

History of the Ruston City Marshal's Office

1873 - Lincoln Parish was formed out of portions of Jackson, Bienville, Claiborne and Union parishes. The Lincoln Parish Court was created and had concurrent jurisdiction with the Justice of the Peace courts within Lincoln Parish. Vienna was named as the parish seat.

1884 - The parish seat was moved from Vienna to Ruston. Why? The Vicksburg, Shreveport, and Pacific Railroad began service through Ruston so the local population shifted toward Ruston because of transportation improvements.

1926 - On July 8, 1926 the Governor signed into law Act No. 157, Senate Bill No. 193 stating that the Offices of the Justice of the Peace and Constables of Ward One in Lincoln Parish are abolished and in their place created the Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston . The offices of this court shall consist of a Judge and a Marshal to be elected by a plurality of the voters of Ward One of Lincoln Parish in a general election in April 1928. The first Judge was E.L. Walker and the first Marshal was J. Tom Richardson.

1929-1932

E.L. Walker, Judge (May 22, 1928 – December 8, 1930)

Sam L. Barksdale, Judge (one two-year term)

J. Tom Richardson, Ward Marshal

Richardson Will Announce Ward Marshal States That He Will Seek Re-election

In answer to a question that is being asked him almost daily, Ward Marshal J.T. Richardson of the First Ward, including the city of Ruston, stated today that he will be in the race for re-election and that he will formerly announce his candidacy at the proper time. Mr. Richardson is the first Ward Marshal that has ever served here, the office being created four years ago when the City Judge office was created as official in the city court. (The Ruston Leader, April 29, 1931, Page 5)

Ward Marshal's Sale

B.F. Smith (For the use and benefit of C.H. Simonton)

VS. No. 81

Parge Mitchell

In the Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Honorable Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston in the above entitled and numbered cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction, at the principal front door of the Court House in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, between the hours governing judicial

sales on Saturday, May 9th, 1931, the following described property situated in Town of Ruston, Lincoln Parish, La., to-wit:

Lot No. 1 according to the plat of D.M. Brown on file and of record in Clerk's Office of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, described as follows: Beginning at SE corner of said lot and running in northeasterly direction 189 feet, thence in northwesterly direction 58 feet, thence in southwesterly direction 197 ¼ feet, thence in a southeasterly direction 238 ½ feet to place of beginning, situated in Town of Ruston; less a lot 50 feet by 150 feet sold to William Wyatt as per deed recorded in Conveyance Book "RR" page 345 of the records of Lincoln Parish, La. Seized as the property of defendant Parge Mitchell and will be sold to satisfy said writ and all costs. Terms of sale cash with benefit of appraisalment. This the 7th day of April 1931. J.T. Richardson, Ward Marshal.

Ward Marshal Sale

J.B. Andrews

VS. No. 336

One Willys Knight Automobile Motor Number 134-517

In the Municipal Court, Town of Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Honorable Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana in the above entitled and numbered cause and to me directed. I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction at the principal front door of the Court house in Ruston, Louisiana On Saturday May 9th, 1931 the following described property to-wit:

One Willys Knight Automobile, Motor Number 134-517.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said writ and costs. Terms of sale cash, with the benefit of appraisalment. This April 15th, 1931. J.T. Richardson, Ward Marshal.

Notes: John Thomas Richardson was born February 12, 1870 in Union Parish, Louisiana and died April 19, 1940. He married Helen Leona McCormick May 20, 1896 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. He is buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Ruston, Louisiana.

1933-1936

C.A. Barnett, Judge

Guy W. Braswell, Ward Marshal

WARD MARSHAL SALE

L. Strickland and J.M. Patterson

VS. #605

J.T. Smelser

In the Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Honorable Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public sale at the principal front door of the court house in Ruston, Louisiana, on Saturday, February 17th, 1934, the following described property to-wit:

One Roosevelt Coupe Mfg. Serial No. 1801, Motor No. T-212

Seized as the property of defendant, J.T. Smelser and will be sold to satisfy said writ and costs. Terms of sale cash, without benefit of appraisalment. This January 30th, 1934. G.W. Braswell, Ward Marshal. 2-2-0-16 (Ruston Leader, Friday, February 16, 1934, Page 4)

WARD MARSHAL SALE

Beech-Nut Packing Company
VS. #709
The Green Bear, Inc.

In the Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Honorable Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public sale at the principal front door of the court house in Ruston, Louisiana, on Saturday, August the 3rd, 1935, the following described property to-wit:

All of the stock of merchandise and fixtures belonging to the Green Bear, Inc., in the store located at 200 North Vienna Street, Ruston, Louisiana.

Seized as the property of defendant, The Green Bear, Inc., and will be sold to satisfy said writ and costs. Terms of sale cash, with benefit of appraisalment. This July 22nd, 1935. G.W. Braswell, Ward Marshal. 3td 7 23 (Ruston Leader, Friday, July 26, 1935, Page 3)

Note: Guy Walter Braswell, born January 25, 1885 in Simsboro, Louisiana; died December 10, 1954 in Ruston, Louisiana and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Ruston, Louisiana. Guy married Lou Emma Gaar in 1904 in Ruston.

1937-1942

C.A. Barnett, Judge
Coby W. Posey, Ward Marshal

City Judge Reports On Cases in Court During Past Year

Barnett Praises Cooperative Spirit Of Police Officers – In keeping with a custom established several years ago, C.A. Barnett, judge of the municipal court of the city of Ruston, today released for publication a resume of cases coming before the court during the 1941-42 fiscal year which ended June 1, 1942. Pointing out that May was the busiest month of the year, Judge Barnett states that 38 cases involving violations of city ordinances and eight cases involving violations of state laws, were charged by the police department and disposed of in city court as follows: City cases: Drunkenness, 19 cases; disturbing peace, 9 cases; assault and battery, 7 cases; reckless driving, 2 cases; stock law, 1 case; drunken driving, 7 cases, and local option, 3 cases. State Cases: Local option, 2 cases assault with dangerous weapon, 1 case; drunken driving, 1 case; disturbing peace, 3 cases, and desertion and non-support, 1 case. These make a total of 46 cases disposed of in city court during the month of May. For the month of May, the ward marshal paid into the city treasury, \$370 in cash, and delivered for 305 days of work on the streets, prisoners to the city commissioner. The ward marshal also paid into the police jury \$41 in cash, and prisoners to do 70 days labor, for the month of May. Report of Year: For the year ending June 1, 1942 the ward marshal paid into the city treasurer, \$1,726.65 and delivered prisoners to the city for work on the streets totaling 1,375 days. He paid into the treasurer of the police jury \$375.75 and delivered prisoners to the parish for work on the public roads totaling 1,485 days. The following is a resume of the past six years: Cash fines paid and collected through the City Court for both city and state law violations, add days of labor imposed for the six years, figured at \$1 per day, from 1937 to 1942 both inclusive, a total of \$38,440.00. You often hear the remark by visitors or strangers who happen to be in our midst that we have one of the most moral and best policed towns in the State, and we have one of the cleanest towns found in the whole country, the judge said. “During the war maneuvers of last summer there was absolutely no drinking amount the soldiers, and no disorder. This was in striking contrast with some other towns where alcohol was easily obtained. The commanding officers in charge of the troops paid our community many compliments.” “There are no pool-rooms, saloons, honky-tonks, gambling dives, or other places of bad repute in our community, and our streets are safe night and day for our women and children; these are blessings not to be lightly valued.” “The public officers do not deserve all the credit for this situation, by any means. The largest majority of our citizens believe in clean living and a decent community, and they have one because they demand it. The public officers are merely carrying out the will of the people. As judge of the Ruston City Court, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the courteous cooperation extended this court by the city and parish officers, and particularly the ward marshal, members of the Police department, and sheriff’s force. Complete harmony has existed between the City Court and members of the Police department, all of which is conducive to better enforcement of the Law.” (Ruston Daily Leader, June 8, 1942, Page 1)

Ward Marshall’s Post Not Very Well Known In Political Set-Up

One of the least known offices in the political set-up of the parish, yet also one of the most sought after by candidates in the coming primary election, is that of Ward Marshal of Ward 1. Voters are familiar with the duties of the sheriff of the parish or a member of the police force of the town of Ruston, yet few know that the Ward Marshal performs many similar functions peculiar to these two offices and in addition has other duties especially assigned to him. As a matter of personal curiosity and for public information, a careful check of the duties of the ward marshal has been made to satisfy certain comment to the effect that “why have a ward marshal when there is the sheriff’s office for parish offenses and the police department of Ruston for municipal offenses?”

