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University Of Michigan
ABBOTT, CHARLES F., Middlebury, Vt.—Deceased, April 27, 1929.

ABBOTT, CHARLES S., Chicago, Ill.—Deceased March 12, 1946.

AIRD, C. W., Brantford, Ont.—Deceased, September 8, 1931.


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


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


BLACKBURN, JAMES H., 702 Mulberry St., Mt Vernon, Ind.
Just received your reminder that it is time for another report—our 60th, a long, long time, but it seems so short. I am sorry to learn that you are retiring from the bench which you fitted so well. But you have more than earned a real rest, I hope you learn how to actually retire and how to enjoy it. As for me, I have nothing to report. I am still here and taking things easy. Keeping interested in everything helps to pass the time. I like Ike and that helps. My sincere good wishes to you, and I am sure we all deeply appreciate your keeping the Bulletin alive. Good wishes and greetings to all other Classmates.

BODMAN, HENRY E., 1400 Buhl Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich.—
Have very little to contribute in the way of information about myself that would be of interest to the members of our class. I am fortunate to find myself surviving as our sixtieth anniversary approaches and to be able to report that I am still engaged in the
practice of law, although not as actively as formerly. I am sure that all of the surviving members of the class have my feeling of gratitude for your long continued and unfailing interest in the class and in keeping our interest alive. My congratulations also in the completion of your judicial career during which you have contributed to all the citizens of your state.


COOMBS, ROY K., Kerrville, Texas—Deceased July 25, 1956. He is survived by his wife Jean Coombs.

DANCER, HERBERT A., 274 Monterey Road, Palm Beach, Fla.
Judge Hart’s recent letter reminding us that the time has come for our sixtieth annual class bulletin, reminds us with something of a jolt, that it is “Later than we think”. Like Judge Hart, I am retiring from law work, January 1st, 1957. After I was appointed Judge of the District Court by Governor Eberhardt of Minnesota, I served 12 years in that office to which I was elected twice without opposition. When I resigned from the judgship, I became third partner in the firm of Abbott and MacPherran, which in the course of many years, became the firm of Dancer, Montague, Applequist, Lyons, Nolan & Nordine, 1000 Alworth Bldg., Duluth, Minnesota. I was very fortunate in my firm as Howard Abbott and E. W. MacPherran, both of whom were graduates from the Michigan Law School, became valued friends as well as partners. Until this November, Mrs. Dancer and I have maintained a home in Duluth, Minnesota, but from now on we will live in our Palm Beach residence, which we have used until now as a winter home. Mrs. Dancer is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and had a book of poetry published a year ago. This book, “Through a Jade and Turquoise Sea”, was favorably reviewed in the August Quarterly Review of the Michigan Alumni, by Professor Rice, Chairman of the Department of English at Ann Arbor. Our daughter Helen Dancer Knott is also a graduate of the University of Michigan and her son, Stephen Kott, this past summer, finished his four year academic course in three years and was elected to membership in Beta Theta Pi and Phi Beta Kappa. He is now a medical student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia. Due to the fact that Mrs. Dancer’s father and mother were graduates of the University of Michigan, Stephan as a freshman at Ann Arbor, was named the first great grandchild of the university. I am telling you all this history of myself and family, because my wife declares that I must “strut my stuff”, since I am a member of such a wonderful class of brilliant lawyers and judges, among whom one of the bright stars is our classmate, Judge William L. Hart. May we all have a Merry Christmas and health and happiness this coming year.
DRUMHELLER, THOMAS J., Box 538 Walla Walla, Wash.—Deceased, January 28, 1954.

FIELD, FREEMAN, Los Angeles, Calif.—Deceased, Jan. 10, 1931

FORD, DELBERT E., 2233 East 70th St., Chicago 49, Ill.—No report.

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

FREEDMAN, H. Y., 2366 Panorama Terrace, Los Angeles 39, Calif.—As the years pass, each succeeding one appears to pass faster than its predecessor. This phenomenon no doubt is one of the positive evidences of advancing years. It seems but a few short yesterdays since we reported for 1955. And with each report we owe you, Mr. Secretary, an increasing debt of gratitude for your persistence in accumulating the material and getting out the report. Nothing of importance has occurred to me since my last report. Both Mrs. Freedman and I have had occasional attacks of ill health, but none of it had been serious, but it has materially slowed down our travelling habits. We still occasionally take short trips to Palm Springs, Las Vegas, La Jolla and the many mineral springs that abound in this area. We regretted very much to learn of the passing of Roy Coombs. However from the tone of his last letters to us, he seemed to sense it, and was patiently awaiting the end. With compliments, I extend to you, and to each and every surviving member of the class of 1897 Law, U. of M., my greetings and very best wishes for abundant good health and contentment.


