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MEMORIAL TO : FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
SAMUEL ATKINSON SMITH : CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

Samuel Atkinson Smith was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on December 26, 1927, to Alex F. Smith and Sally H. Smith. He died in Shreveport on October 19, 1993. Sam was survived by his brother, Alex F. Smith, Jr., his wife, Betty, and nephews, Dan R. Currie, Byron E. Smith, and Alexis Smith David. His mother and father preceded him in death.

Sam attended A. C. Steere Elementary School and Byrd High School. He received his high school diploma from Kemper Military School. Thereafter, Sam went to Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, where he was a member of the Varsity Swim Team and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Upon receipt of his undergraduate degree, Sam enrolled in the Law School at LSU. He received his LLB in 1952.

In 1952, Sam was commissioned in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corp. He was attached to the First Cavalry Division. During the Korean War, he was stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco and in Japan.

In 1954, Sam joined the firm of Jackson, Mayer & Kennedy, which included his father, Alex F. Smith, his brother, Alex F. Smith, Jr., Charles L. Mayer, and several others. After practicing with the firm for a number of years, he left it and went into solo practice in the Johnson Building in Shreveport. Thereafter, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Ouachita Parish and later joined J. B. Wells and Associates in the practice of law, where he practiced until his retirement in the late 1980's.

As a young man, Sam was a good athlete. As noted above, he was a member of the LSU Swim Team. He was an avid outdoorsman.

Sam was a good trial lawyer. His analytical ability was

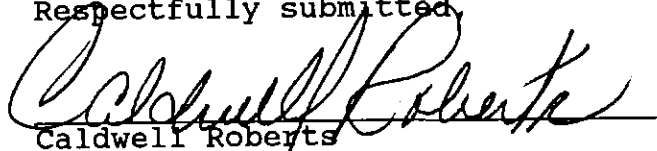
second to none. His cases were always thoroughly prepared for trial. By way of example, let me tell you about a case that he tried, many years ago. The plaintiff's house had burned. The plaintiff was represented by an excellent lawyer. The defendant was the plaintiff's fire insurer. The fire insurer denied the claim. The defense was arson. Now, arson cases are very difficult for defendants to win. The case was tried in the plaintiff's hometown. Nevertheless, Sam did such a good, thorough, and convincing job, that the Judge decided the case, from the bench, for the defendant at the conclusion of the evidence.

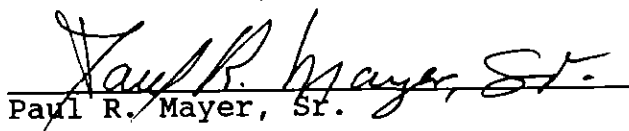
I could tell you some stories, about Sam, which he enjoyed recounting. They have to do with a fishing trip to Grand Isle, an attempt to prepare Oysters Rockefeller at Alex's house, and a pair of his hunting dogs, brother and sister, which inbred, and gave birth, to Sam's great dismay, to a litter of somewhere between 11 and 13 puppies. But the details of those stories are best left to the memories of those who knew Sam and remember him. He was a gentle, kind man, and a jolly good fellow.

We ask that this Memorial be duly recorded in the Records of the First Judicial District Court; that copies thereof be delivered to his family, and forwarded to the Louisiana Supreme Court for recordation.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 3 day of Nov, 1994.

Respectfully submitted,


Caldwell Roberts


Paul R. Mayer, Sr.