In the first place we have a ward marshal for Ward 1 “because it’s the law.” Act 157 of the 1926 state legislature, as amended by Act 10 of the 1928 session of the state legislature, the office of the justice of the peace and constable of Ward 1, the mayor’s court of the town of Ruston and office of marshal of town of Ruston were abolished and in their places the “Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston” was established. Section 2 of Act 157 (as amended) further provides that the officers of the court shall be a judge and marshal. The amendment provides also for a clerk. Duties of Ward Marshal: Included in the list of duties of the ward marshal is that he is charged with the execution of all orders, both civil and criminal, issued from the municipal court. He is charged with the service of all (continued on Page 7 ... not available). (Ruston Daily Leader, Wednesday, August 26, 1942, Page 1)

1943-1948

C.A. Barnett, Judge
Coby W. Posey, Ward Marshal

Legal Notices

Ruston, Louisiana April 18th, 1946 The mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Ruston, Louisiana met in adjourned session at the City Hall at 7:30 on the above date. Present were Aldermen Hale Shadow, Mai Simonton, Lasker Mitchell, A.H. Riser, Moreland Lewis and Mayor H.T. Richardson. Absent: None. After a short prayer, the minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved. Mr. Coby Posey appeared before the Council to ask their co-operation in getting passed a special act of the legislature to authorize an increase in salary for the Ward Marshal. The following resolution was offered by Lewis seconded by Mitchell. Whereas Act. 157 of The Legislature of the State of Louisiana for the regular session of 1946, as amended by Act. 10 of 1928 creating the Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, and abolishing the office of The Justice of the Peace for Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, also provided for the office of Marshal of said Court, and fixed the salary of said Marshal at the sum of One Hundred and no/100 (\$100.00) Dollars. One-half (1/2) of said amount payable by the City of Ruston and one-half (1/2) payable by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury. AND WHEREAS it has been twenty (20) years since said court and office of Marshal was created, and that the Town of Ruston and Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, have grown and increased in population, and the business before said Court and the duties of said Marshal have increased with the growth in population of this community. AND WHEREAS there has been a large increase in the cost of living since the creation of said Court. THEREFORE, be is resolved by the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Ruston, Louisiana, in regular session duly assembled that Honorable A.K. Goff, Jr., Senator from this Senatorial District and Honorable Ragan D. Madden, Representative from Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, be requested to introduce a special act into the Legislature authorizing an increase in salary of FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$50.00) per month for the office of Marshal of the Municipal Court of the Town of Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana; one-half (1/2) of said amount to be paid by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, and to use their best efforts to secure the passage of said special act of the Legislature at the next regular session convening in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on May 14, 1946. Ayes: Mitchell, Lewis, Shadow, Riser and Simonton.

Nays: None. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion made and duly seconded. H.T. Richardson, Mayor and Moreland Lewis, Clerk 1 td M 21 (Ruston Daily Leader, Tuesday, May 21, 1946, Page 4)

Note: Cobey Wilson Posey was born January 1, 1885 in Vernon, Louisiana; married Carrie Lucille Saunders on May 25, 1912 in Gibsland, Louisiana and died March 16, 1948 in Ruston. Cobey's wife, Carrie, served out the remainder of his term after he died in office.

Prentiss Frasier Wins in Marshal Race by 94 Votes

Prentiss Frasier was elected Ward Marshal of Ward One Tuesday over Sammy Colvin in a close race with some boxes almost tying the vote. These two men were high in a five man race and they have actively campaigned for the run-off election. Mr. Frasier received 1100 votes to Mr. Colvin's 1006 for a victory of 94 in the ward. Mr. Frasier is a former deputy sheriff and was trained by the FBI in fingerprint work and investigation. He will take office in the first part of December following the general election. This office was vacated by the death of C.W. Posey, who had held it for several terms. Mrs. Posey had been appointed to serve out the term of her husband, but she did not enter the election. The work of ward marshal is a civil duty and much of his time is spent in the ward outside the city of Ruston. (Ruston Daily Leader, Wednesday, October 6, 1948, Page 1)

1949-1954

C.A. Barnett, Judge
Prentiss Frasier, Ward Marshal

Political Advertisement

To the citizens of Ward One of Lincoln Parish: Since I announced my candidacy for the office of Ward Marshal of Ward One I have made an effort to see each one of you and personally solicit your vote and support. Whether I have been able to see you personally or not, I do want you to vote for me for your Ward Marshal in tomorrow's Primary Election. I am 37 years of age and my family consists of my wife, who was formerly Miss Willie Burns, of Farmerville, and one daughter, Jo Ann, age 15 years. My home is in Ruston where I have resided for the past 25 years. I am a son of former Sheriff and Mrs. Clyde Frasier. I worked in the Sheriff's Office under my father as one of his deputies for a period of eight years. During that period I took a fourteen weeks course of intensive training in civil, criminal and specializing in finger print work in the F.B.I. Police Academy in Washington, D.C. I completed all of my work in that school in a manner highly satisfactory to the teaching staff of the F.B.I. The duties of you Ward Marshal are to wait on the City Court when it is in session and to serve warrants of arrest, citations in civil suits and all other civil and criminal papers in Ward One issued by the Judge of the City Court; or from his office. I am well trained to efficiently perform every duty of that office. If you elect me to that office I expect to give all of my time. I will not engage in any side-lines. I will serve you faithfully and well. I promise to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Sheriff's Office and the City Police in the proper and effective enforcement of our laws. I again solicit your vote and support in tomorrow's Primary Election and I assure you that if you elect me your Ward Marshal you will

never have cause to regret it. Very sincerely yours, Prentiss Frasier (Ruston Daily Leader, Monday, August 30, 1948, Page 5)

Photo of the new Ruston City Hall from the Ruston Daily Leader, Monday, October 28, 1953, Page 8.



NOTICE

This is notice that the City of Ruston will sponsor the introduction of a bill in the Legislature with meets in Baton Rouge on May 10, 1954, for an increase in the salaries of the Judge, Clerk and Ward Marshal of the City Court of Ruston, La., and this is to give public notice of the intention to apply for the introduction of such an act in accordance with law and particularly section 6 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana dealing with the passage of such acts, which contemplated act will increase the salary of the City Judge from \$1200.00 to \$2400.00 per year, the City Court Clerk from \$1200.00 to \$1800.00 per year and the Ward Marshal from \$1800.00 to \$2400.00 per year, one half of said increases to be paid by City of Ruston and one half to be paid by Lincoln Parish Police Jury. Signed, City of Ruston, T.C. Beasley, Mayor April 9-16-23-30-M7 (Ruston Daily Leader, Friday, April 5, 1954, Page 5)

Note: Prentiss Arnold Frasier, born April 4, 1910 in Louisiana, is the son of former Lincoln Parish Sheriff, Clyde Frasier. Prentiss died December 25, 1992 in Ruston and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Ruston. His wife's name was Willie.

