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William Henry Fryer was born at Brooklyn, New York, July 8, 1880, son of William Henry and Catherine Loretto (Flannagan) Fryer. Mr. Fryer was educated by the French Christian Brothers in St. James Parochial School and St. James High School in Brooklyn, graduating from high school in 1897. He attended New York Law school at night for two years. His first job was secretary to the president of the Southern Express Company in New York. In 1904 while enroute to Yosemite National Park, he contracted typhoid fever in New Orleans and was taken off the train at El Paso, Texas, where he spent the following year convalescing. When he returned to New York he found that he could not stand the cold winter, so he returned to El Paso. He worked in the office of J. L. Campbell, Engineer of Maintenance of Way of the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad. He enrolled in the Law Department of the University of Texas at Austin, securing his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1908, having worked his way through as secretary to the dean, Judge John C. Townes, He was admitted to the Texas State Bar in 1908 and he became associated with Patrick Henry Clarke in the practice of law in El Paso and also court reporter in the 34th District Court for Judge Dan M. Jackson. He was elected in his second bid in 1916 for the post of county attorney, but was defeated for re-election two years later. He was then appointed assistant United States District Attorney by President Woodrow Wilson. Declining to serve

as Special Prosecutor and Assistant Attorney General of Texas, Mr. Fryer resumed the private practice of law in association with former District Judge Dan M. Jackson and S. J. Isaacks. When Mr. Isaacks left the firm followed later by Judge Jackson who went to Washington as assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Fryer formed a partnership with Robert E. Cunningham, later District Judge of the 65th Court at El Paso, and from 1922 to 1926, Walter Davis was a member of the firm. Mr. Fryer continued in partnership with Mr. Cunningham until 1933, and, during that time, the partners handled several sensational legal matters, including the widely publicized Ku Klux Klan and Salvador Ateca cases.

From 1933 to 1936, Mr. Fryer practiced independently and then took in Coyne Milstead as a partner. In 1952 John B. Luscombe, Jr., joined the firm with Mr. Fryer serving as senior partner of the law firm of Fryer, Milstead and Luscombe. Mr. Milstead died in 1961 and Mr. Fryer retired in November, 1962, and a year later the firm was dissolved. Mr. Fryer served as counsel then to the law firm of Peticolas and Stevens which Mr. Luscombe had joined. Mr. Fryer, during his long and colorful career, achieved outstanding prominence as a criminal and trial lawyer and was considered one of the foremost in that legal category in the Southwest. The cases in which he figured always attracted large crowds and much publicity

and included the Edna Meade case, the Irving Fink case, the Pearl Johnson case, the Mary Jean Parsons case, the Sgt Jones case, the Captain Phillips case and the Pereira and Brading (the Love Birds) case. Mr. Fryer's summation to the jury in the Captain Phillips case was considered one of the greatest arguments ever heard in a court room.

He was interested in the growth and development of El Paso and it was he who suggested in 1918 that the new County Court House Civic Auditorium be called "Liberty Hall," which it is still called.

In 1948 he was President of the El Paso Bar Association and he was also a member of the El Paso County Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

His fraternity was Delta Chi. He was a Roman Catholic and a member of the Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus. In 1925 he was instrumental in bringing the Christian Brothers to El Paso where that order started Cathedral High School for Boys.

During the Mexican Revolution of 1910 a community of Christian Brothers was arrested at Zacatecas, Mexico. The Brother Director and Brother Subdirector were executed and buried in unmarked graves. The remaining fourteen brothers, all natives of France, were sent to the border in a box car, and upon arrival at the border, they crossed into El Paso. Mr. Fryer, a former Brother's Boy, aided by Father C. M. Garde, cared for them until they could be taken

to the Brothers' house in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr. Fryer obtained civic approval for the letter "C" (for Cathedral High School) to be placed on Mount Franklin and it is lighted whenever Cathedral High School plays a football game.

In 1933 Mr. Fryer was President of the University of Texas Ex-Students Association.

Until 1957 he attended the reunions of the graduates of St. James-Bishop Loughlin School in Brooklyn, but in that year he was the only surviving member of the Class of 1897.

He enjoyed dramatics and appeared in many plays at the Catholic Community Center. He enjoyed writing also and was the author of a song, "The Cowboy Coon," and of several children's stories.

He was interested in Southwest history and recorded the statements of early pioneers. He was also interested in the history of his own family. He enjoyed traveling and sports.

In 1960 he was elected to the Cathedral Hall of Fame in El Paso.

William Henry Fryer was married at Austin, Texas, July 16, 1913, to Mary Alice Kelleher, daughter of Daniel Francis and Mary Jane (Failey) Kelleher.

Mr. and Mrs. Fryer became the parents of six children:

Elecia Monica, who is Mrs. Parr Krumb of Homewood, IL.

Rosemary Therese, of El Paso.

Margaret Mary, (Mrs. Jack Hart) of El Paso.

Helen Elizabeth (Mrs. James D. Chatfield), Oak Harbor, WA

William Henry, Jr. (deceased)

Austin Edward (killed in World War II and buried in the American Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.

Mr. Fryer died at El Paso, Texas, November 13, 1963, at the age of 83.

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The ceremony will be held in Ensenada Oct. 3 at high noon.

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