

RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE HUNTINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ON  
THE DEATH OF

SAMUEL DILLON JACKSON

The entire membership of the Huntington County Bar Association was profoundly affected and grieved to learn of the sudden and untimely death of Samuel Dillon Jackson, our esteemed friend and eminent member of the Indiana Bar.

With genuine regret and with very real sorrow we submit to the Huntington County Bar a brief factual summary of the life of Samuel Dillon Jackson and Resolutions on his death that record thereof may be made for the benefit of those who follow him.

Samuel Dillon Jackson was born May 26, 1895, the son of Isaiah H. Jackson and Minnie Whitterberger Jackson, in the vicinity of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was educated in the Fort Wayne public schools and graduated in 1914 from Central High School in that City. He graduated from Indiana Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1917. He entered the Army in 1917 and attained the rank of Captain, serving as such in the Trial Judge Advocate's office until his discharge in 1919. Upon leaving the Army, he entered the active practice of law at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and followed his chosen profession for more than thirty-two years, being at the time of his death the head of the firm of Jackson, Longfellow and Jackson. He was known by all members of the legal profession with whom he made contact, as an able advocate and a brilliant trial lawyer and speaker. He served for two terms as Prosecuting Attorney for Allen County, held an interim appointment as Attorney General for the State of Indiana, was appointed United States Senator in 1944, was permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention at Chicago in 1944, was Governor of the combined Commodity Exchanges of the country, and was properly active in political affairs and pro-

foundly interested in good government. He was a member of the American Bar Association, of the Indiana State Bar Association and of the Allen County Bar Association. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne and was active and devoted in the work of that congregation. He had a deep attachment to the institution of Masonry. He held membership in Summit City Lodge F. & A. M., Mizpah Shrine, and all of the York and Scottish Rite bodies, all of Fort Wayne, and was for years a 33rd Degree Mason and an active member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, having been for the past eight years the Deputy for the District of Indiana for the Scottish Rite. He married Anna Fern Bennet in 1914, and he is survived by the widow and their three sons and one daughter.

The life of Samuel Dillon Jackson was all too brief, cut off in the full flower of his life. But into his all too short years he crowded a full measure of accomplishment in his profession, in governmental activity, in religious devotion, in fraternal association, and in service to his fellowmen. His is a life to be remembered and his record is one for emulation. J

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the members of the Huntington County Bar express their feeling of deep regret at the loss sustained in the death of Samuel Dillon Jackson; that we transmit to the members of the Allen County Bar Association our sorrow at the removal of so eminent a member from among them; that to the family of the deceased we tender our deepest sympathy; and that a copy of these Resolutions be spread of record upon the pages of the Order Book of the Huntington Circuit Court, Huntington County, State of Indiana, to perpetuate the memory and the virtues of a great lawyer and a splendid citizen;

that a copy be forwarded to the Allen County Bar Association and that a copy be presented to the family of the deceased.

Dated at Huntington, Indiana, this 10th day of March, A.D.,

1951.

Knowlten H. Kelsey  
Lee M. Bowers  
Ray Ade

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ALLEN COUNTY INDIANA BAR ASSOCIATION

IN MEMORIAM

SAMUEL D. JACKSON

The death of Samuel D. Jackson, on Thursday, March 8, 1951, came as a tremendous shock to his fellow lawyers and to the citizens of Allen County, Indiana. The passing of anyone who has given so much to his profession, to his fellow men, and to his community, state and nation, always causes a well of sorrow, but that well is much wider and deeper when many additional years of such service might normally have been expected in the regular course of human events.

Samuel D. Jackson was born on a farm in Lafayette Township, in Allen County, Indiana, on May 28, 1895. He was a son of the Reverend Isaiah and Minnie Whittenberger Jackson. He graduated from Fort Wayne High School in 1914, and married Miss Anna Bennett during that same year. He graduated from the Indiana ~~University~~<sup>Law</sup> School ~~in~~ in the year 1917, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the United States Army. After completing his course at the Officers Training School, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He served his country in the Trial Judge Advocates Office, and had attained the rank of Captain at the time of his discharge in April, 1919. He was a charter member of Fort Wayne Post No. 47 of the American Legion, and continued active in its affairs and assisted with his legal advice and counsel through the years.

Mr. Jackson followed actively the practice of his chosen profession for thirty-two years, during which time he earned an enviable reputation both for his work in his law office and in the court room. He combined to a rare and uncommon degree excellent ability in both of these fields of legal endeavor.

