

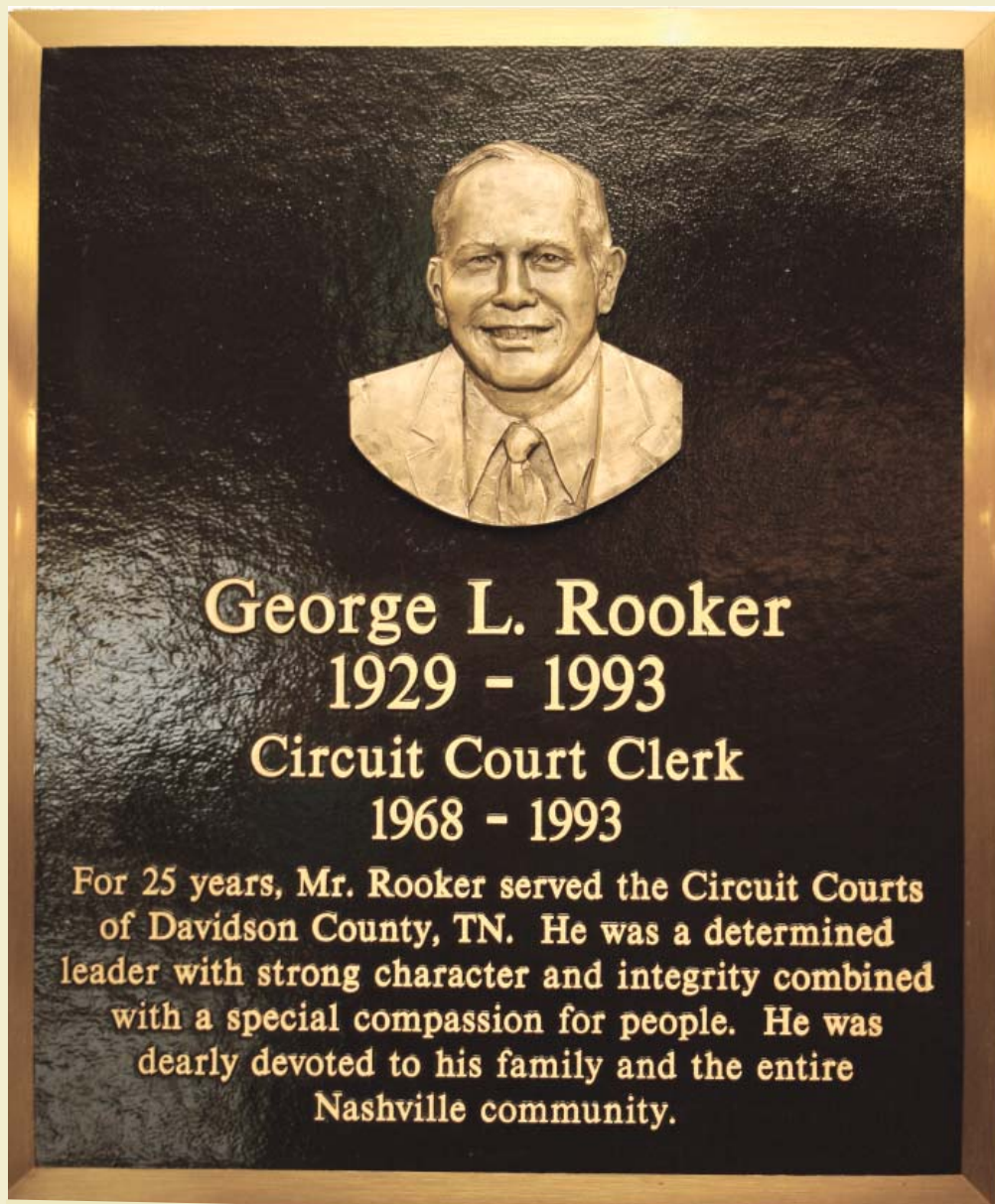
Rooker Report

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MEMORIAL



For a quarter of a century, George L. Rooker served the residents of Davidson County as Circuit Court Clerk, being elected to an unprecedented six four-year terms before losing his battle with heart disease in 1993.

In recognition of his distinguished public service career, the bronze plaque above has been placed at the entrance of the office he served as a permanent tribute to his contribution to the community.