1955-1960

Fred W. Jones, Jr., Judge
Gayle B. Cruikshank, Ward Marshal

Jones Speaker For La. Tech Commencement

Commencement will be held at Louisiana Tech Thursday Aug. 4 at 8 p.m. with the address to be delivered by Fred W. Jones, city judge of Ruston. Judge Jones was born and reared in Rayville. He was graduated from the Louisiana State University Law School in 1949 and began the practice of law in Ruston that year. He was elected city judge of Ruston in 1954. Judge Jones is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was named Young Man of the Year for Louisiana in 1956 by the state's Junior Chambers of Commerce. He is a director of the Louisiana Heart Association and a trustee of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. Judge Jones is a member of the Ruston Kiwanis Club, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Council of Juvenile Judges. (Ruston Daily Leader, Thursday, July 14, 1960, Page 1)



Cruikshank Announces For Marshal

Gayle B. Cruikshank, incumbent ward marshal for ward one, released his official announcement as candidate for re-election today. His statement follows: Six years ago I was elected to serve as your Ward Marshal. I am now completing this term and asking that you re-elect me to this office. My campaign for re-election is based upon my record made during the past six years and the manner in which I have conducted the office of Ward Marshal. I have done my best to carry out the duties of this office according to law and with fairness, promptness and impartiality. All reports required for the records of the City of Ruston and the Lincoln Parish Police Jury have been accurate and submitted on time. All officials of the public bodies involved, as well as the citizens of this Ward, have cooperated fully with me in the discharge of my duties. I am sincerely grateful for the fine spirit in which this has been done. I am a member of the Temple Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge, the Woodmen of the World, the Louisiana Cattlemen's association and the Lincoln Parish Cattlemen's Association. I am married and the father of four children. Your continued support of my candidacy together with your vote on July 23 will be greatly appreciated. (Ruston Daily Leader, Thursday, July 14, 1960, Page 1)

1961-1966

Fred W. Jones, Jr., Judge

Gayle B. "Zeke" Cruikshank, Ward Marshal (Died 09/26/1964)

Cruikshank Tops Raley for Ward 1 Marshal

Gayle B. Cruikshank won in every precinct in Ward One to retain his position as city marshal for Ruston by a strong 3 to 1 margin in Saturday's Democratic primary. Cruikshank piled up 1,936 votes to 689 for Tom E. Raley in the final tally. Cruikshank, running on his past record, campaigned actively from door-to door and on the streets during the past month. He has been city marshal for six years. Cruikshank is a member of the Temple Baptist church, Masonic Lodge, Woodmen of the World, Louisiana Cattlemen's Association and Lincoln Parish Cattlemen's Association. Married, Cruikshank is the father of four children. (Ruston Leader, Thursday, July 28, 1960, Page 1)

Ruston Citizens Elect Marshal Saturday

Citizens of Ruston vote Saturday, Dec. 19 to elect J.B. (Billy) Anderson or J.E. (Johnie) Gay to fill the unexpired term of Ward 1 Marshal. This is the second primary election. Judge Fred Jones, Ruston City Judge, lists the qualifications and duties of the post. "Ward Marshal", Judge Jones stated, "a person must be a qualified voter of Ward 1." This is the only qualification set down by Louisiana Law. The Ward One Marshal is the executive officer of the City Court and is to execute the orders and mandates court. "The Ward Marshal's job can be explained by saying that he is something like a sheriff for the city." stated Judge Jones.



BILLY ANDERSON

JOHNIE GAY

The Marshal has the same powers as any sheriff except that he is confined to the City of Ruston. The Ward Marshal's responsibilities are divided between 2 divisions: civil court and criminal court. The Marshal serves civil suits and other related papers, and he makes summons and conducts sales related to his job. In criminal cases, the Marshal has the power comparable to a parish sheriff in the ability to arrest, to release people on bond, to collect bonds, and to collect fines. The Ward Marshal's term is normally six years. The election will state that the new marshal will fulfill the remaining term of G.B. Cruikshank, who died in office. The unexpired term will be approximately 2 years. Salary for the Ward Marshal is paid by 3 governing agencies of the state. The City of Ruston makes regular payments to the marshal, supplemented by funds from the Lincoln Parish Police Jury and the State of Louisiana. The marshal also receives a portion of the court fees collected by him to maintain the cost of City Court. Since the death of Mr. Cruikshank, O.O. Osbon, Chief of Police for the City of Ruston, has been acting as temporary ward marshal until the special election could be held. (Ruston Daily Leader, Thursday, December 17, 1964)

Note: Gayle B. Cruikshank was born November 19, 1906, died in office on September 26, 1964 in Ruston and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Ruston.

1967-1972

Fred W. Jones, Jr., Judge
James Billy Anderson, Ward Marshal

Sale

E.G. Hill, dba Hill Appliance Company
VS. No. 7533-774
George Jones

Municipal Court Of City of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, La. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed by the Honorable Municipal Court of the City of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, in the above, entitled cause, I will proceed to sell by public auction, at the front

door of the District Courthouse for Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, on the 20th day of January, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. the following described property:

One (1) Model S 9210 Friedrich Air Conditioner: Serial No. 14650

Seized in the above suit. Terms cash, with benefit of appraisal. (s) J.B. Anderson, J.B. Anderson, Ward Marshal, Ruston City Court ltd: Dec. 22 (Ruston Daily Leader, Tuesday, December 22, 1970, Page 9)

1973-1978

Kenneth W. Campbell, Judge
James Billy Anderson, Ward Marshal

City Court More Informal Than District

There's a lot of difference between appearing in Ruston City Court and Third Judicial District Court. For one thing, the atmosphere is more noticeable informal in city court inasmuch as attorneys there are rare. Another important difference is that when become involved in a case in district court, there's a possibility you may be tied up for days on the case, particularly if it's a jury case. In city court, there are no juries and you're usually in and out in less than a half a day. "The relaxed atmosphere is by design, not by accident," said City Judge Kenneth Campbell. "In city court, we need to be more relaxed because we need to be more relaxed because we are in a situation where people – plaintiffs and defendants – argue their own cases. "In a sense, I guess I'm really the attorney for both sides. It's my responsibility to ask questions of both sides in order to get at the facts," Campbell said. Traffic cases constitute the bulk of the cases heard in city court, followed by cases of worthless checks and then by civil suits (debts and collections), he said. In the last category would be small accounts owed by customers, Campbell said. City Court also has jurisdiction over juvenile matters, although this is a responsibility sometimes shared by District Judge Fred Jones. City Court has taken on more responsibilities with the assignment of cases involving persons charge with driving while intoxicated – an offense once assigned only to district court – and the increase in the maximum amount one can sue for in city court. A misdemeanor that call for a fine of \$500 or less or a short jail term can be handled in city court as can property offenses of less than \$500. Simple assault or batter may be handled by city court but aggravated (with a weapon) assault or batter is a felony and must go to the district court. In small claims, one may sue an individual for up to \$300 without an attorney in city court, and may sue for up to \$2,000 with an attorney. Anything higher than \$2,000 must go to district court, Campbell said. Should one sue for a small claim and win the judgment, the defendant may take as long as 10 years to pay under the judgment. The judgment may then be renewed by the plaintiff for another 10 years, Campbell said. In the



Judge Kenneth Campbell

meantime, the winner may attach any property the defendant owns outright or he may garnishee the defendant's wages. A defendant of course, has the right to appeal an unfavorable ruling Campbell said. If the judgment is for \$300 or less, the appeal would be made to district court. If more than \$300 the appeal would go to the Court of Appeals in Shreveport. Campbell, while serving as a full-time judge, also maintains his private law practice. "If someone I represent is involved in a case in city court or if there is a possible conflict, I will ask attorney Robert James to sit in for me," he said.