His warmth of personality and his courteous consideration for others made him admired by his adversaries as well as his associates, and brought to him a wide circle of friends in all walks of life. His unusual oratorical ability was well known, not only in his own community, but throughout the country. His knowledge of history and current events, his sense of humor, his choice of words, his facility of expression, his poise and manner of delivery, placed him in almost constant demand as a speaker for a wide variety of occasions.

His entry into the practice of law was made in the office of the late Albert E. Thomas, renowned as a former member of this association. He was for a time a member of the firm of Colerick, Jackson and Parrish. During recent years he enjoyed a distinction and a pleasure hoped for by many lawyers but achieved by only the few, namely, that of practicing in the same firm with a son who is well qualified to carry on.

In the political field, Mr. Jackson, for more than thirty years, gave generously of his time and ability to the Democratic Party, to his community, to his beloved state of Indiana, and to this glorious country of ours. In all these years of continuous political activity, he held only one elective public office. He served two terms as Allen County Prosecutor from 1924 to 1928. His unusual legal ability and his well-deserved position of leadership in the community prompted Governor M. Clifford Townsend, in June, 1940, to appoint him to the office of Attorney General of the State of Indiana, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a namesake, Omer Stokes Jackson, and also prompted a succeeding governor, the Honorable Henry F. Shricker, in 1944, to appoint him as United States Senator from Indiana to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Fredrick VanNuys. In July, 1944, he was given the honor of

serving as Permanent Chairman of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. His adroit and masterful handling of that convention is still a frequent topic of conversation, not only among the politicians of the country, but among the rank and file of voters who maintain an alert and abiding interest in the political warfare of our country.

In addition to his membership in this association, he was ~~an~~ active and interested member of the Indiana State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He served this association with distinction as its president in 1941 and 1942. He was the Democratic candidate of this district for Congress in 1923, and the Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana in 1944. The Democratic State Convention endorsed him as a candidate for Vice-President of the United States in 1948, but he withdrew his name from the National Convention and seconded the nomination of our present Vice-President, Alben W. Barkley.

In addition to his political activity and his busy life as counsel for his many clients, he found time to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association for the past seventeen years. His leadership and business acumen were recognized by his appointment in 1945 as Governor of the combined commodity exchanges of the country. During the year in which he served in that capacity he maintained offices both in Chicago and in Fort Wayne.

It would seem that all the things we have mentioned would be sufficient to fill more than a lifetime of strenuous activity. Even so, we still must take notice of the many years of devoted service and able leadership which he gave to the Masonic Order.

In recognition of his work, he was elected to membership in the ~~3rd Degree~~ <sup>3rd Degree, and in 1943 he was made Deputy for Indiana, which</sup> office he held until his death. He was a member of Summit City Lodge No. 170, Free and Accepted Masons, the Mizpah Temple of

the Marine, the St. Hilary Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the York Rite Masonic Bodies, including Fort Wayne Chapter No. 19 of Royal Arch Masons, Fort Wayne Council No. 4 of Total and Select Masters, and Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 of Knights Templar. He was also a member of the Isaac Walton League, the Fort Wayne Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Y.M.C.A. and the Quest Club.

His ancestral background and his abiding faith in Almighty God gave him a deep and permanent interest in matters of religion. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne and served as one of its elders for the past twenty-seven years.

We do not intend that the foregoing record of his many activities and achievements should be permitted to over-shadow the genuine admiration and esteem in which he was held by his fellow members of the legal profession. In the presence of his spirit, mindful of his accomplishments, we who are left to mourn somehow would prefer to remain humbly silent. He has given to all of us an example which we might well emulate. The honor which he has brought to this community through his faithful adherence to the high principles of our profession reflect favorably, in modest measure, upon each member of this association.

We extend the sincere hand of sympathy in this hour of bereavement to his beloved wife, Mrs. Anna Jackson, to his three devoted sons, James, Robert, and Samuel Jr., to his other relatives, and to his able partner, Thomas W. Longfellow. We hope and trust that their sorrow will be lightened by the firm knowledge that the life of Samuel D. Jackson is measured in deeds, not years. His life, by worldly standards was short, but none of us can say that it was incomplete.

"If we could push ajar the gates of life,  
And stand within and all God's working see,  
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,  
And for each mystery could find a key....

"And if through patient toil we reach the land  
Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest,  
When we shall clearly know and understand,  
I think that we shall say that 'God knew best'."

Respectfully submitted in loving memory,

ALLEN COUNTY INDIANA BAR ASSOCIATION

Henry Hasley  
(Chairman)

James W. Beards

William H. Schuman

Jerome J. D. Dowd

Geo. H. Leonard  
Memorial Committee.

