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A special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association was held on Tuesday, March 29, 1949, in the Court Room, at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, at 2:45 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Edwin D. Strite, Sr.

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Those present were: Honorable Edmund C. Wingerd, Honorable Watson R. Davison, President Edwin D. Strite, Sr., D. Edward Long, Charles W. High, Thomas K. Scheller, N. F. Keller, Albert Strite, Paul M. Crider, J. McD. Sharpe, Benjamin L. Heefner, James A. Strite, George S. Black, Daniel W. Long, William C. Hazlett, Chauncey M. Depuy, J. Stewart Glen, Lawrence C. Zeger, Edwin D. Strite, Jr., Thomas B. Steiger, Charles H. McLaughlin, Jr., Roy S. F. Angle, and Charles H. Davison.

President Strite stated that the special meeting was called for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of Arthur W. Gillan, who died March 26, 1949. Mr. Strite pointed out that Mr. Gillan was one of the senior members of the Franklin County Bar, both in age and years of service.

The President also announced that a Committee had been appointed by him to prepare a resolution in connection with Mr. Gillan's death and that the members of the Committee were J. McD. Sharpe, Chairman, T. Z. Minehart, D. Edward Long, J. Glenn Benedict and Stenger Diehl.

Mr. Sharpe read the resolution prepared by the special Committee and moved its adoption. The resolution is as follows:

"The Franklin County Bar Association records with sorrow the passing of Arthur W. Gillan, one of its members, on Saturday, March 26, 1949, after an extended illness.

Mr. Gillan was born in Chambersburg

on December 24, 1874, the son of the late Honorable W. Rush Gillan and Lucy Winger Gillan. Mr. Gillan was educated in the public schools of Chambersburg and then attended the Chambersburg Academy. After graduating from Franklin & Marshall College in 1896, he studied law in the office of his father and was admitted to practice at the Franklin County Bar on December 5, 1898. A partnership was formed between his father and him under the firm name of Gillan & Gillan. This partnership was maintained until his father was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County. Mr. Gillan then formed a partnership with the late Charles Walter, Esq. under the firm name of Walter & Gillan. This association continued until the death of Mr. Walter in the fall of 1925. After Mr. Walter's death Mr. Gillan continued the general practice of the law alone until his final illness prevented further activity.

In his profession Mr. Gillan was a careful and thorough practitioner. He was always cautious in his advice and his clients could depend upon his counsel. If in doubt about some particular question, he would not attempt to take a course of action which might lead to loss on his client's part, but rather would wait until he was entirely sure of his ground. Mr. Gillan was never a trial lawyer, but during the course of his years of practice he did much Orphans' Court work and frequently appeared in Court in connection with the presentation of petitions related to estate matters.

Mr. Gillan was most meticulous about his personal appearance. He was one of the older school and did much to maintain the dignity of the profession. He was a familiar

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figure to all of us and thoroughly enjoyed the friendships which he had formed among his fellow lawyers. He was always present at social gatherings of the members of the Bar, and we shall miss him very much. Mr. Gillan served as Treasurer of the Franklin County Bar Association for many years prior to his death and took an active interest in the affairs of the association.

Mr. Gillan was active throughout his life in other matters. He was one of the original directors of the Farmers & Merchants Trust Company when it was formed in 1906 and was a director of this institution until the time of his death. He served as President of the Farmers & Merchants Trust Company during the last six years of his life.

Mr. Gillan was a Democrat, as his father, Judge Gillan, had been, and in his earlier years took a considerable interest in politics, serving as Democratic Chairman of Franklin County at one time. He was also active in matters connected with his Church and in fraternal organizations. For more than 20 years he was Secretary of the Kittochtinny Historical Society.

We shall feel Mr. Gillan's loss and his death represents one more milestone indicating the passing of the older generation of lawyers. To the three sisters who survive him the Franklin County Bar Association extends its deepest sympathy and takes this opportunity to express the sadness felt by its members upon this occasion.

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The motion for adoption of the resolution was seconded by Judge Edmund C. Wingerd who

spoke briefly of Mr. Gillan's friendship among all of the members of the association and of his faithfulness to duty and highest ethical character.

The Honorable Watson R. Davison commented on his long friendship and business associations with Mr. Gillan. He mentioned in particular Mr. Gillan's courteousness, neatness, and gentlemanly conduct.

D. Edward Long, Esquire, remarked of Mr. Gillan's long and faithful term as Treasurer of this association and pointed out that Mr. Gillan was always known as a man of highest integrity.

Thomas K. Scheller, Esquire, then spoke of Mr. Gillan's athletic abilities and interest and of his friendly, considerate, kind and fair conduct.

The motion was then put before the association and was unanimously adopted and the Secretary was directed to record the same in the minutes of the meeting and send a copy to Mr. Gillan's family.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to go to the funeral services of Arthur W. Gillan in a group.

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