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BAER, AUGUST H., Bellville, Ill.—Deceased, October 27, 1918.


BARTLETT, CHARLES L., Detroit, Mich.—Deceased, July 14, 1951.


BLACKBURN, JAMES H., Mt. Vernon, Ind.—Again, I want to thank you for your splendid service to our class in keeping our Bulletin going through the years. It means a great deal to every member of the class and it is deeply appreciated. As I reported last year I retired from the bench and I am gradually learning how to kill time and be satisfied to do nothing. My only remaining connection with the legal profession is a lot of splendid memories and a life membership in the American Bar Association. I am sure I would enjoy doing it all over again. Please extend my sincere good wishes to all the other members of our class.

BODMAN, HENRY E., 1400 Buhl Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich.—Everything going along about as usual, I am glad that you are still able to serve the public in the important position which
you occupy, and I congratulate you on your long and successful career. Please extend my best wishes to the other members of the class. (Editor’s Note: Thanks for ‘them’ nice words.)

**CHANDLER, WALTER M., Albuquerque, N. M.—Deceased, March 16, 1935.**

**COOMBS, ROY R., Kerrville, Texas—**When one reaches the age of 81, life has lost its glamour, so the only thing to do is to accept the aches and pains of old age as gracefully as possible. I have no desire to go any place any more. I do not like to ride in our car. I just sit, read a good deal, listen to the radio, and sleep. My hat off to Judge Hart for keeping us in touch with each other all these years. Wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. (Wish I could drop in and wake you up—Editor.)

**DANCER, HERBERT A., 1000 Alworth Bldg., Duluth, Minn.—**

no report.

**DRUMHELLER, THOMAS J., Box 538 Walla Walla, Wash.—**

Brother Drumheller passed away at Portland, Ore. on January 28, 1954. On March 30, 1954, I received the following beautiful letter from his wife Edith Drumheller whom we who attended our class reunion at Ann Arbor in June, 1947, met. She said: 'Dear Judge Hart: Enclosed you will find a clipping from a Portland, Oregon paper which will explain my letter. When your (1954) Class Bulletin arrived Tom asked me to only read the names of the ones who were living, and now I realize that he had a feeling that he would not be with us too long. He has lived a very full and active life and his devotion to his Michigan classmates and the years he spent at Michigan was always uppermost in his thoughts. One of my happiest memories is the year we went back to his class reunion, and what a pleasure it was for me to meet all his classmates.' The newspaper clipping referred to is as follows: 'Thomas J. Drumheller, 81, of Chelan and Walla Walla suffered a heart attack while in Portland for a meeting and died in St. Vincent's Hospital January 28. For thirty years he was president of the Washington Wool Growers Association. He was a director of the Northwest Livestock Production Credit Association and it was for a meeting of that group that he was in Portland. A native of Walla Walla, he attended the University of Michigan and Stanford University and was admitted to the bar. He never practiced though, devoting all his business career to the sheep industry. His widow, Edith at Walla Walla, and a son, Thomas Jr., Epurata, Washington, survive.'

**FIELD, FREEMAN, Los Angeles, Calif.—Deceased, Jan. 10, 1931.**
FORD, DELBERT E., 2233 East 70th St., Chicago 49, Ill.—Seems to me the older one gets, the faster the days go by. I was born July 8, 1875. I have had one foot in the grave for the past year, but for some unexplainable reason the Devil has passed me up, so I keep on working to earn enough money to buy my grub. My mental capacity must be limited, otherwise I would have gone into politics and be elected a Supreme Court judge. Best wishes to all surviving class members including yourself, Judge Hart.

FOUTS, ROBERT M., Paradise, Calif.—Deceased, April 25, 1943.

FREEDMAN, H. Y., 2366 Panorama Terrace, Los Angeles 39, Calif.—One more bottle from the bottles on the wall has just been shattered. One more year has passed into oblivion. For me it was a good year, blessed with good health, peace and contentment. Mrs. Freedman and I spent the fall of the year in Old Mexico. We made our quarters in Mexico City, and visited many of the numerous and ancient interesting points from there, going as far south as Acapulca, which is in the tropics. For a complete change of scenery, diversions, atmosphere and recreations, we can heartily recommend a visit to this enchanted land south of the Border. Please extend our best wishes and compliments of the season to all the boys of '97 Law, and a special appreciation to yourself for getting out the report.


GALEN, ALBERT J., Helena, Mont.—Deceased, May 16, 1936.


HANDY, JAMES S., Chicago, Ill.—Deceased, September 27, 1941.

HARPER, DAVID N., 5534 Locust Street, Kansas City, Mo.—I wish all continued good health, a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Asthma keeps me down in the southwest during the winters. For a time my address will be Gateway Hotel, El Paso, Texas. In the summer I go up into Colorado and Western Kansas. I have not seen or heard from any member of the class this year, but I think of old Ann Arbor times often. Good cheer to the boys of '97 Law.

