

Memorial to

GEORGE TIPTON NAFF

November 11, 1900 - June 17, 1968

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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 George Tipton Naff, of Shreveport, a member of the Bar of this Court and of this Association.

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George Tipton Naff was born at Bastrop, Louisiana in Morehouse Parish on November 11, 1900, the son of George Washington Naff and his wife Irene Huffman. He died on June 17, 1968 in Shreveport, the place of his distinguished legal and business career.

George Naff's boyhood was spent in Bastrop during a period when the South had begun to recover from the prostration which followed the Civil War, but before the modern changes by which, in recent years, it has been transformed. His character and personality, in his maturity, were products of his forebears and of the time and place of his early life. He was a true son of the Old South. After attending several

other southern universities, he graduated with an engineering degree and a Phi Beta Kappa key in 1924 from Auburn. A very brief trial convinced him that he did not want an engineering career and he returned to college, to the University of Alabama, where he received his law degree in 1927.

Following his law school graduation, he moved to Shreveport and, after admission to the Louisiana Bar, practiced law in Shreveport for several years in association, successively, with several lawyers of his own generation. For the next two or three years he lived in Houston where he was an executive of a predecessor of United Gas Corporation.

Returning to Shreveport, he became a member of the law firm of Wilkinson, Lewis & Wilkinson, the name of which became Wilkinson, Lewis, Wilkinson & Naff. After several years he entered the full-time employment of United Gas Corporation, one of his principal clients, of which he was Vice President and General Counsel and a Director, and which he served in those capacities until 1947.

He resigned from the United Gas Corporation organization in 1947, and was in general practice for about a year, during which time his professional efforts were largely devoted to legal matters in the financing of Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, a then newly organized gas pipeline company. In 1948 he became Executive Vice President of Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; and from 1954 to 1957 he was President of the Company, after which he resumed a general legal practice.

George Naff was one of the leading members of the generation of Louisiana lawyers whose professional careers spanned the 1930's and 1940's. Before that time distinguished southern lawyers made their mark in litigation and general practice; in our own locality the development of mineral law had given an opportunity to an outstanding group of Shreveport lawyers to gain success and distinction. George Naff's experience, as a young lawyer, was in this same type of practice. But in the middle 1930's the expansion of the powers of the Federal government in regulatory matters -- natural gas, securities, labor law, and other business regulation -- required business concerns to seek the advice and assistance of lawyers who were able and willing to develop new skills and techniques.

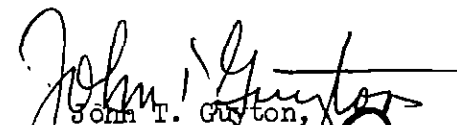
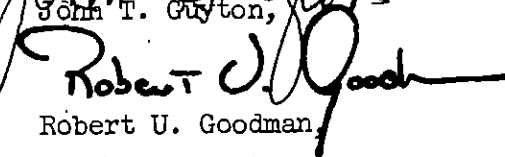
It was in this environment that George Naff attained outstanding success as a lawyer and business executive. He had quick perception, unflinching insight as to people and affairs, and a sound judgment which rarely failed him. Above all, he had tireless energy in the dispatch of business entrusted to him. Until ill health forced him several years ago to retire from the active practice of the law, his advice and counsel were sought in the most important matters by clients all over Louisiana and Texas who knew and valued his unusual skills.

This memorial should not omit mention of George Naff's devotion to his wife Myrtle Johnson, to whom he was married in 1924, and to his daughter Caroline, Mrs. Darrell George, both of whom survive him. He

was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church to which he devoted much time and effort, having been for many years a member of the official board of St. Mark's Church, as well as its Junior Warden. George Naff's notable hobby was reading, and his tastes were almost universal. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of men and events, a staunch character and quick perceptions, and perhaps above all should be mentioned the wit and charm which endeared him to his friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association, hereby express the admiration and regard in which we held George Tipton Naff, for his character and ability, his industry and skill, and his exemplification of the advocate and counselor at his best; and we extend to 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.


John T. Guyton,

Robert U. Goodman,


Robert Roberts, Jr., Chairman.

Shreveport, Louisiana

16 September, 1968.