

Memorial Resolution presented on behalf of the Court
Officials of the Criminal Court of Record of Key West, Florida in
relation to Roland Curry.

Roland Curry was born in the year 1871, in the City of
Green Turtle Key, Bahama Islands. He came to Key West in the year
1887, having lived in Key West ever since. He attended the public
schools of Key West where he obtained his education, following the
occupation of his father who was a sea-faring man. He engaged in the
business of sponging, which occupation he followed for many years.
It was after that, that Roland Curry got into political life. He
was then appointed by Hon. Joseph H. Fogarty, Mayor of the City of
Key West to be a Policeman on the Police Force of the City of Key West.
He served as such for some time. He afterwards got the appointment of
District Sanitary Inspector under Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, Sr., which
position he held for many years. It was then that he became a candidate
for Sheriff of this City and was defeated, but he did not stop at this
defeat, and he again became a candidate at the subsequent election and
was elected Sheriff of this County, which term he served. Afterwards
he became a candidate for re-election to the said office and was re-
elected. ~~NINETY~~

Mr. Curry served his State, County and City in the various
offices above mentioned. He was an active member of several lodges
being a Mason, Knight of Pythas, Golden Eagle, Odd Fellow and Shriner.

As a Police Officer he was fearless, honest and always did
his duty to the best of his ability. As Sheriff of Monroe County,
Florida, he was fearless and conducted his office with impartiality.

His administration as Sheriff was distinguished for honesty
and fearlessness in executing the law.

As a citizen Mr. Curry was always fearless in the expression
of his opinion whether it met with the approval of the majority of the
people or not.

Roland, as he was known to his intimates, was loyal to his friends, charitable to those less fortunate than himself; a husband of tenderness and affection; and a companionable and devoted father.

Having been a sea-faring man it was his hobby to be at sea, and as soon as he was able to, he built a magnificent Boat, which he named the "Barbra May", naming it after one of his children. Immediately after this Boat was finished and fitted Roland went for a cruise during which ~~xxxxx~~^{cruise} he met with an accident, which caused his untimely death.

Be it, therefore, resolved, that in the death of Roland Curry, the citizens of Key West and County of Monroe, and the Criminal Court of record sustains the loss of a worthy citizen and official; the community sustains the loss of one of the most useful citizens; the State and County a dependable servant; his wife and children, an affectionate husband; a valient protector and companion.

Be it further resolved, that this preamble and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Criminal Court of Record, and that a copy be sent to his wife and children.

J. F. Hutto
Cleveland Giles
Sam Berry