

NECROLOGY

FLORENCE E. COBB

1878-1946

WHEREAS, The Seminole County Bar Association desires to pay proper respect to the memory of Florence E. Cobb, for many years an honored and distinguished member of this association, who went away leaving this enviable record:

She was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, September 20th, 1878, of V. B. and Emma Augusta Etheridge. Her childhood was spent near Boston and Everett, Massachusetts. She finished Everett High School June 23rd, 1897, later attending Washington College of Law where she received her degree of Bachelor of Laws May 26th, 1911. She was admitted to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia October 3rd, 1911. She continued her studies at Washington College of Law and received her Master's Degree May 27th, 1912. On motion of Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey she was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States on the 29th day of January, 1915.

While living in Washington she was employed in the Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, Division of Education for a period of twelve years and for five years she worked in the office of Indian Affairs. In 1914 and 1915 she was listed in Who's Who.

In the year 1918 she came to Oklahoma and became United States Probate Attorney at Vinita where she served for two years, later coming to Seminole County where she served for one year. She was admitted to practice law before the Oklahoma Supreme Court on June 3rd, 1918.

Soon after coming to Wewoka in 1920 she met and married T. S. Cobb, who was a member of this bar and former county judge of Seminole County. He pre-deceased her having passed away on the 10th of May, 1929.

Mrs. Cobb had a good mind, was a clear thinker and had the courage of her convictions. After the death of her husband she published on several occasions a publication he had started called "THE GOSSIP" which was read with keen interest. In this little publication she expressed her opinions freely on any problems or questions of public interest. She was a writer of unusual ability and many of her poems and articles were published.

For a period of time she was Librarian in Charge of the City library here. She served one or two terms of office as Justice of the Peace of this city. In 1933 she was appointed Municipal Judge of the City of Wewoka where she served for about three years. During her term she prepared the manuscript for printing the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Wewoka which were published in 1935. This was a long and difficult task and she received no compensation except her regular salary as Municipal Judge.

She was active in civic affairs and believed strongly in the rights of women to vote and hold public office. She was active in Church work and on many occasions taught in the Sunday School where she attended faithfully.

She departed this life after a long and painful illness on the 14th day of March, 1946, leaving a sister, a step-son and a host of admiring friends.

Be it therefore, resolved by the Seminole County Bar Association, that in the passing of Florence E. Cobb, it has lost an honored and distinguished member of the bar, a positive and dynamic thinker who had the courage of her convictions whose place in our association will probably never be filled during the life-time of any of its present members.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be filed in the office of the court clerk and made a matter of record and a copy sent to her sister, Mrs. Henry M. Chase of Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of July, 1946 by H. W. Carver on behalf of the Seminole County Bar Association.

Passed by Seminole County Bar Association, July 29, 1946.

(Signed) H. W. Carver.