

Ivory Cobb Nominated For Judge

CONCORD, N.H. — Atty. Ivory Cobb, former Pitts-burgher and retired Army ma-jor, has been nominated to be-come a special judge of the Colebrook Municipal Court in New Hampshire.

Attorney Cobb has been in New Hampshire for more than a year, and passed the bar there. He is married to the former Elsie Stanton, daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stan-ton of Pittsburgh. She is the oldest of the three Stanton girls; the others are Marion Taylor of New York, and Eva Hoggard of Washington, wife of J. Clinton Hoggard, popu-lar candidate for the AME Zion Bishopric.

The Cobbs have three daughters, Marilyn, Gretchen and Louise. Mr. Cobb also a native of Pittsburgh, has one brother, Glidie D. Cobb resid-ing in the Steel City.

Attorney Cobb's nomination, the first for a Negro, was made by Gov. John W. King of New Hampshire.

Nominate First Negro For N. H. Judgeship

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CONCORD—Gov. John W. King yesterday nominated a Negro lawyer to serve as a judge, the first in the history of the state.

The governor proposed the name of Atty. Ivory Cobb of Colebrook to fill a vacancy in the post of special judge of the Colebrook municipal court.

The 52-year-old Cobb came to Colebrook three years ago following his retirement, as a major, from the U. S. Army. He is a native of Pittsburg, Pa. and received his law degree from Suffolk Law school in Boston.

Attorney Cobb served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He is married and has three daughters, one in college.

Governor King also nomi-nated Atty. James S. Davis (R) to replace the late Judge Arthur Olson of the Keene municipal court.

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Negro Named for Judgeship

CONCORD, N. H., April 20 (AP) — Gov. John W. King nominated a Negro lawyer to-day to become special judge of the Colebrook Municipal Court. Ivory Cobb, a retired Army major, is the first Negro ever to be nominated for a judgeship in New Hampshire.

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First Negro Judge In New Hampshire

The nomination of Atty. Ivory Cobb of Colebrook to the position of special judge of the Colebrook Municipal Court is an indication that, in New Hampshire at least, the color of a man's skin is not as important as his char-acter and professional qualifications.

If Mr. Cobb's nomination by Gov. John King wins final approval he will be the first Negro to serve as judge of a New Hampshire court. Moreover, it would appear that the Colebrook man has the professional capabilities to fill the position with distinction.

It is the latter that is important. It should be, and undoubtedly will be, the only factor bearing on the Council's decision. For if "ra-cial equality" in employment is to have any meaning whatsoever it must be predicated on popular acceptance of the fact that race should not be a factor—either pro or con—in deter-mining job qualifications.

First Negro In Village Now Judge

COLEBROOK, N.H. (UPI)—

Two years ago Ivory Cobb broke the color barrier in Northern New Hampshire.

When Cobb, 52, his wife and their three children moved to this tiny community only 10 miles from the Canadian bor-der they were the first Negroes to settle here.

Before moving and during the first few days here, Cobb and his wife often wondered how Negroes would be accepted by the traditionally conservative residents.

Within months he had his an-swer. The retired Army major built his law practice into one of the most prosperous in the area, often arguing his cases in the U.S. district courts of New Vermont.

Friday Cobb became a mu-nicipal judge, the first Negro judge in New Hampshire his-tory. He was appointed by Gov. John King to the post.

A native of Alabama, the soft-spoken attorney grew up in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area.