City Court Jobs Explained

Most people only see the judge and maybe the clerk of court when they appear in city court but there are behind the scenes workers that handle the tasks of preparing legal documents and warrants and handling the everyday chores involved with the court system. Linda Turner is one of these workers. As the clerk of court to Judge Kenneth Campbell, Miss Turner handles the fines for traffic violations, processing criminal papers, records trials and takes care of civil work for the judge. Miss Turner is a native of New Orleans but has been in Ruston since December 1, 1975. She has been with the city court system since May of 1976. Miss Turner describes her work as "primarily civil." Deputy Clerk of Court Kathy Frechette, a Ruston native has been with the city court for four years having started when she was a student at Ruston High. As a member of the co-operative education program of the school she began her city court career in 1973. Her role, as she describes it, is to "type court minutes, make warrants on worthless checks and to substitute for Miss Turner in the courtroom when needed." City court also has a ward marshal who's duties range from accepting fines to serving civil papers. Ruston's ward marshal is J.B. "Billy" Anderson. Anderson is a native of Ruston and has been ward marshal for the Ruston City Court for some 13 years. He has also been married 40 years and has two children and five grandchildren. In explaining his job as ward marshal Anderson said he serves civil papers, collects fines, handles monies and accepts bonds in all criminal cases. When asked why he enjoyed his elected position as ward marshal Anderson replied, "I just like people and have compassion for the people I work with." The judge for the Ruston City Court is Kenneth Campbell a native of Hico and a local attorney for some 10 years. He has been judge for five years. Campbell, though he is the City Court Judge, still practices law in Ruston and as a result at times has to step down from the bench when there is a conflict of interests. But, Judge Campbell says that doesn't happen often. Judge Campbell often sees his job as attorney for both sides in a civil suit brought before him. In most civil suits attorneys are not required unless the amounts in question are over \$300. Then again if the amount in question is over \$2,000 the district court takes over. When asked about improvements that might help the court system Campbell said that more paid secretarial help is needed.

City Court Caseload Increases 89 Percent

In the four years since Kenneth Campbell succeeded Fred Jones as Ruston City Judge, the city court caseload has increased by 89 percent, according to figures provided by Campbell. Criminal cases, that is to say minor offenses, more than doubled during those four years, from 399 in the first six months of 1973 to 809 the first six months of this year. Civil cases (suits) increased from 205 to 332 in those same periods. Part of the reason for this increase, Campbell says, is an increase of the amount of suits allowed in city court to \$300 without an attorney and \$2,000 with an

attorney. Another reason for the increase is that those arrested for driving while intoxicated are now tried in city court instead of district court. "Because of the increase in the maximum of suits, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of cases where a company will sue to recover owed by an individual," Campbell said. Campbell, a native of Hico, said the increased caseload has taken its toll on his office. "Billy (Ward Marshal Billy Anderson) needs a fulltime assistant just to serve papers," Campbell said. "He is loaded down with paperwork." The judge's staff has grown from one secretary-clerk to two and he says even more clerical help is needed by both the city and district courts. "Once it was easy for a city judge to operate a law practice while serving as judge, because the judge's salary is not a large one," he said. "But now I'm devoting at least 75 percent of my time to the judge's office. (Ruston Daily Leader, Thursday, July 21, 1977, Page 10)

Ward Marshal Sale

General Electric Credit Corporation
Versus No. 8475
Myron Knotts

Municipal Court of the City of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, La. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed by the Honorable Municipal Court of the City of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell by public auction, at the front door of the District Courthouse for Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, on the 12th day of June, 1974, at 10:00 A.M. the following described property:

One (1) General Electric Chest Freezer, Model No. CBGDNC, Serial No. GN14197 12

Seized in the above suit. Terms cash, with benefit of appraisalment. J.B. Anderson, Ward Marshal, Ruston City Court Ltd: May 31, 1974 (Ruston Daily Leader, Friday, May 31, 1974, Page 13)

Ward Marshal Sale

Municipal Court of The City of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

Franklin Finance Company, Inc.
Versus No. 9206-1080
James W. Smith, Et Ux

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed by the Honorable Municipal Court of the City of Ruston, Ward One, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, in the above entitled cause, I will proceed to sell by public auction, at the front door of the District Courthouse for Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, on the 20th day of August, 1975, at 10:00 A.M. the following described property:

One (1) Sylvania TV Model No. CC3151W Serial No. 3444923

Seized in the above suit. Terms cash, with benefit of appraisalment. J.B. Anderson, Ward Marshal, Ruston City Court Ltd: July 30, 1975 (Ruston Daily Leader, Wednesday, July 30, 1975, Page 14)

Note: James William Anderson, born January 1, 1892 in Ruston, married Nita Lee Hedgepeth on October 17, 1915 in Louisiana. James died September 4, 1982 in Ruston and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

1979-1984

Kenneth W. Campbell, Judge
Charles Humphries, Ward Marshal

Note: Charles, born October 19, 1935, married Harriet Anderson (daughter of the former Ward Marshal, James W. Anderson). Charles died in office on February 15, 1981. His wife served in his place until Mike Hilton was elected to fill Charles' unexpired term.

Mike Hilton, Ward Marshal
Jim Liner, Chief Deputy
Deputies: Belinda Goree, Lewis Jones

Mike Hilton was elected in a special election to fill the unexpired term of Charles Humphries. He won in the primary out of a field of seven candidates. Mike is a former enlisted sailor in the U.S. Navy and served as a patrolman in the Ruston Police Department from 1967 to 1972. He then served as a deputy (patrol, criminal investigator and civil) in the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office under Jessie Riser, George Simonton and Wayne Houck from 1972 to 1981.



Ruston Lincoln Marshal Mike Hilton and deputies took most of the honors during the recent City Marshals and Constables Association convention in Monroe.

Hilton took first-place overall and first-place in the fun shoot. Deputy Jim Liner, above, took second in the fun shoot, and Lewis Jones, below, took second place in the team event with Hilton.

HOT CHECKS: New deputy boosts enforcement of those writing them

Hot check writers: Beware! The days of sporadic enforcement of those writing worthless checks ended several months ago when a deputy was hired by the Ward 1 (City) Marshal's office specifically to cover for hot checks. The hiring of that additional deputy points to what may be a bigger problem for Ruston than the public is aware of. Ward One Marshal Mike Hilton said Friday that 219 people were arrested by his office from May through July on misdemeanor charges of issuing worthless checks (IWC). Among those were some who were arrested on more than one charge of IWC. However, even that doesn't completely show the extent of the problem. Hilton said there are times when a person writing several checks to the same business, including at branch locations, winds up with only one warrant if the checks were written in a 24-hour period. While most warrants are for the writing of one hot check, Hilton said it is not uncommon for his office to get a warrant charging the individual with only one count of IWC but listing multiple hot checks. "Three to five checks on one warrant is not uncommon, although it's usually just one," Hilton said. "It's not unusual to have a fellow write five checks in one day to the same store. But these are habitual offenders." Hilton said the warrants are issued through the City Court and his office has no control over how the charges are listed. However, he added that in court the sentence is based on the number of checks listed on the warrant and not just the number of charges. Hilton was reluctant to draw many conclusions about the problem with hot checks, pointing out that his office has only recently gained the manpower to change to a record system affording more precise statistical data. He said there had been an increase in the number of warrants and arrests, but pointed out that did not prove there was an increase in bad checks. "Either we are seeing an actual increase in the number of checks or the merchants are more willing to prosecute to collect their money," Hilton said. But, added Hilton, "I am seeing a lot more merchants (prosecuting). I believe inflation is causing merchants to try more to recoup their losses." However, he said merchants were still reluctant to prosecute their customers except as a last resort. Although the law states that the misdemeanor charge for worthless checks is for ones written for \$100 or less, the losses may be greater than it first appears. Hilton said since the number of charges do not always reflect the actual number of hot checks written, the loss is sometimes more than \$100 on a single charge of IWC.

