

September 10, 1970

FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Special Meeting on the Death of  
James A. Strite

A special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association was held in the main Court Room of the Franklin County Court House, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, September 10, 1970, at 2:30 o'clock E.D.S.T.

Those present were Roy S. F. Angle, Harvey C. Bridgers, Kenneth F. Lee, George E. Wenger, Kenneth E. Hankins, Joseph L. Doyle, Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., Judge John W. Keller, Judge George C. Eppinger, Blake E. Martin, Daniel W. Long, Charles H. Davison, David S. Dickey, John R. Walker, Paul F. Mower, William R. Davis, R. Harry Bittle, Thomas J. Finucane, Jay L. Benedict, John McD. Sharpe, Jr., and Thomas H. Humelsine.

The meeting was called to order by Charles H. Davison who presided in the absence of President Wertime and Vice-President Maxwell. Mr. Davison announced that the Association had gathered together to consider a resolution to be offered on the death of James A. Strite, a member of the Bar Association. Charles H. Davison announced that he was chairman of the committee and that the additional members of the committee were J. Glenn Benedict, Roy S. Maxwell and Daniel W. Long. Mr. Long read the resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto and moved the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Long prefaced the presentation of the resolution by observing that Mr. Strite was a contemporary of his in the practice of the law and reflected upon the association he had had with him as Borough Solicitor inasmuch as Mr. Strite had written the present borough zoning ordinance.

Judge Eppinger seconded the resolution commenting upon Mr. Strite's scholarship and diligence.

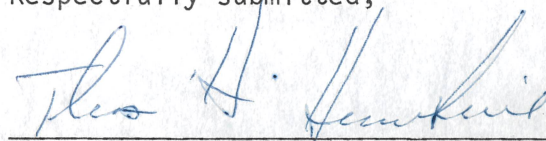
Judge Keller seconded the resolution and noted that Mr. Strite was a credit to this Bar.

Charles Davison spoke of Mr. Strite's complete fairness and preciseness of practice.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned and the members reassembled as a body in front of the Court House at 3:15 to attend memorial services at the Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas H. Humelsine  
Secretary

The Franklin County Bar Association, with sadness, honors the memory of James A. Strite, and adopts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED by the Franklin County Bar Association, upon the death of James A. Strite, as follows:

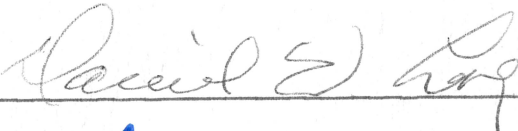
James A. Strite was a member of this Association for a period of more than 38 years. He served it well and faithfully, willingly accepting committee assignments and always devoting much time and hard work to these assignments. For most of the past decade he had been chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association. A complete resume of the work of this committee during that period is not here possible or appropriate, but particularly noteworthy are the efforts which resulted in the present minimum fee bill for this county and the legislation creating a second judgeship here. Mr. Strite also contributed to the advancement of legal practice in Franklin County by service on various court appointed committees. Especially should be mentioned in this connection the present Franklin County Orphans' Court Rules which are largely his work as chairman of the Orphans' Court Committee since 1956 until the time of his death.

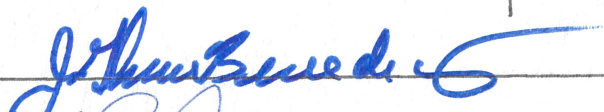
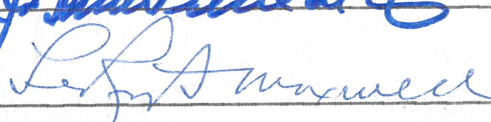
He was an outstanding student and a thorough and penetrating legal scholar. He was graduated, Phi Beta Kappa, from Dickinson College in 1929 and from Dickinson School of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of "The Dickinson Law Review", in 1931. In 1934 and 1935 he was an Assistant Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but except for this spent all of his time since his admission to the bar of this county on September 28, 1931, in the active practice of law here.

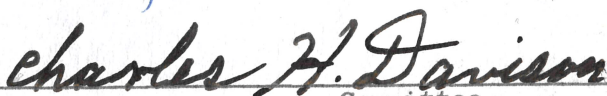
He was keenly interested in his family and was active in the affairs of his church and numerous service and fraternal organizations in the community.

By his death on September 7, 1970, we have lost an able colleague.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Strite and to each of his children and his brothers.

  
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