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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.

BABB, MAX WELLINGTON, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Deceased, March 13, 1943

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. First let me congratulate all the members of our Class of '97 on being such good pickers when it came to picking our Class President. Your long record of service and usefulness, I am sure, has never been matched, and, of course, is deeply appreciated by every member of the Class. I thank you, Mr. President, for your long and faithful service. As for my report: After about fifty years of practice and six years on the Bench, considering my age and health, I think that I have worked enough, and I am actually retired. I am taking it easy in a lazy sort of way and am learning how to kill time. I take rather frequent trips, both north and south. I am keeping in touch with things generally. I like Ike. Thank you again, and please extend my good wishes to the other members of the class.
BODMAN, HENRY E., 1400 Buhl Bldg., Detroit 26, Mich.—There is nothing of importance that I can report for the past year. I am still practicing law at the same old stand at the above address. I extend best wishes to all surviving members of the class and especially to you.


COOMBS, ROY R., Kerrville, Texas—My report this year will be brief and uninteresting. I have been ill for almost three years. Do not do anything but sleep, read and study politics which seem to be in a muddle at the present. I extend my best wishes to you and all the members of the class.

DANCER, HERBERT A., 1000 Alworth Bldg., Duluth, Minn.—I did not respond to your call last year, because I was troubled with neuritis, but this year I am all right. I have one or two clients who keep me fairly busy, but everything else that comes into the office, I leave to someone else. My client lives in Miami Beach, so that it is not too difficult. My wife and I live in the winter at 274 Monterey Road, Palm Beach, Florida, but we get back to Duluth, when the weather gets warmer. Mrs. Dancer’s mother was the first woman to receive a diploma from the University of Michigan, and her father graduated the next year. They graduated in 1872 and 1873. We have a grandson going to college there, and studying to be a doctor, so this is the fourth generation of “Michiganders”. They did not think that a woman needed an education at that time.

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.—The main event in my life this past year was my long delayed trip to Europe. Mrs. Freedman and I toured thru nine countries of Europe. We went over on the Queen Elizabeth and
returned on the Queen Mary. In London we visited Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, St. Pauls Cathedral, Tower of London, and all the historical places recommended. From there we motored to Oxford Colleges, Warwick Castle, Stratford on Avon, Ann Hathaways Cottage and Sir Walter Scott’s Estate. Then on thru the English Lake country and up thru Liverpool into Southern Scotland to Edinborough. From there we returned via Glasgow to the Trossards including Loch Lamond, and back to London. We spent two weeks in Britain. From Dover we crossed the channel to Ostend, then travelled via Bruges to Brussels, The Hague and thru Holland, including visits to Amsterdam, Volendam and many Dutch villages. Next we went into Germany, visiting such cities as Cologne, Coblenz, Bad Homberg, Heidleberg, Rotherdam, Munich and other cities, including a wonderful trip by boat down the Rhine River, with its fantastic castles at almost every turn. From Germany we went thru the impress’ve Alpine country to Innsbruck the old capitol of the Austrian Tyrol. Next we went over the Brenner Pass into Italy, over the famed Dolomite Range to Venice, thence on to Florence, Seina, Rome, Bologna, Assisi, Naples, Pompeii, Capri, Pisa, Genoa, Nice. Monte Carlo and the Italian and French River’eras; along the historic Napoleon Route to Grenoble, capitol of the French Alps, to Montreaux and the Castle of Chillon, (Bryan). Next we went into Switzerland and visited its main cities, including a ride up on a cable elevator 7200 feet high; thence back into France, and wound up at Paris, where we spent a week before reembarking at Cherbourg for New York. In all the trip consumed three months— the most wonderful one in my life. We visited innumerable art galleries, cathedrals, castles, palaces, parks, colleges and museums; were guests at many luxurious as well as quaint hotels and inns; saw how many of the “other half” live and found most of the people of Europe are well fed, well dressed and fairly well housed. Many large housing projects are being developed, numerous luxurious apartments and hotels, all of heavy masonry construction, are being erected, and a general atmosphere of prosperity prevails. The only conclusion one can reach is that we, the United States, should now stop being Santa Claus to them. Seasonal Greetings to all the remaining “Boys of ’97 Law” and special thanks to our genial secretary.