1984 - The geographical jurisdiction of the Ruston Municipal Court was extended throughout Lincoln Parish and monetary jurisdiction increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to eliminate or postpone the need for a third district court by reducing the district court case load. RS 13:1952 (20) The municipal court of Ruston, domiciled in the town of Ruston, parish of Lincoln, having one city judge and a city marshal. The jurisdiction of the municipal court of Ruston shall extend throughout the parish of Lincoln; provided that this shall not affect the jurisdiction of any existing mayor's court nor shall it affect in any manner the offices of justice of the peace and constable in any ward of the parish. Effective June 12, 1984.

1985-1990

Robbie James, Judge
Mike Hilton, Marshal
Jim Liner, Chief Deputy
Deputies: Brad Hinkie, Belinda Goree

Mike Hilton was the sole qualifier for this term in office.

1991-1996

Danny W. Tatum, Judge
Mike Hilton, Marshal
Jim Liner, Chief Deputy
Deputies: Brad Hinkie, Patsy Williams

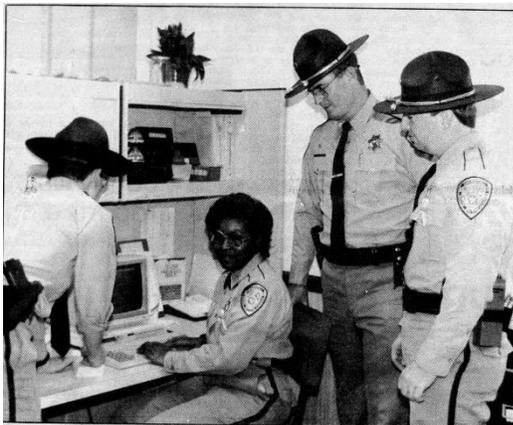
Mike Hilton was the sole qualifier for this term in office.

1995 - The monetary jurisdiction of the Ruston Municipal Court was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000. This change was made by state legislature because inflation was forcing creditors to use the district court for small claims where an attorney must be used. The rule of thumb is that a creditor should be able to use a small claims court for the value of a car.

1995 - The Ruston Probation Department was formed. In the past, guilty defendants had a choice of paying a fine in full or go to jail. With jail overcrowding and increasing numbers of indigent defendants other sentencing options were needed. With a probation department the indigent can pay their fines over time. Plus the law mandates that the sentence for some crimes include community service, restitution, and mandated classes. In other cases where there is no room at the jail, defendants are sentenced to "Home Incarceration." The probation department keeps up with balances due on account, directs the community service program, insures that defendants attend court ordered classes, visits defendants on Home Incarceration, and pursues those defendants who are not keeping up with their court ordered obligations.

Marshal's Office Gets New Uniforms

After ten years of the same look, Ruston City Marshal Mike Hilton decided to splurge and order new uniforms for his department. Hilton said his decision was based on a number of factors, including the fact the department uniforms were becoming outdated and the fact that he will remain in his current position



Leader photo by CHANTELE SMITH
Members of the Ruston City Marshal's Office in their new uniforms are (left-right) Jim Liner, Patsy Williams, Mike Hilton and Brad Hinkie.

for another six years, in essence guaranteeing the uniforms won't change again anytime soon. Another factor Hilton said figured into the change was "confusion with trying to contact the office. This was an effort to aid the



public with identifying the office they are dealing with,” he said. “And I think it’s important to be distinguished as a law enforcement officer. For many years the Ruston City Marshal’s Office has been confused with the Lincoln Parish Sheriff’s Office because of a similarity in uniforms. But Hilton hopes he has corrected that for now. The new uniforms are tan with blue trim, blue ties and blue hats. The hats are a change for Hilton who has always worn a western-style hat with his uniform throughout his law enforcement career. The new hats are blue and are similar to those worn by Louisiana State Police officers. In addition to the drastic hat change, the department has also gone to a seven star badge instead of the traditional five star. Hilton said the uniform change cost the department about \$3000, “probably less than it costs to equip one police car.” Hilton said he feels it is important to the safety of his officers to have a uniform. “I feel strongly about uniforms because we drive our personal vehicles.” He said being able to identify someone as a law enforcement officer also puts the public at ease. (The Ruston Daily Leader, Tuesday, March 5, 1991, Page 2)

1997-2002

Danny W. Tatum, Judge
Mike Hilton, Marshal
Jim Liner, Chief Deputy
Deputies: Brad Hinkie, Patsy Harris, Sam Chrisman

Mike Hilton was the sole qualifier for this term in office.



Front row: Marshal Mike Hilton and Patsy Harris. Back row left to right: Chief Deputy Jim Liner, Sam Chrisman and Brad Hinkie.

1997 - Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between City of Ruston and Lincoln Parish Police Jury. Until this date a portion (which began as half) of the municipal court (offices of the municipal judge and municipal marshal) salaries was paid by the parish. The city paid all payroll taxes, retirement, health insurance, etc. The parish received fines collected for crimes prosecuted under state law and the city received fines collected for crimes under municipal law. Under the new agreement all salaries are paid by the city and all fines are received by the city. Both city and parish governing bodies wanted more control over their resources and after years of problems between the two governing bodies this agreement was drawn up and adopted.

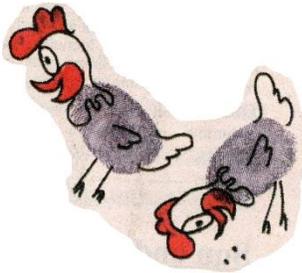
Hico Kindergarten Students Touch A Cop

The city marshal walks into the kindergarten classroom filled with noisy, happy children, and immediately, silence prevails. The students fear him and his deputies with their uniforms and their guns. But before long, the children's fears have disappeared and are replaced with laughter, understanding and a respect for law enforcement officers. This is "Operation Touch A Cop," the brainchild of Ruston City Marshal Mike Hilton. Hilton and two of his deputies paid a visit Friday morning to Sara Hollis' kindergarten class at Hico Elementary. Hilton explained the project is designed to educate children about the positive aspects of law enforcement and to place officers in a position where the students can see them up close and have their questions about law enforcement answered. "The purpose of 'Operation Touch A Cop' is to allow a child the opportunity to have a positive experience with a law enforcement officer in a non-threatening environment," Hilton said. "Our program will allow the child to have physical contact as well as interaction with an officer of the law, a COP or constable on patrol." As Hilton's "Touch A Cop" program unfolds, he sits in front of the classroom with the kindergarten students sitting around him on the floor. He begins by discussing the different types of law enforcement agencies and officers' uniforms and equipment such as shoulder patches, badges, guns, bullets, handcuffs and batons. During his program, Hilton asks the children to identify the bird, a pelican, on his badge, and one of the kinder children responded the bird was a vulture. The classroom was reduced to laughter, and Hilton explained this type of interaction is the sole purpose of his program. "This is for the kids. It eliminates fear and replaces it with respect and friendship, and it reduces misunderstandings and replaces them with knowledge and good feelings," Hilton said. "This is the most important thing I do. It's very rewarding labor." Hilton helps the children understand why officers carry a weapon and the dangers of guns, bullets and knives. "We make them aware of what should be done in the event the children find a weapon or bullet, who to contact and not to touch the weapon," Hilton said. The marshal also explained to



