

May 29, 1929.

A meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association was held in the Court House of Franklin County, at 1 o'clock P. M., to take proper action on the death of Loren A. Culp, Esq.

The meeting was called to order by J. A. Strite, Vice-President, who presided.

Mr. Strite called for the election of a Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Culp. Walter R. Sharpe moved the nomination of J. Glenn Benedict to the office of Secretary of the Association. Mr. Gehr seconded the nomination. Judge Davison moved the nomination to be closed.

Mr. Gehr, Chairman of the Special Committee to submit resolutions on the death of Mr. Culp, submitted and moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

Loren A. Culp, a member of the Franklin County Bar for 51 years, died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1929, at his home in Chambersburg. Although Mr. Culp had been in failing health for some time, his death was unexpected and a shock to his many friends and acquaintances.

He was born in Gettysburg, Penna., in 1858, but he had resided practically all his life in Chambersburg. He was educated at the old Chambersburg Academy and at Gettysburg College. After reading law in the office of Jere Cook, Esq., he was admitted to the bar in 1878, when he was but 20 years of age. With one exception, he was the oldest practitioner in point of service.

For some years in his early practice he served as a Justice of the Peace in the Fourth Ward of Chambersburg and later he occupied the office of Referee in Bankruptcy. He served as Counsel for many of the County officials and at the time of his death, and for many years prior thereto, was Secretary of this bar.



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During his long career as a lawyer he enjoyed the acquaintance and friendship of those early practitioners who have left a tradition that is the pride of this bar and their lofty example for integrity and honor he followed to the end.

When he was admitted to practice, and for many years afterward, the convenient aids to the practice were unknown, typewriters and stenographers had not appeared. Legal documents were prepared by the laborious method of longhand, a practice he could not wholly discontinue. On numerous occasions he was complimented by the Court on the excellent manner in which his papers and reports were prepared.

Although not a seeker after political preferment, Mr. Culp always took a lively interest in politics and was a staunch Republican, loyal to the party of his adoption.

He was a delightful companion, a gentleman of the old school, affable and courteous, kind and most considerate of the feelings of others.

He was an especially careful and painstaking attorney. Although he did not take part to any great extent in the actual trial of cases in Court, confining his practice principally to the Orphans' Court and office practice, yet he had a sound and thorough knowledge of the law and was a safe, reliable adviser.

He was honest and upright, he held the ethics of the profession in highest regard and followed them consistently. He was respected and honored by all his fellow members at the bar and he evinced a keen interest and friendship for his fellow practitioners.

The members of the Franklin County Bar mourn his loss and extend their sympathy

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Judge Watson R. Davison spoke briefly on the life of Mr. Culp and expressed his sorrow over his death. Judge Davison especially commented on the ethics, practice and honesty of the deceased.

George W. Atherton, Esq., referred briefly to the long acquaintance with Mr. Culp.

Walter R. Sharpe, Esq., expressed his sorrow of Mr. Culp's death and especially commented on the bar as it existed at the time at which Mr. Culp was admitted and indicated the influence which it had upon Mr. Culp.

Edmund C. Wingerd expressed his regrets and joined in the remarks previously made.

John M. O. Sharpe, Esq., expressed his sorrow for the death of Mr. Culp and especially commented on the keen interest which Mr. Culp took of the younger members of the bar.

J. A. Strite, Esq., expressed his regrets and especially referred to Mr. Culp as Secretary of the Bar Association.

The resolutions previously offered by Mr. Gehe were seconded by

Judge Davison recommended reorganization of the Bar Association, commenting briefly on its importance to its members.

T. J. Minehart suggested the appointment of a Committee to arrange for a banquet.

D. Edw. Long, Esq., suggested that a Committee should be appointed for the purpose of reorganization.

Judge Davison moved that a Committee of three of the younger members of the Bar be appointed to interview the members of the Bar to obtain the consensus of the opinion and to confer with himself and President, J. A. Strite, on the matter of reorganization.

Motion seconded by Edmund C. Wingerd, Esq.



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President J. A. Strite, called for votes on the resolutions.

Resolutions carried.

Meeting adjourned.

J. Glenn Benedict  
Secretary

President

Pursuant to resolution regularly past at the meeting of the Bar Association held at 1 o'clock on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1929, Paul M. Crider, Esq., and Benjamin L. Keefner, Esq., and J. Glenn Benedict, Esq., were appointed to interview the members of the bar to obtain the consensus of opinion and to confer with the acting President, J. A. Strite, and his Honor, Judge Davison, on matters of reorganization.

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