

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

JUDGE CHARLES G. BRIGGLE

January 27, 1883 - June 6, 1972

The members of this Association were saddened by the death of retired Judge Charles G. Briggle in Springfield, Illinois on June 6, 1972, at the age of 89.

Judge Briggle was born in Rushville, Illinois on January 27, 1883, and attended the public schools there; after graduation from Rushville High School in 1900, he went on to college and law school at the University of Illinois, from which he received his LL.B. degree in 1904 and where he was elected to membership in Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Phi and the Order of the Coif.

Following his admission to the Bar of the State of Illinois, Judge Briggle practiced law in Morris from 1905 to 1907, then moved to Springfield where he met and married Mary Ethel Stites and continued to practice law.

In Springfield Judge Briggle became active in Republican Party politics, serving as Chairman of the Sangamon County Republican Central Committee from 1912 through 1922;

in 1917, he was appointed Master in Chancery of the Circuit Court, and acted in that capacity for 10 years; in 1927, he was elected Circuit Judge and served on the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit until 1932.

Judge Briggle also manifested his concern for civic and community affairs by serving as an elder of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and participating actively in the Sangamo Club and the Masonic and Elks lodges in Springfield.

In 1932, upon the recommendation of Senator Otis Glenn, President Hoover appointed Judge Briggle to the District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, sitting in Springfield; he was Chief Judge of that Court from 1933 until 1958, when he retired -- and in which year Judge and Mrs. Briggle celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Throughout his retirement, Judge Briggle took a lively interest in a variety of activities. Responding to a questionnaire from the Patent Law Association of Chicago, which had singled out Judge Briggle and retired Chief Judge J. Earl Major of the Court of Appeals for special honors at its 1967 dinner for the federal judges of this Circuit, Judge Briggle indicated that his avocations were baseball-watching and rummy-playing.

Judge Briggles is survived by two children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His daughter, Mrs. Stanley Thomas, and his son, Charles G. Briggles, Jr., both reside in Springfield, where the son -- like his father before him -- is engaged in the practice of law.

From 1932 to 1958, Judge Briggles was "the federal judge" to most of the residents and members of the Bar of the Springfield area, and during those twenty-six years he represented the federal judiciary with dignity and distinction. Judge Briggles is remembered with respect and affection by the lawyers who appeared before him and by the members of this Association.

BE IT RESOLVED that this memorial shall be spread upon the records of the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH  
CIRCUIT HELD AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON MAY 15 AND 16, 1973

The Annual Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit convened, pursuant to Section 333 of Title 28 of the United States Code and Rule 15 of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, at 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 15, 1973, in the Four Georges Room of the Ambassador West Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Present were:

- Hon. William H. Rehnquist, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Seventh Circuit
- Hon. Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
- Hon. Luther M. Swygert, Chief Judge
- Hon. F. Ryan Duffy, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. John S. Hastings, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. Win G. Knoch, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. Latham Castle, Senior Circuit Judge
- Hon. Roger J. Kiley, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Thomas E. Fairchild, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Walter J. Cummings, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Wilbur F. Pell, Jr., Circuit Judge
- Hon. John Paul Stevens, Circuit Judge
- Hon. Robert A. Sprecher, Circuit Judge
- Hon. William J. Campbell, Senior District Judge
- Hon. William A. Steckler, District Judge
- Hon. Julius J. Hoffman, Senior District Judge
- Hon. Cale J. Holder, District Judge
- Hon. William G. Juergens, Senior District Judge
- Hon. Robert A. Grant, District Judge
- Hon. Omer Poos, Senior District Judge
- Hon. Edwin A. Robson, District Judge
- Hon. Richard B. Austin, District Judge
- Hon. James B. Parsons, District Judge
- Hon. S. Hugh Dillin, District Judge
- Hon. Hubert L. Will, District Judge
- Hon. George N. Beamer, District Judge
- Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach, District Judge
- Hon. Bernard M. Decker, District Judge