

FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association, called by President Glen to memorialize the death of John McD. Sharpe, Sr., who died on Tuesday, October 5, 1976, at the age of 78 years, was held in the main courtroom at 12:45 o'clock p.m. on Friday, October 8, 1976. Presiding was President J. Stewart Glen.

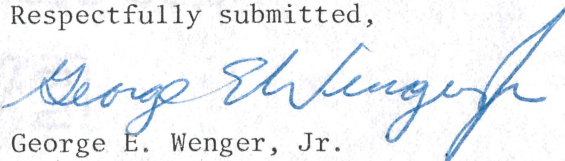
Messrs. J. Glenn Benedict, George S. Black, David C. Cleaver, William R. Davis, Jr., Charles H. Davison, Denis M. DiLoreto, Thomas J. Finucane, Welton J. Fischer, George S. Glen, J. Stewart Glen, Jr., Robert E. Graham, Jr., Kenneth E. Hankins, Jr., Richard K. Hoskinson, Thomas H. Humelsine, William H. Kaye, Kenneth F. Lee, Daniel W. Long, Blake E. Martin, Paul F. Mower, Robert C. Schollaert, Edward I. Steckel, John R. Walker, Martha B. Walker, George E. Wenger, Jr., Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., George F. Wright, Joel R. Zullinger, John W. Keller, David S. Dickey, J. Dennis Guyer, Rudolf M. Wertime, Roy S. F. Angle, Harvey C. Bridgers, Jr., Joseph L. Doyle, Gregory L. Kiersz, Donald L. Kornfield, E. Franklin Martin, Leroy S. Maxwell, Timothy W. Misner, Thomas M. Painter, D. Lloyd Reichard, Thomas B. Steiger and Lawrence C. Zeger were present. Also present were Barbara B. Townsend, Courtney J. Graham and Michael Finucane.

Daniel W. Long, Chairman of the Resolution Committee read the resolution prepared by the Committee consisting of himself, Rudolf M. Wertime, Thomas B. Steiger, Charles H. Davison, and J. Glenn Benedict. The adoption of this resolution, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part hereof, was moved by Mr. Daniel W. Long.

The resolution was seconded by J. Glenn Benedict, George S. Black, Rudolf M. Wertime, Charles H. Davison, Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., Judge John W. Keller and Roy S. F. Angle, all of whom made remarks and comments of how the life of Mr. Sharpe had touched them personally.

On the question called for, the resolution was unanimously adopted and the President gave thanks to the Committee for their work. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 o'clock p.m. to proceed to the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church on Philadelphia Avenue for the memorial services to be held in honor of Mr. Sharpe.

Respectfully submitted,



George E. Wenger, Jr.  
Acting Secretary

JOHN McDOWELL SHARPE

1898 - 1976

WHEREAS, John McDowell Sharpe, a member of this Association for many years, died on the 5th day of October, 1976, aged 78 years.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association, express our sincere appreciation for his many years of service to the legal profession and to this Association, and our feeling of deep regret and personal sorrow at his passing.

Jack, as most of us knew him, at the time of his death was the oldest member of the Association and our Bar, both in age and in years of service. Most of his adult life he was active in the social, political and religious activities of this community and often served in most important positions in those activities, but today we wish to pay special reference and tribute to his activities as a lawyer.

A lifetime resident of Chambersburg, he graduated from Princeton University and the Harvard Law School, was admitted to practice in 1923 and has actively engaged in the general practice of law up until the time of his death. Mr. Sharpe comes from a family of distinguished Franklin County lawyers. His grandfather, also named John McDowell Sharpe, was admitted to practice in this county in 1851. His father, Walter K. Sharpe, was a practicing attorney until his death. The tradition is being continued by his son, an active member of our Bar.

It is written in the History of Franklin County concerning his grandfather that Judge Sharswood, a Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice, said "he regarded Mr. Sharpe as the best prepared and most thorough lawyer that came before him in that court". The same sentiment could be expressed concerning Jack, for he was most professional and able in his work as a lawyer. He was active in all branches of the law, both as a trial attorney and in legal matters outside of the court. In the preparation of documents and pleadings and in participation in trials, his research, knowledge and ability was surpassed by few, if any.

Mr. Sharpe gave liberally of his time and ability to the affairs of this Association, having been its President (1951 - 1956) and both before and after served continually on committees of the Association, and attended the meetings with great regularity.

In his personal relationship with members of the Bar he was a delightful companion, always friendly, and his absence will be keenly felt by all of his associates. Mr. Sharpe was a good and able lawyer, one of the best in the long history of our Bar, and he will be sorely missed by his clients, and deeply mourned by his associates and friends.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the members of his family and express to them our deep sense of loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife and children.

Rudolf M. Britaine  
Thomas B. Steyer  
Charles F. Davison  
J. Stuart B. Smith  
Deval W. Long  
Committee

October 8, 1976