Leader photo by MICHELE MARTIN
Hico Elementary School student Tiffany Edge gets handcuffed by Ruston City Marshal Mike Hilton as part of Operation Touch A Cop. One student in each class is handcuffed to show that the cuffs won't fit a child and they have no reason to fear police.

the children the danger in bringing any type of weapon to school and who should be contacted in the event that the children see someone with a weapon. Hilton's handcuff demonstration with kindergarten student Olivia Fitzgerald also served to further bond the class with him. "To help the

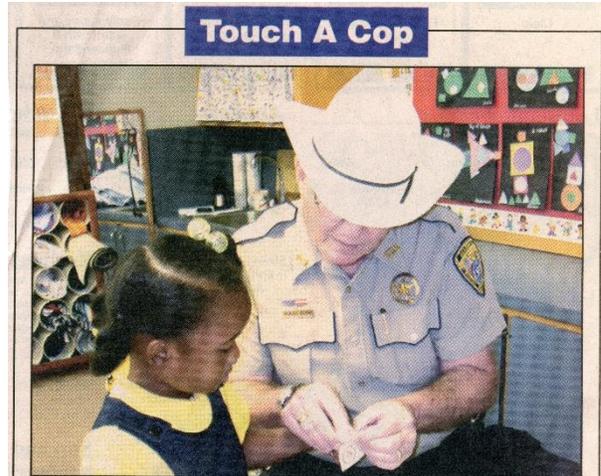


children understand that police don't lock up little children," Hilton said, "I demonstrate the cuffs don't fit children, only adults." Hilton's program also allows him to touch the children with another of his

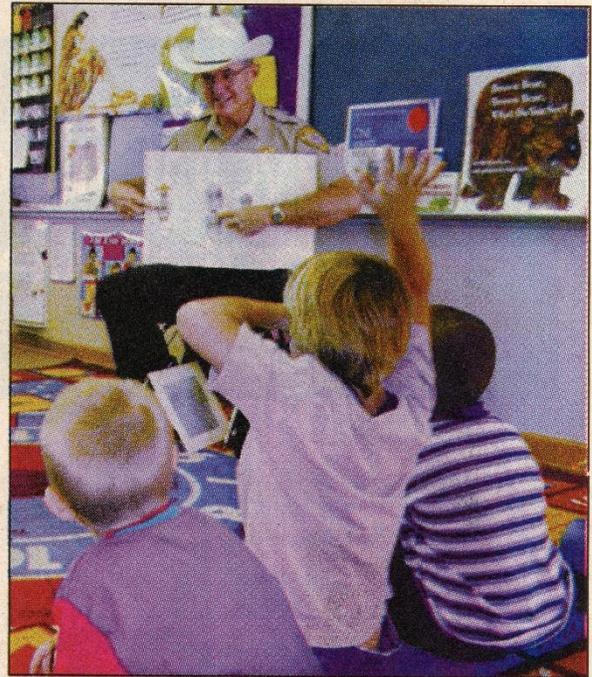


Leader photo by CINDY BISHOP
Ruston City Marshal Mike Hilton sits surrounded by Sara Hollis' kindergarten class at Hico Elementary Friday morning during Hilton's presentation, "Operation Touch A Cop." The program helps rid the children of their fear and misunderstanding about law enforcement officers and helps them develop friendship and respect. Kindergarten class students are Olivia Fitzgerald, Joshua Anderson, Brodrick Graham, McKenzie Ginn, Cameron Johnson, Shalunda Johnson, Jacob Moreland, Christopher Miller, Alexis Stephenson, Patreysia White, Phillip Warrick, Trevor Thompson, Cory Roton and Reavia Stringfellow. Also shown are Deputies Patsy Harris and Sam Chrisman.

talents – finger print art. "Children like to touch. And once they get over their fear of me, we go into the thumb print art," Hilton said. Making the designs for the children involves inking their thumbs, making an impression on a card then using the print to make into characters, frogs, elephants, sheep or even "Little Marshal," Hilton's own registered design. Hilton began doing this finger-printing art about 25 years ago at Cypress Springs when his own children were little, and he has done this art the last 20 years at the Peach Festival and Chicken Festival. With the addition of another person to his department, Hilton saw the opportunity to begin his involvement with kindergarten kids again with his "Touch A Cop" program. This year, he plans to present the program to all kindergarten classes in Lincoln Parish. Next year, maybe a kinder and gentler first grade will result. Hilton said he enjoys interacting with the children. He talks to them, and they



Leader photo by MICHELE MARTIN
Children meet officers
 Royne Ward, left, a kindergarten student at Hico Elementary School, is shown here being fingerprinted by Ruston Marshal Mike Hilton. Operation Touch A Cop which was started by Hilton to give children an opportunity to know a police officer while they are young.



Leader photo by CINDY BISHOP
 Ruston City Marshal Mike Hilton shows his fingerprint art board to kindergarten students at Hico Elementary School so they can choose the character to be used with their fingerprints. Hilton is aiming to bring his "Touch A Cop" program to children all over the parish this year.

talk to him. "The communication is instant gratification," he said. Hilton loves it when the children laugh. In fact, Hilton and his new friends often laugh together, but very important lessons are learned at the same time. "I'm trying to make them feel good about the police as some of these kids see the police negatively. No one else is dealing with kindergarten kids. They are very impressionable and forming values," he said. Hilton offers his "Operation Touch A Cop" to all Lincoln Parish kindergarten students at no cost to the public. (Ruston Daily Leader, October 2, 1999, Page 1A and Page 3A)

2001 - The monetary jurisdiction of the Ruston Municipal Court was increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. This change was made by state legislature because inflation was forcing creditors to use the district court for small claims where an attorney must be used. The rule of thumb is that a creditor should be able to use a small claims court for the value of a car.

2003-2008

Danny W. Tatum, Judge
Mike Hilton, Marshal
Jim Liner, Chief Deputy
Deputies: Brad Hinkie, Patsy Harris, Sandy Freeman

Mike Hilton was the sole qualifier for this term in office.

2006 - The monetary jurisdiction of the Ruston Municipal Court was increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000. This change was made by state legislature because inflation was forcing creditors to use the district court for small claims where an attorney must be used. The rule of thumb is that a creditor should be able to use a small claims court for the value of a car. Act No. 379, Effective 08/15/2006.

2009-2014

Danny W. Tatum, Judge
Mike Hilton, Marshal
Jim Liner, Chief Deputy
Deputies: Brad Hinkie, Patsy Canty, Sandy Freeman

Mike Hilton was the sole qualifier for this term in office.

2011 - The monetary jurisdiction of the Ruston Municipal Court was increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This change was made by state legislature because inflation was forcing creditors to use the district court for small claims where an attorney must be used. The rule of thumb is that a creditor should be able to use a small claims court for the value of a car. Act No. 88, Effective 08/15/2011.