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.—No Report.

HARRISON, GEORGE B., Kansas City, Mo.—Deceased, March 4, 1930.

HART, WILLIAM L., 135 Overlook Drive, Alliance, Ohio.—On January 1st, 1957 I completed three terms on the Supreme Court of Ohio — eighteen years. I was not a candidate for reelection last fall. I am retiring and will return to my home in Alliance and renew acquaintance with friends of former years. I have as yet no definite work plans for the future, but I expect to be employed. I have been blessed with good health and have
enjoyed the strenuous work of the court but I feel that I should not continue to carry the responsibility of this work. During my judgeship, I was a member of the Michigan Club of Columbus and enjoyed that association very much. On January 13, 1956, Mrs. Hart and I were dinner guests at a Columbus Hotel of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Orton. He is the son of our classmate Jesse F. Orton. Malcolm is an expert engineer and was in Columbus on business. We had a most delightful evening together. On October 9, 1956, Charles T. Lawton Jr., Law Director of the City of Toledo and son of our classmate Charles T. Lawton, ably presented a case in our court. I had a nice visit with him.

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., Jackson Heights, New York—Late letter from Malcolm Orton says his father Jesse F. Orton passed away in early October 1956. Sad news. This leaves but ten survivors of the class.


PRATT, JOHN SHERRING, 1652 North Cove Boulevard, Toledo 6, Ohio.—The older I become, less seems to happen. So I have little to report. It seems hardly possible that 60 years have passed since the members of '97 Law were together in Ann Arbor. Certainly, to all of us these have been years of the most varied and vital importance. Mrs. Pratt and I are leaving in a few days to spend the winter in Florida as usual at the Vinay Park Hotel in St.
Petersburg, and we will be glad to greet any of our classmates who may be in that vicinity. I congratulate the few survivors on this notable 60th year and wish them all health and happiness. And to you, Judge Hart, I extend my most particular congratulations on the useful and distinguished Judicial career that is now coming to a worthy conclusion.

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

ROGERS, JR., ALBERT T., Crockett Building, Las Vegas, New Mexico. — First I want to congratulate you, brother Hart, upon your withdrawal from the Supreme Court. You have had a laudable career on that Bench and I have greatly enjoyed reading your opinions which reflect credit upon you. But I felt concerned the past few years lest you would overtax yourself. At our ages it is time to relax, slow down and try and get more enjoyment out of life during our few remaining years. However, you do have the enviable faculty of social intercourse, attending reunions and university graduations and other social entertainments that some of us unfortunately do not indulge in to the extent that we should. I also want to again thank you for the wonderful service you have rendered our class. I have nothing of interest to report. I am still in active practice, with regular hours, but I do not undertake trial work except in a few special matters and have tried to slow down my work. My son Waldo is making an enviable record as United States District Judge for New Mexico. That water rights case of the Public Service Company, in which Pueblo Rights were established, is now pending in our Supreme Court and I have had rather confining work the past two or three weeks in preparing our briefs and other incidental matters pertaining to the appeal. I hope we may prevail, but as I have often said, I never hazard a guess as to what any Court would decide, with all due respect to them. I wish you the compliments of the season and trust that you may have many years of happy and enjoyable life. Regards and best wishes to all remaining classmates. Sorry the line is thinning so rapidly.


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

SHELDON, CLAUDE, Warren, Ohio—Deceased June 7, 1930.


STEARNES, 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 Street, Niles, Mich.—Nothing new to report. Enjoying good health except locomotion of right hand. Son Richard H. White reports for him. Extends best wishes to members of the class for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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Dear Classmates: Prepare to attend at least one more reunion of our class at old Ann Arbor town next June. We must not fail to hold this 12th reunion. I will keep you advised of date and arrangements.

Thanks to all of you for the nice words for your Secretary. They are greatly appreciated. Let me assure you that working in behalf of that grand Class, '97 Law, has been a great joy.
This is the 60th consecutive edition of the Class Bulletin that "Bradshaws" have printed for your editor, W. L. Hart.

Fred
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