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James Wesley Bryan

James Wesley Bryan was born in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La., March 11, 1874. He attended the public schools and Lake Charles College at Lake Charles, La. He graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in 1895 and from Yale University in 1897 where he studied law. In 1898 he was admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Lake Charles, La. He moved to Bremerton, Washington, in 1905 and continued the practice of law; was elected city attorney in 1907, 1908 and again in 1911; was a member of the State Senate 1908-1912; was elected as a Progressive Republican to the Sixty-third Congress (March 4, 1913-March 3, 1915); and was an unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1914. He owned and published the Navy Yard American from 1915 to 1917. After that he resumed the practice of law, was prosecuting attorney of Kitsap County from 1926 to 1930, and served as president of the Bremerton Port Commission 1933-1936. He then resumed the practice of law. Bryan died on August 26, 1956.

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Published Court Records

Case #32519 appeal to Supreme Court of Wash. State (4 briefs)
 Gilmartin, et al vs. Stevens Investment Co.
 Case #28567, Bremerton Municipal League vs. Sophia Brenner, et al,
 appeal from the Superior Court of Kitsap Co. (brief of appellants)

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Case #28589, answer brief of plaintiff-respondent of case #28567
Case #31458, Casco Company, et al vs. PUD #1, Thurston County,
Wash., et al, appeal from the Superior Court of Thurston Co.
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