

CHARLES R. WILLIAMS

CHARLES WAS RAISED IN HOSCHTON, GEORGIA AND GREW UP WORKING THE FAMILY FARM AFTER HIS FATHER DIED WHILE HIS MOTHER WORKED IN A SHOE FACTORY. HE COULD NOT HAVE ATTENDED COLLEGE EXCEPT FOR THE GENEROSITY OF A GRANT AWARDED THROUGH A FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM AT TRUETT-McCONNELL COLLEGE. THERE WAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN CHARLES HEART FOR TRUETT-McCONNELL AND ITS MISSION.

AFTER GRADUATION, CHARLES BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE FINANCE INDUSTRY WORKING WITH E. A. GILBREATH AT CONSOLIDATED LOAN COMPANY. CHARLES LEFT TO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE RETURNED TO THE FINANCE BUSINESS WITH MR. GILBREATH AND EVENTUALLY FORMED A PARTNERSHIP WITH H. E. SMITH, SR THAT EXTENDED ALMOST 40 YEARS.

CHARLES WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF GEORGIA INDUSTRIAL LOAN ASSOCIATION SERVING AS DIRECTOR AND THEN AS PRESIDENT FOR THE 1986 - 1988 TERMS. IN PERHAPS HIS MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION OF SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION, CHARLES ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY AND SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS THE GILA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. HE WAS AN EFFECTIVE LEADER IN SUPERVISING, DIRECTING AND ADVISING GILA ON ITS LEGISLATIVE PATH. HE SPENT MANY UNTOLD HOURS AT THE CAPITOL WORKING ON THE ASSOCIATION'S BEHALF, EDUCATING SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FINANCE INDUSTRY AND THE GEORGIA INDUSTRIAL LOAN ACT. THE CURRENT SUCCESS OF THE GILA IS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED IN LARGE PART TO THE PERSONAL DEDICATION AND EFFORT OF CHARLES WILLIAMS.

CHARLES WAS A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARGARET, CHILDREN CHARLES WADE WILLIAMS AND HELEN BETH TATUM AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS NEVER GRANDFATHER OR GRANDDADDY TO HIS GRANDCHILDREN, MICAH, SAMUEL, JONATHAN AND BROCK, HE WAS ALWAYS BUDDY!

CHARLES IS GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

TRUETT-McCONNELL COLLEGE

TRUETT-McCONNELL COLLEGE WAS CHARTERED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN 1946 AND FIRST OPENED ITS DOORS TO STUDENTS IN FALL 1947. BUT THE ROOTS OF THE COLLEGE GO MUCH FURTHER BACK. THE COLLEGE IS NAMED FOR GEORGE W. TRUETT AND FERNANDO C. McCONNELL, COUSINS FOR WHOM THE COLLEGE IS NAMED, WERE MEN OF FAITH AND VISION WHOSE WORK AND INFLUENCE AS JOINT PIONEERS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BECAME WELL KNOWN.

IN 1887 GEORGE W. TRUETT ESTABLISHED A PRIVATE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN HIAWASSEE, GEORGIA, WHERE FERNANDO C. McCONNELL JOINED HIM IN HIS EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS WHICH LED TO THE CREATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN TOWNS COUNTY, GEORGIA. CHANGING CONDITIONS EVENTUALLY LED TO THE CLOSING OF THE ORIGINAL ACADEMY, BUT GEORGIA BAPTISTS ESTABLISHED A COLLEGE IN CLEVELAND, GEORGIA, TO CARRY THE SAME HIGH EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTED BY THESE TWO BAPTIST LEADERS. ON JULY 23, 1946, CEREMONIES AT CLEVELAND GEORGIA HERALDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW COLLEGE, TRUETT-McCONNELL COLLEGE.



CHARLES R. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

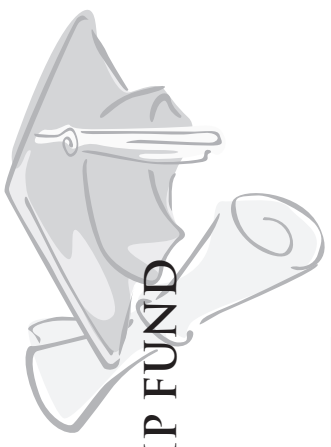
THE *CHARLES R. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND* HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT TRUETT-McCONNELL COLLEGE IN CLEVELAND, GEORGIA BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGIA INDUSTRIAL LOAN ASSOCIATION IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIEND CHARLES R. WILLIAMS.

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AN UNRESTRICTED GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT TRUETT-McCONNELL COLLEGE. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS FUND CAN BE MADE IN MEMORY OF CHARLES R. WILLIAMS AND ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE DONOR. PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS MARKED FOR THE CHARLES R. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DIRECTLY TO TRUETT-McCONNELL AT 100 ALUMNI DRIVE, CLEVELAND, GEORGIA 30528.

CHARLES IS KNOWN FOR HIS DEDICATION TO HIS FAMILY, HIS CHURCH AND THE GEORGIA INDUSTRIAL LOAN ASSOCIATION HE SERVED THROUGH OUT THE YEARS. THIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL BE A FITTING TRIBUTE TO ONE OF GEORGIA'S OUTSTANDING CITIZENS AND WILL PROVIDE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING TOWARD THEIR COLLEGE DEGREES.



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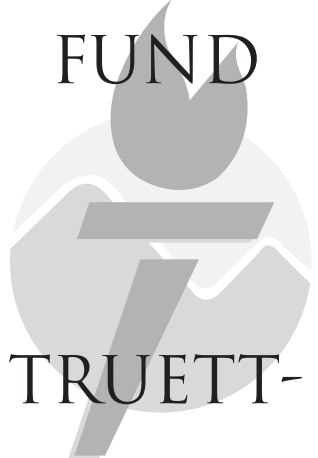
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