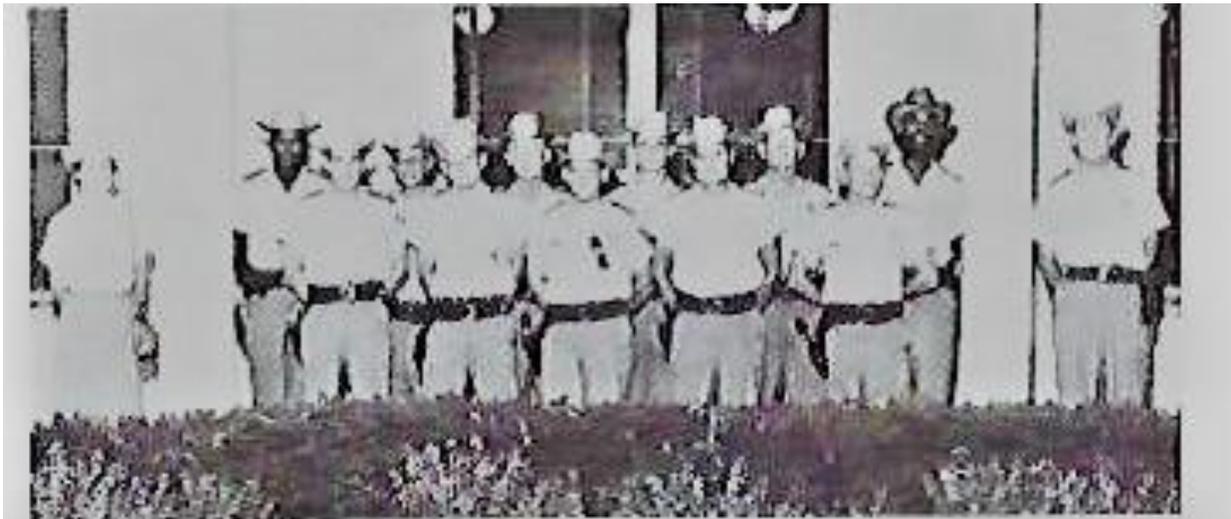
Former Ruston City Marshal dies; services Thursday (Ruston Daily Leader, Sunday, June 3, 2018, Page 1)

Hilton remembered as dedicated, friendly, energetic and godly
Nancy Bergeron

Friends, family and former co-workers are remembering longtime Ruston City Marshal Mike Hilton today as dedicated, friendly, energetic and faithful to his God. Hilton, 73, died Friday evening at his home. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Ruston's First Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until service time at the church. Hilton spent 47 years in law enforcement, the last 33 of those as city marshal. He retired in 2014.

"He was the consummate professional," Ruston Police Chief Steve Rogers said. Hilton began his career with the city police department and later became a Lincoln Parish Sheriff's deputy. "I'm just shocked," Lincoln Parish Sheriff Mike Stone said Saturday upon learning of Hilton's passing. "Mike Hilton was a unique human being. He was a man of many talents and very personable." It was Stone's father who was Hilton's training officer at RPD. Later, when Stone joined the LPSO in 1976, Hilton "took me under his wing," Stone said. "Mike taught me a heck of a lot, and not just about policing," Stone said.

Though Hilton had ancestral roots in Lincoln Parish, he was a native of Abbeville in South Louisiana. His family moved back to Ruston in 1961. "My dad wanted me to work in the oil field, and I had no desire whatsoever," Hilton said in an interview with the Ruston Leader at the time of



RPD — 1968

L TO R: Dixie Young, Nathaniel Johnson, James A. Hinton, Don Kendrick, Charles McIntire, Willie Howard, Amuel Audrisch, Mike Hilton, Billy Foster, Al Nugent, Dewey Gipson, O. O. Osbon.

his retirement. Hilton saw a newspaper advertisement for a civil service test, took the exam and soon found himself at age 21 as Ruston's youngest police officer. Five years later, he moved to the sheriff's office. Then, when Ward Marshal Charles Humphries died three years into his term, Hilton eventually decided to run for the job. That was in 1981. There were nine candidates, including Hilton. He won the election in the primary. That was Hilton's first — and last — race. He never drew opposition. In the 2014 interview, Hilton said he feared if he became a public official, he'd lose the personal contact with the public he'd had as a patrolman and deputy. But he didn't.

"He could relate to a 14-year-old just as good as he could a 70-year-old. He was just that kind of person," Sandy Freeman, one of Hilton's deputy marshals for nine years, said. "Mike was a very outgoing person. He had that gift of meeting people and relating very well with people. Mike never met a stranger," former Ruston Mayor Hilda Taylor Perritt, Hilton's cousin, said. "He was a friend to everybody," Stone said. "He'd sit and talk and listen." Perritt remembers Hilton as a "rambunctious" young man whose life changed when made his profession of faith in Jesus Christ and when he married his wife, the former Diane Bullock. "Those two things totally turned around Mike's life," Perritt said. Hilton was known to have often prayed with people upon whom he was serving court orders. Current Ruston City Marshal, Jim Liner, worked 31 years for Hilton as his chief deputy. "He was like a father to me," Liner said. "Before I went to work for him, he disciplined me when I was a brand-new Christian." Liner remembers studying the Bible with Hilton in the workshop behind Hilton's Robert Street home. "He's just the kind of person I needed as a friend," Liner said.

Though Hilton was technically an administrator, he worked out in the field, just as did his deputies. Freeman said Hilton always had a large bag of pet food in his truck and would stop and feed strays at dumpster sites. Hilton was an avid motorcycle rider, talented at leather craft and loved tinkering with all sorts of projects, friends said. When Hilton retired he said he looked forward to being able to choose the things he wanted to do. Despite his belief expressed in the 2014 Ruston Leader interview that "I've matured here in this office (as marshal), Hilton said he didn't think he'd feel "awkward not being a police officer. I've done enough of it to make me content." Hilton is survived by his wife, Diane; three sons, one brother, one sister and six grandchildren.

Mike Hilton, Obituary (Tuesday, June 5, 2018, Page 5)



On Friday, June 1, 2018, Mike Hilton, husband, father, brother, grandfather and former dedicated Ruston City Marshal, passed away at the age of 72 years. Mike began his career with the Ruston Police Department at the age of 21 and later worked as a deputy with Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office. In 1981 he was elected Ward Marshal of Lincoln Parish Ward 1 and for the next 33 years, Mike served his community with consummate professionalism and was a leader and mentor to many in the department. After 47 years of law enforcement, Mike retired from the Marshal's Office at the end of 2014 to spend his time with his wife, family, friends, and continue his devotion and walk with Christ as a member of First Baptist Church of Ruston.

Mike was an avid motorcycle rider and enjoyed spending his days in his shop or enjoying the open air. He reveled in scenic trips to Arkansas, long distance rides that could span across the country and spending summers camping and riding with his grandson. He was also a skilled firearms instructor and Glock armorer. Mike and his wife, Diane, were involved in pistol competitions for many years both winning first place trophies and prized pistols.