Adopted  
March 10, 1951.



RESOLUTION OF RESPECT -- WHITLEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, 3/10/51

For more than thirty years Samuel D. Jackson has been an active practitioner in the courts of Indiana. His extensive practice often brought him to the Whitley Circuit Court. By education and temperament he was well qualified as a lawyer and his success as an advocate of the law has been recognized through the years. He numbered among his friends not only those associated with him in the trial of cases but those who opposed him. His greatest attribute was his friendliness. Throughout the years he increased his wide acquaintanceship by the friendly attitude he had toward those he contacted in his practice of the law.

He was possessed of an outstanding ability as a public speaker which he used not only in his chosen profession but in his fraternal and church associations.

The combination of personality, outstanding ability as a lawyer and public speaker and a devotion to his country and its ideals led him into public life. He served with distinction as Prosecutor of his County, as Attorney General of his State, and as a member of the United States Senate. His accomplishments in each field of endeavor will endure as a lasting memorial to his memory.

The Whitley County Bar Association extends to his family and his associates at the bar of Allen County these Resolutions as a tribute to the memory of Samuel D. Jackson who brought distinction to his native state of Indiana. His well lived span of years will remain as an inspiration to those who desire a life of accomplishments based upon a Christian life and a devotion to the ideals of his country.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph F. Gates  
Joseph R. Roe  
William M. Bloom

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS IN RESPECT OF  
THE MEMORY OF  
THE HONORABLE SAMUEL D. JACKSON

Whereas, the Honorable Samuel D. Jackson departed this life at his home in Ft. Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, March 8, 1951, at the untimely age of 55 years; and,

Whereas, Mr. Jackson spent his adult life in the practice of law in Allen County and adjacent counties and had a long and distinguished career as Prosecuting Attorney, Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and U. S. Senator from Indiana and by his able service and upright character brought honor and distinction to the Bar of Northern Indiana; and,

Whereas, Mr. Jackson had a large legal practice in the State and Federal Courts and was often engaged in legal matters in the DeKalb Circuit Court where, by his graciousness, courtesy and legal ability, he earned distinction and made many friends all of whom mourn his untimely death as a loss not only to the Bar but also to the State and to the Nation; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the DeKalb County Bar Association mourn the loss of our beloved and distinguished personal friend and colleague at the Bar and that we revere his memory as a conscientious, able and brilliant lawyer and public servant; be it further resolved,

That a copy of this Resolution be presented to the widow of Mr. Jackson as a memorial of the friendship and respect this Bar Association had retained for Mr. Jackson; that a copy be delivered to the Allen County Bar Association for a record among its memorials in honor of the deceased; and that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the records of this Court by the Clerk of said Court.

Adopted this 9th day of March 1951.

Don M. Link, Chairman

SAMUEL D. JACKSON

In Memoriam,

The members of the Adams County Bar Association have received with deep sorrow the message announcing the death of Samuel D. Jackson, a member of the Allen County Bar Association and former United States Senator.

Senator Jackson was born in Lafayette Township, Allen County, Indiana on May 28, 1895 and died at Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 8th, 1951.

A native of Allen County, Senator Jackson was graduated from Fort Wayne High School in 1914 and received his Law Degree in 1917 from Indiana University School of Law. Shortly thereafter he was commissioned a captain in the United States Army, where he was assigned to the trial judge advocate's office.

During his illustrious and brilliant law career he served two terms as Allen County Prosecutor and in 1940 served as Indiana Attorney General. In 1944 he served as United States Senator and became known as a conscientious public servant and no task was either too small or too great if he thought he could render a service.

Senator Jackson was regarded as a brilliant trial lawyer and was frequently engaged in the trial of law suits in the Adams Circuit Court, where he was held in the highest esteem by his colleagues and by all who came in contact with him, both for his ability as a lawyer and as a gentleman.

Endowed with fine intellect, Senator Jackson was a dynamic speaker, having filled many speaking engagements in our City and County and his visits will long be remembered. His kindly and generous nature, as well as his warmth of personality won for him legions of friends.

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Adams County Bar Association

that we adopt this memorial as an expression of the high regard and esteem we held for Senator Jackson, that a copy of the same be sent to the family thereby conveying to his wife and children our deepest sympathy; and that a copy of the same be entered in the Order Book of our Court to perpetuate his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Myles F. Parrish  
Hubert R. McClenahan  
G. Remy Bierly

Committee