

## BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF A. W. WILLIS, JR.

A.W. Willis, Jr., as born in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 16, 1925, and moved to Memphis during his infancy. He is the son of Mrs. Mamie E. Willis and the late A. W. Willis, Sr., a prominent Memphis family; the late Mr. Willis, Sr., having served as the First Vice-President of Universal Life Insurance Company and as an outstanding businessman and civic leader.

His elementary and secondary education as obtained in the Memphis Public School System at LaRose Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High School. The A.B. Degree as conferred upon him by Talladega College and on June 19, 1953, he received the LL.B. Degree from the University of Wisconsin.

After being licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin, on July 15, 1953, he obtained his license to practice law in the State of Tennessee and began the practice of law in October, 1953. Presently, his law offices are located in the Mutual Federal Building, 588 Vance Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

A veteran of World War II from July 26, 1943, until April 1, 1946, he served in the European Theater of Operations for thirty-two months.

This farsighted young man is the Co-Founder of Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Memphis and is presently serving as Executive Vice President-Secretary and General Counsel. He is one of Memphis' outstanding Civil Rights lawyers and attorney for several outstanding Negro business firms, including Tn-State Bank of Memphis and Universal Life Insurance Company. He has served as one of the attorneys of the Charter Commission for the Consolidation of Memphis and Shelby County.

His busy office agenda does not prevent his wholehearted participation in civic, political, religious, and social activities in the community, as evidenced by his active membership in the following: