capabilities, interest, and activities will be sorely missed by his community. We who have been associated with him from day to day deeply regret the passing of a friend, a challenging advocate, a fair opponent, a worthy colleague.

And it is further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to his family.

J. L. H. H. H.
Emmott Wingard
Charles F. Janison

Committee

September 26, 1959

Minutes of a special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association held in the court room Franklin County Court House, Chambersburg, Penna., Saturday, September 26, 1959, at 6:15 E.D.S.T and 5:15 E.S.T.

The meeting was called to order by the President J. Glenn Benedict.

The following members were present: Thomas J. MacBride, Millard A. Ullman, John McD Sharpe, Sr., Charles H. Davison, John R. Lashley, Jr., George S. Black, Edmund C. Wingerd, Sr. Roy S. F. Angle, N. F. Keller, LeRoy S. Maxwell, Daniel W. Long, George C. Eppinger, Stenger Diehl, Judge Chauncey M. Depuy, Anson B. Good, J. Glenn Benedict, Harvey Bridgers, John McD Sharpe, Jr., Jay Benedict, Paul Mower, George E. Wenger, Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., J. Stewart Glen, Blake Martin and John W. Keller. Mr. Clark Seltzer of the Lebanon Bar Association also attended this meeting.

At the opening of the meeting the President announced that the Association had gathered together to consider a resolution to be offered on the death of Edwin D. Strite, Sr. Charles H. Davison chairman of the Resolutions Committee then read the resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto and moved the adoption of the resolution.

Edmund C. Wingerd seconded the motion and commented that he and Mr. Strite were contemporaries and often adversaries, but were always friends and that he felt he had lost a good friend.

The Resolution was seconded and Mr. Clark Seltzer stated that he had known Mr. Strite for 35 or 40 years, had known him intimately and that this was his tribute to a real lawyer, gentleman and a scholar.

N. F. Keller seconded the motion commenting that he had been associated with Mr. Strite and travelled with him frequently in many cases and before many courts and that Mr. Strite was true blue, a tireless worker who was always prepared for the task ahead of him.

The motion was seconded by John McDowell Sharpe, Sr., who remarked that Mr. Strite was a rising young lawyer when he was admitted to the Bar and that he continued to rise and became an all-time outstanding member of this Bar Association. He stated he fought every case for everything that was in it and contributed much to his profession and that he tried more cases in the Federal Courts than any other member of this Bar. Mr. Strite was an able attorney, a good friend and it would be difficult for the remaining members of the Association to close the gap left by his death.

George S. Black seconded the motion and stated he joined in the sentiments expressed by his fellow attorneys. He went on to say Mr. Strite was always willing to listen, to help, to encourage and to criticize in a friendly manner where criticism was due. He remarked Edwin D. Strite's outstanding characteristic in his opinion was his extreme tolerance for the opinions and positions of others.

Edmund C. Wingerd, Sr. suggested the Bar Association rise and there be a moment of silent tribute for Edwin D. Strite, Sr. This suggestion was unanimously approved.

At this point the President announced that he felt the entire Bar Association endorsed all of the foregoing sentiments and that the motion had been duly seconded and the motion was voted upon and adopted unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and the members attended in a body the funeral services conducted for Mr. Strite.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary