

In Memoriam

Frank G. Norcross

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEVADA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEATH OF }
HONORABLE FRANK H. NORCROSS } **ORDER**

In respect to the memory of the late Honorable FRANK H. NORCROSS who served for many years as a Justice and Chief Justice of this Court and who departed this life on the 4th day of November, 1952,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that E. P. Carville, William Woodburn, Sr., James T. Boyd, Samuel Platt, M. A. Diskin, H. H. Atkinson, Honorable William McKnight, Miles N. Pike and Honorable Roger T. Foley be, and they hereby are, appointed as a committee to draft and present to this Court suitable resolutions expressing the high esteem in which he was universally held, and the sorrow of the members of the Bench and Bar of Nevada because of his passing.

Done at Carson City, Nevada, this 6th day of November, 1952.

MILTON B. BADT,
Chief Justice.

EDGAR EATHER,
Associate Justice.

CHARLES M. MERRILL,
Associate Justice.

Attest: Ned A. Turner,
Clerk of Supreme Court.

To the Honorable, the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada:

Your committee appointed to prepare and present resolutions on the life of the Honorable FRANK HERBERT NORCROSS, giving expression of the high esteem in which he was universally held, and expressing sorrow of the Bench and Bar of Nevada because of his passing, respectfully submit the following:

Honorable FRANK HERBERT NORCROSS who died in

San Francisco, California, on November 4, 1952, was born in Washoe County, Nevada, May 11, 1869. He was the son of Thomas and Caroline Sherman Norcross who were both pioneers of California and Nevada. He attended the district county schools of Washoe County and was one of the members of the first graduating class of the University of Nevada, receiving the degree of A.B. in the year 1891. He acquired his legal education and law degree in the Law School of Georgetown University, in Washington, D. C., and was admitted to practice law in Nevada on July 28, 1894. He was later admitted to practice law in the State of California and before the Supreme Court of the United States. During his distinguished career as a citizen and lawyer in Nevada he held the office of District Attorney of Washoe County, was a member of Nevada State Legislature, Justice and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada and United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Besides rendering excellent service as a public official in our State he took an active interest in its civic and economic affairs and represented the State at many conferences and sessions dealing with crime problems, uniform State laws, patriotic gatherings, and was a power in political activities for the good of his native State. He also contributed articles to various publications dealing with the various subjects in which he took a deep interest. For a number of years he served as Associate Editor of *The Journal of American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology*.

He was a member of the Masonic Order, having attained the 33d Degree, and at the time of his death was the oldest living Grand Master of that Order in Nevada.

As the issue of the marriage of Judge NORCROSS to Adeline L. Morton, also a native of Nevada, on July 10, 1895, a daughter, Adele Bender, her son, Frank Bender, and a great grandson, Chris Norcross Bender, survive him as does his present wife, Fanny A. Norcross.

Besides being a kindly person he had an exceptionally fine personality and a mind that fitted him admirably for

the many official positions held by him as well as in his capacity as a practicing attorney. He was a pioneer and builder of the State of Nevada as well as our Nation. The United States and his native State are deeply indebted to him for his valuable contributions as a builder of their civic, economic, legal and political history during his brilliant career.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of November, 1952.

E. P. CARVILLE,
Chairman.

SAMUEL PLATT,
WM. WOODBURN,
WM. MCKNIGHT,
H. H. ATKINSON,

JAMES T. BOYD,
ROGER T. FOLEY,
M. A. DISKIN,
MILES N. PIKE,
Committee.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Court and ordered spread upon its minutes, and a copy ordered to be sent to the surviving wife, daughter and grandson of Judge NORCROSS, and published in the next volume of the *Nevada Reports*.