HARRISON, GEORGE B., Kansas City, Mo.—Deceased, March 4, 1930.
HART, WILLIAM L., 135 Overlook Drive, Alliance, Ohio.—I have just completed my sixteenth year on the Supreme Court of Ohio. The Supreme Court of the United States sure enough revised our court in the case of State Ex-rel Classic Pictures V. Hissong, supt., mentioned in my report last year and involving the censorship of moving picture films. On February 22, the Alliance Chamber of Commerce awarded me and four others citations for meritorious service and gave each of us fine desk sets in memory of the occasion. In May at the annual meeting of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants, I was reelected Counselor of the society for an additional three year term. In August, Mrs. Hart and I motored up to Chautaugua, N. Y. and spent a very pleasant ten day vacation there. On October 15th we inaugurated Carl C. Bracy, of Lincoln, Neb, the sixth president of Mount Union College of our city and I presided at one of the public functions given on that day in his honor. I have had very heavy court work during the past year, but I am still enjoying it. Two members of the court retired and two new members take places on the court January 1st.

HAYES, HENRY N., Salt Lake City, Utah—Deceased.

HILLS, CHARLES W., Miami Beach, Fla.—Deceased, April 2, 1950.

KOCOUREK, ALBERT, Beloit, Wis.—Deceased June 8, 1952.

LAWTON, CHARLES T., Toledo, Ohio.—Deceased June 13, 1929.

LONG, WILLIAM M., Deerfield, Mich.—Deceased.

LUX, ARTHUR W.—Deceased, September 25, 1910.

MILLER, HARRY A., Glen Ellyn, Ill.—Deceased.

MILROY, CHARLES M., Toledo, Ohio—Deceased, December 12, 1931.

MINER, KARL R., Newton, Conn.—Deceased August 28, 1947.


NORRIS, JAMES T., Wilkinsburg, Pa.—Deceased May 29, 1949.

ORTON, JESSE F., 89-10, 35th Ave., Jackson Heights, N. Y.—No report.
PADLEY, W. H. Reardon, Wash.—You certainly have been attentive and efficient in the preparation of our class bulletin. I have little to report except to say that I am getting pretty old. If I can hang on for two more birthdays I shall have reached the age of 97 years. Until the past summer I retained my office and practice, but a few months ago I sold my practice and business to two young lawyers in Spokane who come out here three days a week. I am not ill, but just get tired. So I am through with business, but am glad to report that the law has always been pleasant work for me. My best wishes to you and to all surviving members of our class.

PRATT, JOHN SHERRING, 1372 North Cove Boulevard, Toledo 6, Ohio.—I have nothing new to report. Mrs. Pratt and I are going again for the winter months to the Vinoy Park Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla., arriving there the day before Christmas. If any of our classmates are in that vicinity during the winter, I should welcome a visit from them. I am most sorry that you are losing Judge Henry Middleton from your Ohio Supreme Court bench.

RILEY, B. T., Paloa, Kan.—Deceased July 10, 1940.

ROGERS, JR., ALBERT T., Crockett Bldg., Las Vegas, New Mexico.—There is nothing new to report of special interest. Am confining my practice now to office work, consultations etc., except an occasional trial, which I do not enjoy, except water law matters, which I still enjoy handling, a sort of specialty in this area. I have tried fewer than a half dozen cases the past year, and yet have earned more than in the previous year, but do not anticipate such the coming year. That gives some consolation as the income tax will be lower. My son, Judge Waldo H. Rogers, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who had served three years as chief District Judge of the Albuquerque Judicial District, was appointed by President Eisenhower as United States District Judge for New Mexico, life time job and a much coveted honor. It is sad to contemplate the rapid thinning of our ranks, but most of the fellows have surpassed the proverbial three score and ten, so their passing was to be expected. Although I was the youngest member of our class it will also come to me too soon, but I have no complaint as life has been kind to me and owes me nothing: on the contrary, I never wished nor hoped for a better life. Greetings to all the classmates.


SALISBURY, DUANE C., Battle Creek, Mich.—Deceased November 26, 1913.

SHELDON, CLAUDE, Warren, Ohio—Deceased, June 7, 1930.
STANLEY, FRED B., Beverly Hills, Calif.—Deceased, May 17, 1943.

STEARNS, CLAIRE H., Carmel by the Sea, Calif.—Deceased, December 29, 1943.

STEVENSON, ARCHIBALD, Rockport, Indiana—Deceased, February 10, 1925.

WEHRLE, EDWARD F., Los Angeles, Calif.—Deceased, May 30, 1941.

WHITE, CHARLES E., 510 North Fourth St., Niles, Mich.—I have nothing to report except that Mrs. White and myself are still in the land of the living. From my own personal experience I am amazed that you are still able to carry on and do a day's work. If you keep on you will put Methuselah, of biblical fame, to shame. As I approach 1955, I wonder how long old Uncle Sam will be able to carry on his broad shoulders all the troubles of this old world. I still have faith that he will be able to carry on. Age has not distorted my faith in the future of my country. Regards to all remaining members of the class of 1897.

WILLIAMS, ROY H., Sandusky, Ohio—Deceased, December 18, 1946.