

session of 1882. He was justly accounted one of the outstanding men of the state and not only was a member of the senate but had also served in the house of delegates in 1874 and 1875. He had been elected for a third term in the senate when he was stricken with paralysis in 1883 and was thus incapacitated for continuing his public work.

McCamant C. Higgins attended the public schools of Galax and in 1923 he became associated with the Sinclair Oil Company as local distributor, continuing with that corporation until 1930, since which time he has been local distributor for the Shell Oil Company, carrying on the business of which he is owner under the name of the Higgins Oil Company. His territory covers Grayson and Carroll counties and he sells about a million gallons of oil annually.

On the 23d of March, 1917, Mr. Higgins was united in marriage to Lula Anderson, daughter of A. C. and May (Cooper) Anderson, of Galax, Virginia, and they are the parents of a son, Edward Garland. Mr. Higgins is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to the lodge, the Scottish Rite bodies and the Mystic Shrine. He comes from a long line of staunch democrats who have been active in state affairs and he has attended some of the democratic conventions of Virginia and is a thorough believer in party principles. He has never been an office seeker, however, preferring that his public duties shall be done as a private citizen, but he strongly endorses the plans and policies of the party.

WILLIAM EDWARD HOGG

The Hogg family, of which William Edward Hogg is a representative, is of Scotch lineage and was founded in America by George Hogg, who was born in the land of hills and heather and crossed the Atlantic to become a resident of York county, Virginia. Richard Hogg served with the colonial forces in the Revolutionary War and was with the troops at Yorktown. His son, John Hogg, purchased what became known as the Hogg homestead farm in 1814, a part of this being owned by his direct descendants at the present time. The line comes on down through Lewis Hogg and Samuel Hogg, the latter born on the old homestead in York county, where he spent his entire life. He carried on farming and also engaged in the business of handling sea foods. He served as a private with the Confederate troops throughout the Civil War and he died in York county on the place where he was born. He married Maria Lindsay, who was also a life-long resident of York county. Their son, William Henry Hogg, was born in York county, June 2, 1867, and became a dealer in sea food and a farmer. He always voted the democratic ticket and in his religious faith was a Baptist, serving as deacon of the church in which he held membership. His death occurred August 20, 1934, in his native county. His wife, who in her maidenhood bore the name of Frances Elizabeth Winder, was born in York county, September 30, 1867, and is now living in Hornsbyville, Virginia. She is a daughter of Edward Thomas and Alice Bird (Lindsay) Winder. The

father was a native of Northampton county and moved to York county while a young man where he made his home and where he died at the age of eighty years and six months. He followed farming as his life work and he was a Confederate soldier who fought throughout the entire period of the war. His wife was a native of York county, where she always resided.

William Edward Hogg, son of William Henry and Frances Elizabeth (Winder) Hogg, was born in York county, March 3, 1890, and public and private schools of that county afforded him his preliminary educational privileges. He afterward attended West Point Seminary at West Point, Virginia, and was graduated from Smithson Business College of Richmond. He next took up the study of law, completing his course at Washington and Lee University, after which he was admitted to practice at the Virginia bar in June, 1915. He then located in York county, where he followed his profession until September 15, 1931, when he went to Newport News and was associated with W. E. Barrett until March 15, 1934, since which time he has practiced alone. He also has an office in Yorktown, where he lives. His mind is naturally analytical and logical in its trend and he is seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle. His cases are always thoroughly prepared and his deductions are sound and convincing. He is now commissioner in chancery of the circuit court of York county, having occupied the office for a number of years, and on the 14th of November, 1936, he was appointed trial justice of York and Warwick counties, which office he now holds. During the World War he served on the legal advisory board and he is a member of the Newport News Bar Association.

On the 12th of May, 1917, Mr. Hogg was united in marriage to Mrs. Gertrude Virginia (Trommenger) Hogg, a native of York county, Virginia, and a daughter of James Jacob and Sarah Elizabeth (Sparrer) Trommenger, of York county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Hogg have two children: Charles James, a graduate of the R. C. A. Institute of New York City, who was formerly employed in the electrical department of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company and now is connected with a shipbuilding company at Kearny, New Jersey; and Mildred Virginia, who was graduated from the Newport News high school in June, 1937.

Mr. Hogg has ever been a democrat and was commonwealth attorney of York county from January 1, 1920, to December 31, 1931, covering three terms of four years each. Shortly after assuming the duties of the office of commonwealth attorney, Judge Hogg experienced a great need for a book for quick reference in the court room so that he could cite to the trial court one or more decisions of the Supreme Court of Appeals, if any existed, on any point that would arise in the trial of a case that could not be anticipated in the preparation of his cases for trial, but such a book as would meet his need was not to be had. He, therefore, began to study the criminal decisions of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, digest them and make very full notes on each decided point with a key index. Judge Hogg used his work successfully and

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as it came to the attention of the lawyers and judges with whom he came in contact in the courts they suggested that he make the work a little fuller and complete it and have it published. Acting on these suggestions, Judge Hogg revised his notes and during the next two years brought his work near to completion and publication, but did not then complete and publish it because of the interference of the subject of another book, Lee's Criminal Trial in the Virginia courts, and Judge Hogg's work but which would entail the sale of his own. As respects Judge Hogg is revising his work and bringing it down to date and expects to have it ready for publication in the year 1938. The book when published will be a complete volume work that may be carried in court for ready reference when occasion demands the citation of a Virginia decision. In so far as dividing the book into topics as all digests are, Judge Hogg sets out under the name of the case all points decided in a case with each point prefaced by a catch word or line and the key to the decisions is a very full, complete set of descriptive, catch word index. So as to put his work in one volume Judge Hogg sets out in most instances, the latest case on a given point and then cites the earlier cases if they have not been overruled or superseded by legislative enactment. Another feature of Judge Hogg's proposed book is a method by which it may be kept down to date over the period of many years to come.

Personally Mr. Hogg is connected with Delaware Tribe No. 128 of the Improved Order of Red Men, in Gratton, and he belongs to the Cosmopolitan Club of Newport News. He also has membership in the Crooks Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Yorktown, and teaches the adult Bible class. He never lightly regards the duties and obligations of life. On the contrary he meets every legitimate demand that is made upon him for service in behalf of the social, intellectual, political and moral progress of his community and he enjoys in marked degree the confidence and warm regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

WALTER G. OLNSTEAD

Judge Walter G. Olmstead, who since the fall of 1930 has occupied the bench of the juvenile and domestic relations court in Warren county and is trial justice, was born at Saint Thomas, Canada, October 28, 1881, his parents being Walter G. and Juliet Wood Hall, Olmstead, the latter a daughter of Dr. W. H. Deane and Elizabeth, Brisbane Hall. The father was born in Hartford Connecticut, and he and his wife were in Canada for a short stay at the time their son, Judge Olmstead, was born.

Judge W. G. Olmstead attended the public schools of Montgomery county, Maryland, and the McDonough School in Baltimore county, that state, and following his graduation from high school entered a law office in Baltimore as a stenographer. While thus employed he attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Baltimore as a night student and then, his interest in the law as a profession having been awakened by his stenographic