

ALLEN RENDALL

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, January 24th, 1871, son of Mr. James Scott and Mrs. Martha (McDonald) Rendall, pioneers in Shreveport; educated Thatchers Institute, A.B. 1890, Washington & Lee University, LL.B. 1894; practiced law in Shreveport since 1895, member of firm Wise, Randolph, Rendall & Freyer; married Theo Vance December 11, 1912; member of the American, Louisiana and Shreveport Bar Associations, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; lover of horses, dogs, hunting and outdoor sports; Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church for many years; died in Shreveport, Louisiana August 27th, 1940.

Such is the bare outline of facts which may be found in "Who's Who", describing our friend and colleague, who has been called to his eternal reward and whose memory we here and now seek to honor. Such may be the extent of the record which history may perpetuate in time's distant future. But this description of the physical man, who has departed this life so recently, does not suffice for the memory of those who knew him and loved him. To them the fullness of his life cannot be measured by the span of his years. The immortality of his soul is in the hands of his Maker. The immortality of his life and character is assured in the hearts of those who were privileged to come within the circle of his influence.

Allen Rendall was modest, reticent, seclusive, reserved almost to the extent of being shy. He demanded nothing of life save an opportunity to bring happiness to those who were near him and to serve his fellow men who were least able to help themselves. He endeared himself to the hearts of those who knew him best for the nobility of his character, the breadth of his charity, the kindness of his spirit, his sympathetic helpfulness to his fellowmen who were in need, and his love for and gentleness to all animal life. He exemplified a true feeling of brotherhood equally toward the negro servant who tended him, and those in high station whose close association he enjoyed.

Allen Rendall was respected and loved by every one who knew him, for his rugged honor and integrity which knew no code but that of right, truth and honesty. Truly "The world is better that he lived in it" and the monument of his influence on the circle which he touched in life will live in the hearts and memory of men long after the granite shaft, marking his resting place, has crumbled into dust. Of him it can well be said: "Only the body has died and has been laid in the dust but the spirit lives and will live on" to bring comfort and consolation to his loved ones and enrichment to the memory of his host of friends.

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Shreveport Bar Association: That in the death of Allen Rendall there has passed one of its most eminent and respected members, who exemplified the highest ideals of the profession;

That we extend to his widow, sister and other members of his family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement; and,

That this resolution be filed as a part of the minutes of the Court and the Association and copy thereof sent to the family of our friend and colleague.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence C. Butler
Richard Quinn
W. B. Freyer
Chairman