

FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
January 14, 1994

A special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association was held upon the death of Charles H. Davison on January 14, 1994 at 12:15 p.m. at the Falling Springs Presbyterian Chapel. The purpose of the special meeting was to honor Charles H. Davison, Esquire a beloved member of the Bar Association who passed away on January 11, 1994.

The meeting was called to order by President Denis DiLoreto who recognized Rudolf Wertime. Mr. Wertime read a proposed resolution of the Franklin County Bar Association on the death of Charles H. Davison, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated into these minutes. Forty members of the Association attended the special meeting, six of whom chose to rise and second same. Judge Walker, Judge Keller, Daniel Long, Chauncey Depuy, Jan Sulcove and President Denis DiLoreto spoke of personal and professional experiences they had shared with the late Mr. Davison and the resolution passed by acclamation.

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m., and the group attended a memorial service at the Falling Springs Presbyterian Sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,



William F. Kaminski, Secretary

RESOLUTION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ON THE DEATH OF CHARLES H. DAVISON, ESQ.

WHEREAS, on January 11, 1994, Charles H. Davison, Esquire, our friend, colleague, fellow member and mentor to many of us, in the early years of our own professional careers, was called away from our midst by Almighty God; and

WHEREAS, we are now assembled, in special meeting, to reflect upon our memories of Charlie and to fulfill one of the purposes of our Association, as set forth in our bylaws, that is, appropriately to memorialize our deceased members, and, in attempting to do so, we are mindful, first, both that our effort can, at best, be merely an imperfect one, and that Charlie, himself, ever the cheerful, humble, respectful, soft spoken, and friendly gentleman, would not fault us for that imperfection; we do recall, however, the following facts about Charlie's life and career:

Charles H. Davison was born on January 4, 1916, in Waynesboro, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late Honorable Watson R. Davison, who was an attorney in this county and later served as President and sole Judge of our County Courts, for a number of years, and Charles decided to enter into the legal profession, also. Charles graduated from Chambersburg High School, in 1934, from Dickinson College, in 1938, and From Dickinson School of Law, Cum laude, in 1941. He also taught law at Dickinson School of Law, for a period of time. With the coming of World War II, Charles, known, always, by his professional colleagues and others, as "Charlie,"

entered the United States Navy, and served therein, as an officer, in combat. After the war, Charlie returned, to practice law in Franklin County, and eventually, with the late George S. Black, Esquire, formed the partnership of Black and Davison, in 1959. That law partnership existed, thereafter, until the death of George, in 1992, and the firm name has continued to exist, until the present time.

It is noted with special emphasis, that Charlie always remained, in a sense, a teacher of the law, through the young associates employed over the years, by said law firm, and that many of these associates are still engaged in the practice of law, in this area, and elsewhere, and remember, with fondness, the easy going but persistent approach Charlie used, in such teaching endeavor. Often, by this method, he would induce the student to reach for himself or herself, with the help of Charlie's knowledgeable and patient guidance, the correct answer to a problem, thus creating in the student a whole set of tools, for future use.

Charlie was a master of succinctness of expression, also, and this ability was manifest in all his document drafting, as well as in his sense of humor. For example, when a young associate came to Charlie, one day, with the results of some assigned legal research work, Charlie asked him what was the law, on point. The young associate replied that he believed the Supreme Court had said it was thus and so, but that just

had to be wrong. Charlie quickly responded, over the top of his glasses, his grin nearly hidden, "The Supreme Court can't be wrong."

Charlie was active, also, in community affairs and in civic and charitable, as well as professional, organizations. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Franklin County Bar Association, and served as the President of the latter, during the early 1960's. Charlie was also a member of the Presbyterian Church of the Falling Spring, and of George Washington Lodge 143 F & A M,, and was a past president of the Chambersburg Rotary Club. He was a member of the board of directors of Capitol Blue Cross, in Harrisburg, for many years, and during a portion of that time, he was Chairman of the Board. Charlie also served for many years as a member of the board of directors of Valleybank Corp. and also, eventually, chaired that Board.

Many of us remember Charlie, also, in other ways. He was very punctual about keeping appointments and other commitments and was always clean cut, clean shaven, and snappily, but not ostentatiously, dressed. There was nothing put on about it, either. With Charlie, there was something just natural, about looking this way. We remember, too, in years past, when Charlie enjoyed good health, how he walked to work each morning, in the center of town, from his home, which was located a mile, or more, away. His pace was brisk, his greetings, along the

way, were cheerful, and he could be observed, doing this, in almost every kind of weather. Charlie remained a widower, all the rest of his life, after having lost his wife, who died in 1965, and he was, in many respects, a private sort of person, who did not seek publicity, but nevertheless, remained friendly and helpful to others, throughout his life.

NOW THEREFORE, the Franklin County Bar Association, in special meeting assembled, being saddened by the death of Charles H. Davison, and mindful of the many contributions of time and service he gave to his profession and to his community, and being mindful, also, of his witty sense of humor and friendly simplicity of expression, do hereby Resolve that we do regard, highly, the memory of our departed friend, colleague and fellow member, and that we do note, with regret, his passing, and direct that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and we do further direct that a copy of this resolution be delivered to his surviving brother.

Respectfully submitted,

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

by Kenneth E. Henkin Jr.
Chairman
Rudolf Silberstein
Member
Bar M. DiBerto
Member

Charles H. Davison

Chambersburg

Charles H. Davison, 78, of 906 McKinley St., a partner in the law firm of Black & Davison, died at 10:46 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994, in Chambersburg Hospital.

Born Jan. 4, 1916, in Waynesboro, he was a son of the late Watson R. and Mary Clippinger Davison.



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He was a 1934 graduate of Chambersburg High School, a 1938 graduate of Dickinson College, and a 1941 cum laude graduate of Dickinson Law School.

He practiced law with his father as Davison & Davison from 1934 to 1952 and afterward continued on his own until 1959, when he became a partner with George S. Black and formed Black & Davison Attorneys At Law on Lincoln Way East.

He was a member of Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring.

Active in many community organizations, he held membership in the Franklin County and Pennsylvania bar associations, and George Washington Lodge 143 F & AM. He was a former board member and chairman of Valleybank Corp. and Capital Blue Cross, Harrisburg.

His wife, Margaret Wood Davison, died March 21, 1965.

Surviving are a brother, Watson R. Jr. of Chambersburg, and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five sisters.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring. The Rev. Dr. William H. Harter and the Rev. Linda B. Harter will officiate. Burial will be in Lincoln Cemetery.

There will be no viewing.

Memorials contributions may be made to Chambersburg Hospital, 112 N. Seventh St., Chambersburg 17201, or to your favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Robert G. Sellers Funeral Home Inc.