He was a man of vision who left behind a legacy of solid business practices and a blueprint for both proficiency and efficiency through computer technology and strong customer relations.

Fittingly, the unveiling of the memorial tribute came during the Historic Courthouse rededication on May 3, which would have been his 78th birthday.



CROWDS GATHER TO WITNESS THE OFFICIAL REDEDICATION OF DAVIDSON COUNTY'S HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ON MAY 3

From the Speaker's Podium

Mayor Bill Purcell listens as Second Circuit Court Judge Amanda McClendon reads inscription on a certificate of appreciation presented during rededication ceremonies. To the judge's left is Vice Mayor Howard Gentry and Presiding Trial Courts Judge Randy Kennedy (partially hidden by microphones.) Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker (right) officially opened the courts in kicking off the celebration.



Retired Judge Shipley Honored With Unveiling of Portrait in Courtroom Where She Presided

Retired Circuit Court Judge Marietta Shipley gained a permanent presence in the courtroom where she presided for 16 years with the unveiling of a portrait during the May 3 rededication of the Historic Courthouse.

A large gathering of judicial and government dignitaries joined friends and well-wishers in the Second Circuit Courtroom as the colorful painting was revealed.

Shipley, the first elected female to the Second Circuit Court, presided over the courtroom from 1990 until 2006 when she opted not to seek a third eight-year term.

Her successor, Judge Amanda McClendon, was among the speakers at the ceremonies.

The portrait was created by Shelley Snow, shown in photo at left with the former judge following the unveiling.

April Trial Results

JURY

Week of April 16

Circuit Court

Appeals

General Sessions

Case	Type	Court	Prayer	Verdict	Pct. Fault	Judgment	Appellant
03C-3023	Auto Accident	6		D-\$4,904	(P65/D-35)		
06C-455	Auto Accident	2		\$23,788			

Week of April 23

Case	Type	Court	Prayer	Verdict	Pct. Fault	Judgment	Appellant
04C-1028	Medical Malpractice	6		Defendant			
05C-2389	Sexual Harassment	3		Defendant			
01C-3841	Contract	5		\$42,500			

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

Case	Type	Court	Prayer	Verdict	Pct. Fault	Judgment	Appellant
04C-3224	Auto Accident/ST	3	\$250,000	\$7,000			

NON-JURY

Week of April 2

Case	Type	Court	Prayer	Verdict	Pct. Fault	Judgment	Appellant
06C-3043	GSA/Traffic	2		\$50,000+Cost		Plaintiff	Defendant
06C-1891	GSA/Contract	5		\$310		P-\$13,000	Defendant
06C-3297	GSA/Contract	5		\$200		Dismissed	Plaintiff
06C-2890	GSA/Contract	1		\$4,165		P-\$4,165	Defendant
06C-3294	GSA/Contract	1		\$2,783		P-\$2,783	Defendant
06C-2809	GSA/Contract	6		Defendant		P-\$4,072	Defendant
06C-2891	GSA/Debt	1		\$890+Cost		Dismissed	Plaintiff
06C-2044	GSA/Contract	5		\$17,495		P-\$19,655	Defendant
06C-2472	GSA/Contract	2		\$3,000		P-\$200	Plaintiff
05C-671	Damages	2		\$10,644			
04C-685	Workers Compensation	6		Pending			
06C-2641	GSA/Contract	3		\$442		P-\$666	Defendant

Week of April 30

Case	Type	Court	Prayer	Verdict	Pct. Fault	Judgment	Appellant
05C-3940	Slip/Fall	2		Defendant			
05C-1831	Theft	5		Defendant			
05C-343	Workers Compensation	6		Plaintiff			
04C-3331	Auto Accident	1		\$5,000			
06C-2895	GSA/Detainer	6		\$1,770		P-Possession	Defendant
97C-2963	Personal Injury	1		Plaintiff			
04C-856	Auto Accident	7		\$20,915			
06C-1796	Auto Accident	7		\$41,949			
07C-486	GSA/Contract	7		\$4,587		P-\$4,750	Defendant
07C-189	GSA/Contract	1		\$1,000		P-\$1,472	Defendant
05C-1441	Workers Compensation	5		Under Advisement			
07C-282	GSA/Contract	6		\$24,968		P-\$24,968	Defendant
05C-3835	GSA/Debt	1		Dismissed		P-\$15,000	Defendant
05C-3607	Auto Accident	5		\$4,425			

Case Summary



Auto Accidents.....	7
Contracts	14
Medical Malpractice.....	1
Others.....	15

Cheers...

