

MEMORIAL TO

CHARLES DUBOSE EGAN

September 5, 1901 - November 4, 1969

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Presented to the First Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for Caddo Parish by the undersigned Committee designated by the President of the Shreveport Bar Association to prepare and submit a resolution in memory of the late Charles Dubose Egan, of Shreveport, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

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Charles Dubose Egan was born in Leesville, Louisiana, on September 5, 1901, the son of Charles Chaffe Egan of the Mansfield Bar, and Irma McVoy Egan.

He attended the public schools in Mansfield, Louisiana, and at the outbreak of the First World War he left High School and enlisted in the United States Navy. After combat service in the North Sea, and receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Navy at end of the War, he resumed his education, attending the Georgia School of Technology, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He then enrolled in the University of Chicago Law School, from which he graduated in 1926 after making a distinguished record at that University.

His lineage was distinguished, his grandfather, James C. Egan, being a District Judge, and later Attorney General of the State of Louisiana.

After admission to the Louisiana Bar in 1926, he began his legal career as an associate of the Law Firm of Cook and Cook. He was always an omnivorous reader, and devoted himself assiduously to the practice of his profession. So proficient was he, and so valuable did he become to his firm, that Mr. Sidney Cook proudly proclaimed that he could entrust any legal problem or task to Charles with the utmost confidence.

He was a prodigious and indefatigable worker. The passing years brought him deserved recognition as an able advocate and sound counsellor.

He possessed an ability to sense the crucial issues in any problem, whether legal, business, or of some other nature, and to solve such issues in a logical and orderly manner. There was no reported decision however complex, no statute however abstruse, no field of law however new, that he could not penetrate with a searching mind, and analyze with keen intellect.

The Firm of Cook and Cook, so small in number when Charles entered its office, has become the major firm of Cook, Clark, Egan, Yancey & King, a growth in which Charles played a prominent part.

Standing and reputation came to him rapidly, and he enjoyed the confidence of his colleagues at the Bar. His pledged word need not be reduced to writing, and his sense of fairness and rectitude was symbolic to his fellow lawyers.

The recognition of his ability, and the esteem in which he was held by his legal brethren, were evidenced by his election to serve as President of the Shreveport Bar Association in 1967.

How many of us have relied upon the sharpness of his mind, the depth of his perceptions, and the incisiveness of his judgments.

His warmth, kindness and friendliness were hidden to a degree under a protective cover of sensitivity verging on shyness that, however, the responsive could easily breach. His pungent wit and the drollery of his sense of humor were the delight of his friends with whom he felt at ease.

Charles Egan is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Ellerbe Egan, whom he married in 1930, a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Egan Denney, of Arlington, Virginia, and a son, Charles Leonard Egan, an attorney, residing in Washington, D.C.

As Shelley wept for Adonais so the Bar weeps for Charles Egan -

"Till the future dares
Forget the past, his fate and fame shall be
An echo and a light unto eternity."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, express our profound sorrow at the death of Charles Dubose Egan; and we extend to the members of his family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of this Court, and that copies of the record hereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed brother and friend.

C. F. Currier

Robert R. Rountree, Jr.

Malcolm W. Geist
Chairman

Shreveport, Louisiana

September 1, 1970.