The Future Was Bright

In July, 1902 Judge Conrad Debalion, his wife and sister, and the family of Debalion were seated for this photo on the "gallery" of the Debalion home. Mrs. Debalion was the daughter of Charley House, Noyton, who was a prominent lawyer in the section, and who served as lieutenant-governor of the state during the governorship of Governor Roman. Out of this union of the Debalion and Noyton families, whose forebears were brilliant in legal and juridical circles of the state, two were destined to further carry this fine tradition forward. In the family photo above are seated left to right: Judge Conrad Debasion, Mrs. Debalion, Frank and Dan Debalion. Standing left to right: Mathilde Debalion, sister of Judge Debalion, who lived to the age of 100. Thomas Debalion, deceased; Paul Debalion and George Debalion, deceased. Charles Debalion, his son, was a known local lumberman, sampled the picture in the left single photo in Paul Debalion in those years, who died December 14, 1949 after a distinguished career. He was elected judge of the district in September 1901 and remained in that capacity until he retired on March 3, 1946. He was assigned in 1918 by the Supreme Court of Louisiana to serve in Lake Charles district, and in 1947 was assigned to the district where he remained for 16 months. His profound knowledge of the Code of Louisiana, and his advancement of the science of jurisprudence, his constant efforts to promote the administration of justice and uphold the honor of the profession made him outstanding in the Hall of Fame of Louisiana law. In the single picture, right, is Dan Debalion, who died three years ago, and whose brilliant legal mind was a valuable asset in law courts throughout the state. It was he who organized the Lafayette Bar Association, and during his long and brilliant career he served as president of the Louisiana Bar Association, and a member of the Louisiana Law Institute.