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ANDREW J. RUSSELL MEMORIAL

The death of Andrew J. Russell on September 17, 1933, was a distinct loss to his many friends. He passed away at the Norton Memorial Infirmary, Louisville, Kentucky, after having been ill with typhoid fever for a period of about four weeks, the illness having been regarded until almost the end as a mild case with constant expectation of recovery. Funeral services were held at Pearson’s Chapel in Louisville, and at the Union Church, Berea, Kentucky, with interment at the Berea Cemetery.

Mr. Russell was born in 1900 at Jackson, Kentucky, Breathitt County, and obtained his academic education at Berea College and the bachelors degree in law at Yale University. At both institutions he received honors in debating activities and at Yale University did research work with Robert Maynard Hutchins, now President of the University of Chicago, and at that time Dean of the Yale Law School.

Upon receiving his degree at Yale, Mr. Russell became a full time teacher at the University of Louisville School of Law, a position which he occupied until the time of his death. During the five years he was with the University of Louisville he taught a number of subjects including Torts, Constitutional Law, and Evidence, in which groups his particular interest lay. Mr. Russell was engaged in research work in the problems of the Kentucky Constitution, and planned to extend the class instruction in the course on Constitutional Law to include consideration of problems concerning the state constitution; during the past academic year the course was extended one hour for the beginning of this experiment.

In the field of Torts Mr. Russell was engaged in annotating the Kentucky decisions for the American Law Institute and had published articles in the January and March, 1933, numbers of the Kentucky Law Journal; the final article of his preparation on this work will appear in the January number of this journal. Mr. Russell also prepared an article on “Manufacturers’ Liability to the Ultimate Consumer” appearing in the May, 1933, number of the Kentucky Law Journal.

In addition to his regular teaching work at the University of Louisville, Mr. Russell brought his enthusiasm for the forensic
arts to that institution and for three years was head of the debating squads of the University of Louisville, establishing an enviable record. During the past year he was also engaged in research work leading toward a closer correlation of legal, social, and economic factors particularly in connection with academic teaching. During the summer of 1932 Mr. Russell taught Partnerships and part of the course in Torts at the University of Kentucky Law School.

With other activities Mr. Russell had the happy faculty of making numerous friends, he was an excellent teacher, well liked by the students and kept in close touch with the young lawyers. He is survived by his wife, Bertella M. Russell, seven brothers, County Attorney A. M. Russell of Breathitt County; A. C. Russell, Cincinnati, Ohio, S. H. Russell, W. P. Russell, G. P. Russell, J. C. Russell, and C. G. Russell, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Gambill, all of Breathitt County.