Former Metro Official Puryear Authors Book On American History

American history buffs will want to check out a new book authored by Robert B. Puryear III, a former key Metro government official whose public service career spanned almost four decades before his retirement in 1996.

Titled "Border Forays & Adventures," the book tells the story of George Rogers Clark and his 1778 expedition to conquer the Illinois territory along the Mississippi River as told in the manuscripts of Lyman Copeland Draper, taken from the Wisconsin Society archives.

It accentuates the price paid by our ancestors for our American independence.

Indeed; for independence was won on that day--the Fourth of July, 1778.

An excerpt from the book quotes an angry 26-year-old Clark as telling his troops that British garrisons were responsible for desolating the frontiers. "We must take and destroy these garrisons...We cannot retreat. We have no provisions and must conquer or starve. The fort and town, I repeat, must be taken at all hazards."

Puryear, a descendant of Samuel Barton, corresponded with relatives of participants in the expedition to harvest the fact-based account of those early days in American history.

The book is a relatively quick read with 33 chapters spread out over 426 pages. It was published by Westview Publishing of Bellevue, which is the main source for purchase.

Bound in hard cover, the sales price of the book is \$49.95 and can be purchased locally by phone at 646-6131 or by visiting the Westview web site at www.westviewpublishing.com. Shipment is promised within 48 hours.

Puryear, a YMCA Law School graduate who began his local government career in 1957 under the late Mayor Ben West as a member of the old Nashville City Government's Advanced Planning Commission, went on to serve as Metro treasurer under three other mayors before retiring in 1996.

He tackled the book project after becoming bored with hunting and fishing. "I was catching the same old bass 3-4 times and decided to find something else to do," he chuckled.

Civil Trial Overview By Class



Miscellaneous 44%
 Auto 26%
 Contracts 26%
 Medical Malpractice 4%



DATA BANK

April, 2007

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

New Civil Cases Filed.....	216
Jury.....	109
Non-Jury.....	107
Civil Cases Concluded.....	205
Jury.....	120
Non-Jury.....	85
New Divorce Cases Filed.....	212
Divorce Cases Concluded.....	192
Domestic Petitions Filed.....	247
Domestic Petitions Concluded.....	256

General Sessions Civil

New Cases Filed.....	4,344
Executions Issued.....	3,194
Garnishment Payments.....	4,136
Judgments Collected.....	\$802,397
Orders of Protection Petitions.....	171

Probate Court

New Cases Filed.....	141
Cases Closed.....	145

Traffic Violations

Moving Citations.....	12,770
Total Violations.....	20,781
Total Fines Collected.....	\$762,767
Nullifications.....	3,667
Nullification Fees Collected.....	\$44,004
Environmental Citations.....	688

...Tears

JAMES HARRIS SMITH, 63, brother of General Sessions Civil Division Cashier Connie Colley, passed away on May 23.

MILDRED CRAWFORD, 87, aunt of Rooker Report Editor Gene Baker, passed away in Murray, Kentucky, on May 22 from complications of a stroke.

Case Analyses

GENRE	APRIL	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	7	18
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	6	15
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	2
NONE	0	1
CONTRACTS	14	18
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	13	15
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
NONE	0	2
TOTAL AWARDS	\$88,825	\$116,844
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1	3
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	2
MISTRIALS	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	15	29
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	7	14
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	4	7
NONE	4	8

Auto Accident Cases

	APRIL	YTD
JURY TRIALS	3	14
NON-JURY TRIALS	4	4
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	6	15
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	2
NONE	0	1
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$41,949	\$80,000
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	\$17,231	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	APRIL	YTD
JURY TRIALS	1	5
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	5
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
PENDING	0	0
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$7,000	\$80,000

General Sessions Auto Appeals

	APRIL	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	2
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	1
NONE	0	0

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