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ARTHUR AIKEN

Three score and seven years ago there was born to John and Lula Bush Aiken, at Chelsea, Michigan, a son, who was christened Arthur.

Arthur Aiken, in whose memory we are meeting here today, moved, as a schoolboy, to this city, where he received his primary education in the public schools of this city, and was graduated from the Warsaw High School. After graduating from high school he returned to the State of Michigan as an insurance adjuster for the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Insurance Company. Working out of the Detroit office while he was so employed, he began the study of law at the Detroit College of Law, where he received his degree, and, while there, he met his wife to be, Kathleen Ryan.

Having done an outstanding job for his company in Detroit, he was prevailed upon to move to New England. He remained there for several years, during all of which time he kept in constant contact with his parents in Indiana. Later, he was transferred to Cleveland as claims attorney for the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Insurance Company. Arthur's father, Judge John Aiken, finally prevailed upon him to resign his position in Cleveland and return to this city, at which time he married Kathleen Ryan, and, as the fruits of this marriage, a daughter, Nancy, was born.

He engaged in the general practice of law under the firm name of Aiken & Aiken for over 40 years, except for a period in which he served in the armed forces during World War I. In the office and in trial work, Arthur always respected the work and opinion of his father. Arthur was a student of the law and a deep thinker. He was content to remain in the background in the presence

of his father, not in the manner of a servant, but as a son who loves and admires his father, with the utmost and greatest respect and admiration. After his father retired from the active practice and both his father and his mother became ill and confined to the hospital, each and every day Arthur would be with his parents, spending a great amount of time with them. The friends and acquaintances, those who had the pleasure of knowing Arthur all of this time, have said that Arthur believed in and lived the Fourth Commandment, "Honor thy father and mother." To his wife and family he can best be described as a true and loyal husband and loving father.

In addition to practicing law, caring for and loving his family and parents, Arthur found time to belong and be active and devoted to the Allen County Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He was an active and devoted member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Home Lodge No. 324 F. & A. Masons, the Scottish Rite Consistory, and the Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4.

To his friends, he will be sorely missed. And to his wife and daughter, no words can express their great loss. We, as members of the Allen County Bar here assembled, extend our most sincere sympathy to his family in their hour of bereavement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen County Indiana Bar Association give public expression of the sorrow of its members on the death of Arthur Aiken;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the widow and the daughter of Arthur Aiken;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be placed of record in the permanent records of the courts of Allen County, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
by its Memorial Resolution Committee

The Honorable William L. Burger
The Honorable Harold E. Korn
The Honorable William H. Schannen
C. Byron Hayes
L. H. Dunten

The Honorable Lloyd S. Hartzler, Chairman

Dated:
October 26, 1959.