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Law Class Of 1897
University Of Michigan
After the passage of many, many years, I am reminded that the time has come to make our 62nd annual report for the Bulletin. Only eight are left to use those pages and I hope that each one will be able to respond with a complete story of the year just passing. We must face things as they come, but I wish for everyone a cheerful story. As for myself—nothing new to report. Yes, on October 2, I had another birthday and I am now 88. I will soon catch up with Judge Hart. Our Bulletin should be and is deeply appreciated.
We all know, looking back over sixty two years, what a fine work our Class President has done in keeping the Bulletin coming all these years. Thanks, Brother Hart, and good wishes to all.

**BODMAN, HENRY E., 1400 Buhl Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich.—**

It was nice to hear from you and to know that you still keep track of the members of our class. It is sad however to learn that we now have only eight members surviving. Time is running on fast. I am amazed that you continue during the intervening 62 years to keep in touch with the surviving members of our class and continue to hear the burden of getting out the Class Bulletin. I shall be glad to learn who the survivors are. John Pratt is living in Toledo after serving as an assistant Attorney General for many years and making a good record for himself as a very successful trial lawyer. He has just changed his residence to Park Lane Hotel, Toledo. I am still practicing law, but not as many hours a day as formerly. My kindest regards to you and all the other members of the class.

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

**COOMBS, ROY R., Kerrville, Texas—Deceased July 25, 1956.**

**DANCER, HERBERT A., 274 Monterey Road, Palm Beach, Fla.**

When your letter came asking for a letter for the 62nd annual Class Bulletin, I wondered what on earth I could write about that would be of any particular interest to our classmates. Then I remembered that my wife and I have bought a lot facing Lake Worth which is very close to the business district of Palm Beach. And on this lot, although I am already 85 years of age, we propose to build a new home. Our present home is on a street where there are no sidewalks, and as I am not as spry as I once was, I want to live where I have good solid concrete sidewalks for my daily exercise. So we will soon be engaged in the project of building a house, not too large, all on one floor with a glorious view across Lake Worth to the city of West Palm Beach. My happiest dream is of the day when I can sit out in our patio and throw out my fishing line into the lake and bring in a fine pompano or red snapper for our dinner. Good wishes to the classmates for a year of happiness for one and for all.

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., This year of 1958 has been much like the recent ones for me. Since my retirement ten years ago, I have adopted a policy of “do nothing” and do that slowly. It seems that the less I have to do the lazier I get and the less I want to do anything. I do love to read, and a branch library is located not far from my home, so it has been quite pleasurable for me to delve into such subjects as science literature, religions, political economy, psychic phenomena, and host of other subjects. I must confess that in these, my declining years, I really enjoy life, and each and every day of it, as I am now privileged to live it. Climatic conditions here are almost ideal. Warm days and cool nights, many and varied entertainment facilities, excellent highways (altho too crowded to suit me) and the very best and great varieties of food and drink, combined with a disposition to lightly take most of the disappointments and frustrations that normally occur, and the freedom from the responsibilities and cares borne by me during all my practicing years, add up to the Life of Riley. The years surely have dealt kindly with me. Both Mrs. Freedman and I have enjoyed reasonably good health, and we are truly grateful for our blessings. Best wishes and kindest thoughts for you and all the surviving members of the Class of ’97 Law.


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.—Retired, but quite well and doing some kind of law work most every day. I am now doing a lot of general reading in my own library and the fine library of Mount Union College which is near to my home. I am still quite active as a trustee and vice-president of the Board of Trustees of Mount Union College, and attend monthly meetings of the executive committee of the Board. When a student at Mount Union College in 1889, because of lack of dormitory space for men, I resided near by with the family of Capt. Thomas Wilson, the grandfather of Hon Charles E Wilson, former Secretary of Defense in President Eisenhower’s Cabinet. Mount Union College in March of this year 1958, dedicated a fine new Wilson Science Hall on the campus named in honor of Thomas E. Wilson, father of Secretary Wilson. The former graduated from Mount Union College in 1887 and was a loyal alumni of the college. At the dedication ceremony Secretary Wilson and I made addresses. The subject of my address was “The Wilson Family”. In October, 1958, my wife and I spent the greater part of a week in Columbus with my fellow judges who are still on the Ohio Supreme Court, and with friends. On Wednesdays, the judges of the Court lunch together and I was their guest at this weekly Wednesday luncheon. On Thursday we attended the induction ceremony of the court when about three hundred new lawyers were inducted into the Ohio Bar, two of whom were Alliance, Ohio young men who, in June, had graduated from Michigan University Law School, Brian Newman Crawford and Regis Valentine. On Saturday I attended a meeting of the State Board of Assistants of the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants of which I am a member and State Counsellor. On Sunday, we attended our church service at Columbus, after which we motored home. My two sons, Bruce and William and my grandson Bruce Jr., are practicing lawyers at Canton Ohio, seventeen miles from Alliance. My good wife pre-
sented me, as a Christmas present, a beautiful gold-mounted plaque of the University of Michigan, with name and class inscribed, which now hangs in my home library.

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.


PRATT, JOHN SHERERING, 1652 North Cove Boulevard, Toledo 6, Ohio—For the first time in many years Mrs. Pratt and I are not going to Florida this winter. Neither of us is quite well enough to be that far away from our doctors. It is the same old story of advancing years—and nothing can be done about that. We now reside in an apartment at the Park Lane Hotel, Toledo, where the minimum of housekeeping chores are imposed on her. After all, we are pretty well but limited in our activities. Best regards to all classmates.

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

ROGERS, ALBERT T Jr, 1100 Seventh St., Las Vegas, N. M. This has been an uneventful year so far as law practice is con-
cerned as I have been out of my office because of sickness for the past several months; but I managed to do quite a bit of business for old and established clients. I had a nervous breakdown last spring but recovered sufficiently to resume my office work until June 23rd when I had a real breakdown. I was taken to the hospital at Albuquerque where I remained for five weeks with three nurses serving around the clock. I returned home July 29th considerably restored but not quite normal. After two weeks, Mrs. Rogers had a blackout from diabetes and was in the hospital for six weeks. The doctors permit me to work at home but not to engage in Court work or strenuous office work, so I feel in semi-retirement. The doctors, nurses and hospitals have done a profitable business, that is, to the tune of about $10,000, but at my age I should not complain as I can still eat "three square meals a day". This trouble has been my own fault. For the past 40 years I would be engaged in strenuous daily work and not content, would take my business home and seldom get to bed until 2:00 AM. No fees could compensate for what I have gone through. I am Dean of the New Mexico Bar so far as actual practice is concerned but not in age. However, I am now in what is probably semi-retirement confining my practice to a few old clients. I just received word from the New Mexico Supreme Court that we won the million dollar Water Right Case that was declared on a legal question that I suggested and on which I wrote our brief. That is probably the last case I will argue in the Supreme Court and I feel as much overjoyed as I did when we won the Mord Grant Case in the United States Supreme Court that I argued some years ago. I extend best wishes and kind regards to the few remaining members of our Class and especially to you who have been such a faithful Reporter of our Class.


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 Street, Niles, Mich.—Deceased, August 3, 1957

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