Mike was preceded in death by his daughter, Michele Hilton; and parents, James Harold & Aline Lea Hilton. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 50 years, Diane Bullock Hilton, three sons, Michael Lea Hilton (Maria) of Mission, TX, Robert Russell Hilton (Sibyl) of Omaha, NE; and Kenneth David Hilton (Diane) of Dallas, TX; one brother, Thomas Harold Hilton (Bette) of Shreveport, LA; one sister, Frances Fish of Olla, LA; six grandchildren, Marcus Murray, Nick Hilton, Diana Hilton, Antonio Hilton, Marion Hilton and Lauren Kate Harvey; his beloved dog, Boudreaux; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service for Marshal, Mike Hilton will be held Thursday, June 7, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Ruston with Bro. Chris Craig, associate pastor Clayton Owens and Dr. Tim Gates officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 2:00pm until time service at First Baptist Church of Ruston. Arrangements are under the direction of Farrar Funeral Home of Farmerville. Honorary pallbearers will be former Marshal's Office Deputies. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to First Baptist Church of Ruston the for children's building fund: First Baptist Church, 200 South Trenton, Ruston, LA 71270. Online memorials may be left at farrarfuneralhomeonline.com

2015-2020

Danny W. Tatum, Judge
Jim Liner, Marshal
Richard Otwell, Chief Deputy
Deputies: Eddy Griffith, Anthony Pollard, Michael Watts

Liner announces bid for Marshal (Ruston Daily Leader, Wednesday, September 17, 2014, Page 1)

Ruston Chief Deputy Marshal Jim Liner has announced his candidacy for Ruston City Marshal in the November 4, 2014 election. Incumbent Marshal Mike Hilton, who has held the job for 33 years, is retiring when his term ends on December 31, 2014. Liner, a Republican, is one of two contenders for the job. Liner, a Ruston native, has been chief deputy for 31 years. Liner was hired by Marshal Hilton in 1983 for his military and accounting experience. Over the past thirty-one years his daily duties were primarily administrative and supervisory. According to Liner, "No one in Lincoln Parish, other than Mike Hilton, has more experience being Marshal than I do." The Ruston City Court and the Ruston Marshal's Office work in tandem with each other. The marshal acts as court bailiff, serves civil papers for the Ruston City Court throughout Lincoln Parish. The Marshal's daily duties can be summed up in two categories, administrative and supervisory.



Deputies serve civil papers, perform seizures and evictions, work court and write receipts for civil and criminal funds received. As chief deputy for the past 31 years, Liner has straddled these two categories. In the marshal's absence Liner's job description gives him full power and authority as the Marshal. "Swapping back and forth from chief deputy to marshal has been seamless," Liner said. Liner's three-point platform centers on training and new technology. "As marshal, I will continue to keep myself and the deputies under my supervision well-trained and equipped in order to preserve the safety of our city court judge and the citizens of Lincoln Parish.," Liner said. "It is my mission and the mission of the Ruston City Marshal's office to serve the public with grace, mercy, patience and understanding." Liner said he also wants to cross-train deputies in each of the services offered by the marshal's office and stay current with the latest technology both in the field as well as in the office. Liner is a 1972 graduate of Ruston High School and a 1980 graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a degree in accounting. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1977. He and his wife were long time members of the former Christ Community Church and founding members of The Bridge Community Church. Liner has also been a long-time adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America.

Liner elected Marshal

(Ruston Daily Leader, Wednesday, November 5, 2014, Page 7)

In the Ruston City Marshal's race, current Chief Deputy Jim Liner beat fellow deputy Sandy Freeman, 7,856 to 4,997. That gave Liner 61 percent of the vote to Freeman's 39 percent. Both men are Republicans. Liner becomes the first new city marshal in 33 years. Incumbent Marshal Mike Hilton did not seek reelection. Liner is also the first marshal to be voted on parish wide in Lincoln Parish. State law governing the Ruston City Court's jurisdiction changed during Hilton's tenure, but he never had a reelection opponent. Liner will take office on January 1, 2015 and is for a period of six years, ending December 31, 2020.



Marshal's Sales

Shreveport Federal Credit Union

VS #46607

Syria S. Stringfellow

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RUSTON PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE
OF LOUISIANA

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Writ of Seizure and Sale issued out of the Honorable Municipal City Court of Ruston in the above entitled and numbered cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction, at the principal

front door of the Court House in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, between the hours governing judicial sales on May 13, 2015 beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property situated in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

2008 Lexington Mobile Home VIN LH01073837

Seized as the property of defendant Syria S. Stringfellow and will be sold subject to any superior liens and to satisfy said writ and all cost. Terms of sale CASH with benefit of appraisal. This the 1st day of May 2015.

Jim Liner, Marshal
Ruston and Lincoln Parish, Louisiana
1td: May 1, 2015

ERA Lincoln Realty, Inc.
VS #47331
Greg Madden

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RUSTON PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE
OF LOUISIANA

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Writ of Seizure and Sale issued out of the Honorable Municipal City Court of Ruston in the above entitled and numbered cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction, at the principal front door of the Court House in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, between the hours governing judicial sales on November 18, 2015 beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property situated in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

A tr. of land in the E/2 of SE of Sec. 21-18-4 desc. as: Comm. at the SEC of said Sec. 21, proceed N. 00 deg. 21' 37 W. along the E/L of Sec. 21, 345.68 to a 5/8 rebar and pob.; N. 89 deg. 34' 04 W. along an old fence 427.29'; N. 89 deg. 40' 29 W. along said fence 507.21' to a 5/8 rebar; N. 88 deg. 25' 05 W. 402.19 to a 5/8 rebar on the W/L of E/2 of SE; N. 00 deg. 21' 33 W. along the W/L of E/2 of SE 181.71' to a 5/8 rebar; N. 48 deg. 29' 09 E. 1092.67' to a 5/8 rebar; N. 48 deg. 29' 09 E. 195.42' to a 5/8 rebar on the southeasterly r/w of Hwy. 80; S. 41 deg. 30' 52 E. along said r/w 556.96' to an X cut in concrete on the E/L of Sec. 21; S. 00 deg. 21' 37 E. along the E/L of said Sec. 21, 296.95'; S. 00 deg. 21' 37 E. 338.68' and pob., LESS AND EXCEPT the S. 3.00 acres thereof conveyed by Vendees by Act of Cash Sale rec. in COB (1120-147) (From Don Durrett, et ux) (1127-611), which property is located in Lincoln Parish.

Seized as the property of defendant Greg Madden and will be sold subject to any superior liens and to satisfy said writ and all cost. Terms of sale CASH with benefit of appraisal. This the 9th day of October 2015.

Jim Liner, Marshal
Ruston and Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

JACO Federal Credit Union
VS #50421
Shane H. Ginn

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RUSTON PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE
OF LOUISIANA

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2016 Lowe Boat, HIN LWC02518J516, 18'8", Aluminum, outboard
2016 Mercury Motor, SN 2B216915, 115 HP
2016 Karavan Boat Trailer VIN 5KTBS2112GF519848

Seized as the property of defendant Shane H. Ginn and will be sold subject to any superior liens and to satisfy said writ and all cost. Terms of sale CASH with benefit of appraisal. This the 27th day of September 2017.

Jim Liner, Marshal
Ruston and Lincoln Parish, Louisiana
Jonesboro State Bank
VS #50417
Tyra Melynda Gray

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RUSTON PARISH OF LINCOLN STATE
OF LOUISIANA

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2008 GMC Acadia 4 Dr, VIN 1GKER33738J229109

Seized as the property of defendant Tyra Melynda Gray and will be sold subject to any superior liens and to satisfy said writ and all cost. Terms of sale CASH with benefit of appraisal. This the 27th day of September, 2017.

Jim Liner, Marshal
Ruston and Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

JACO Federal Credit Union
VS #52117
Tommy Dwayne Hunter

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RUSTON PARISH OF LINCOLN
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Writ of Seizure and Sale issued out of the Honorable Municipal Court of Ruston in the above entitled and numbered cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction, at the principal front door of the Court House in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, between the hours governing judicial sales on November 21, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., the following described property situated in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

One (1) 2017 Can-Am Outlander L 450 ATV, VIN 3JBLGAR28HJ001462

Seized as the property of defendant Tommy Dwayne Hunter and will be sold subject to any superior liens and to satisfy said writ and all costs. Terms of sale CASH with benefit of appraisal. This the 8th day of November 2018.

Jim Liner, Marshal
Ruston and Lincoln Parish, Louisiana