FREEMAN, FRANK F., Portland, Ore.—Deceased, May 27, 1949

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.—Your letter received December 24th. I spend the summers in Garden City, Kan. and various parts of Colorado, and winters in
and around El Paso, Tex., now at Gateway Hotel. My health is as good as may be expected at eighty-six. I keep in touch with decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court and some state courts. It is remarkable that you have continued our Class Bulletin and I want you to know that it is much appreciated. Many thanks to you.

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

HART, WILLIAM L., 135 Overlook Drive, Alliance, Ohio.—I have now completed my seventeenth year on the Supreme Court of Ohio. In August 1955, Mrs. Hart and I motored up to Chautanga, N. Y. and spent a fine ten-day vacation there. Two young men, members of the class of 1955 at Mount Union College of our city, and residents of our city, Brian Newman and Regis Valentine, entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan in October and I, through them, keep in touch with the University. John Wilson of Canto, Ohio, Mount Union '54 is also in second year law at the University.

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. From Toledo Blade Aug. 16, 1955: "Mrs. Mary H. Milroy, 79, widow of Charles M. Milroy, former mayor and Common Pleas judge, died yesterday at home, 2236 Robinwood Avenue. Mrs. Milroy, a lifelong Toledo resident, was a member of a pioneer Toledo family. Her great-grandfather, James Harding Southard, settled here in 1816 and her father, R. Hallaran Southard, was one of founders of the Toledo Produce Exchange. She attended old Sead School for Girls, old Toledo High School and Vassar College, being graduated from Vassar in 1899. She was a member of the First Congregational Church and served as deaconess of the church for many years. Her husband served as county pro-
secuting attorney in 1913 and 1914, as mayor from 1916 to 1917 and as Common Pleas judge from 1921 to 1931, when he died. Surviving is her son, Richard, a Toledo attorney and several nieces and nephews.”

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


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

ORTON, JESSIE F., 89-10, 35th Ave., Jackson Heights, N Y—No report.

PADLEY, W. H. Reardon, Wash.—No report.

PRATT, JOHN SHERRING, 1652 North Cove Boulevard, Toledo 6, Ohio.—Again my report is mostly negative, Mrs. Pratt and I left Toledo on December 22nd, 1955 to spend Christmas and the winter at the Vinoy Park Hotel at St. Petersburg, Florida. I have entirely withdrawn from the practice of law. Fortunately, Mrs. Pratt and I are in excellent health so that retirement gives a lot pleasure to both of us. Kindest regards to all surviving members of the class.

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

ROGERS, ALBERT T. Jr., Las Vegas, New Mexico.—Have very little to report. Four or five years ago I decided to slow down in my professional activities and confine my work to office matters, land titles, probate work and water rights litigation, as the latter type of cases has been my specialty for many years, so requires but little effort, but decline jury cases. Like most “New Years Resolutions”, I am afraid I did not observe my plan very faithfully this year. I spent three months of almost continuous work on an important water rights case brought by over a hundred water users against my client, Public Service Company of New Mexico, wherein plaintiffs claim damages against the defendant for more than a million dollars on account of alleged confiscation of plaintiffs’ water rights. I also argued two jury trials for an old client of mine, against an Insurance Company, in the United States District Court of Albuquerque. But if was worth breaching my resolutions in these instances, as it gave me a thrill to be able to again successfully handle important litigation. Thanks to Providence, I have enjoyed good health, considering the usual ravages of time. I again thank you for the wonderful service you have rendered our Class in keeping us in touch with each other for
some fifty-eight years. I doubt that any other class in the University can boast of such continuous and faithful service. I sincerely hope that you may enjoy many more years of useful service.


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.

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

STEVENS, 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.—No report.

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