

September 29, 1961

Minutes of a special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association held in the Court room of the Franklin County Court House, Chambersburg, Penna. on Friday, September 29, 1961 at 1:30 o'clock P.M. E.D.S.T. 12:30 o'clock P.M. E.S.T.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Daniel W. Long.

The following members were present: Stenger Diehl, George Teets, Thomas Humelsine, Blake Martin, J. Stewart Glen, Harvey C. Bridgers, Leroy S. Maxwell, Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., J. McDowell Sharpe, Sr., George Wenger, John R. Lashley, Jr., Roy S. F. Angle, Paul F. Mower, James Strite, George S. Black, Daniel W. Long, Jay Benedict, John McDowell Sharpe, Jr., Rudolf M. Wertime, Millard A. Ullman, Albert Strite and John W. Keller.

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 A. J. White Hutton. Edmund C. Wingerd, Sr., Chairman of the Resolutions Committee read the Resolution prepared by Edmund C. Wingerd, Sr., J. McDowell Sharpe, Sr., and J. Stewart Glenn, Jr., a copy of which is attached hereto and moved the adoption of the Resolution.

J. McDowell Sharpe, Sr. seconded the motion and commented that he had known Mr. Hutton for many years and had always thought of him as a teacher and respected his legal learning. Mr. Hutton was respected by Attorneys all over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and by many lower and Appellate Court Judges. The Franklin County Bar Association has lost one who added much to the history and stature of this Bar.

J. Glenn Benedict seconded the motion commenting that he had known Mr. Hutton for 35 years and had always been impressed at the way he kept abreast of changing times. He was an outstanding member of the Bar.

John R. Lashley, Jr. seconded the motion and remarked that he had been a student of Professor Huttons at Dickinson School of Law and the "Professor" had always been available to discuss the questions and troubles of his ex-students. Mr. Lashley stated he was a gentlemen and a scholar.

Daniel W. Long seconded the motion and commented that Mr. Hutton was one of the two members of our Bar who had been admitted prior to 1900 and his familar figure would be greatly missed.

The Resolution was passed unanimously on a standing vote of the entire Association.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and the members reassembled in front of the First Lutheran Church at 2:15 P.M. to attend the funeral services in a body.

Respectfully submitted,



WHEREAS, A. J. White Hutton, a member of this bar for over sixty years, passed away at the Chambersburg Hospital on September 26, 1961,

RESOLVED That we of the Bar Association express our sorrow at his death and place upon the records of this Association the following memorial:-

A. J. White Hutton was born in Chambersburg on March 20, 1877, and resided there his entire life. After attending the public schools and the Chambersburg Academy, he entered Gettysburg College, from which he received an A.B. degree in 1897 and an M.A. degree in 1899, and then studied law at the Harvard Law School from which he received the degree of L.L.B. in 1902 and later the degree of L.L.D. from Gettysburg College and the Dickinson School of Law.

He was admitted to practice law in Franklin County in 1899, after studying in the offices of local practitioners, to the Supreme Court in 1914 and the Superior Court in 1931. In 1902, he became a professor at the Dickinson School of Law and continued so to be until his retirement in 1951, and since then has been professor emeritus, the members of this bar who were students under him always referring to him affectionately as "Professor". He served as Clerk to the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., as member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania from Franklin County from 1930 to 1934, where he served as Republican Floor Leader, Chairman of Rules Committee, Chairman of State Government Committee and Speaker Pro-tem, and later he served as Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Law Examiners.

He was a life-long member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chambersburg and active in its affairs, teaching in its Church School for many years.

He was a prolific writer, the author of numerous historical papers for the Kittochtinny Historical Society, many articles for the Dickinson Law Review and "Hutton on the Law of Wills in Pennsylvania."

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Chi fraternities, the Rufus Choate Law Club and Harvard Club of Philadelphia.

Mr. Hutton actively practiced law until illness prevented him from so doing about a month before his death. For many years he was a familiar figure walking between his office and his home, until physical weakness caused him to give up his walk and resort to taxi-cabs.

An avid student, he never lost his interest in the law and was always ready to discuss questions pertaining to it, nor did he ever give up delving into local history and seeking information about past happenings in this community, most recently about local men in the Civil War. He was considered an authority on local history and his knowledge and advice in reference thereto was frequently sought.

In these changing times, Mr. Hutton's death removes another of the older members of the bar. We shall miss his familiar figure and his font of legal and historical lore, but his written words will serve to keep his memory green.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this Resolution be  
sent to his widow and each of his children.

COMMITTEE OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Edmund C. Wingers

J. W. Harper

J. Stewart Glen Jr.