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City Court

Atlanta Bar

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N.A.A.C.P.  
National Democratic Committee  
Fulton County Citizens Democratic Club  
Fulton County Democratic Party Organization  
Sigma Pi Phi Boule  
P. J. Bryant Bible Class  
Alumni of Atlanta University

Boards of:

Butler Street Y.M.C.A.  
Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A.  
Carrie Steele Pitts Home  
Citizens Trust Company  
Consolidated Mortgage and Investment Company  
Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association  
Urban League

**FLOWER BEARERS**

Members of the P. J. Bryant Bible Class, Wheat Street Baptist Church  
Wives of the Members of Gate City Bar Association

**USHERS**

Members of Gate City Bar Association and  
Ushers of Wheat Street Baptist Church

HAUGABROOKS FUNERAL HOME

Officiating

POLICE ESCORT

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

FOR

**Judge Austin Thomas Walden**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1965, 1:00 P.M.**

**Wheat Street Baptist Church**

**Rev. William Holmes Borders, Pastor**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

## OBITUARY

AUSTIN THOMAS WALDEN was born April 12, 1885 to Jeff Walden and Jennie Tomlin Walden, near Fort Valley, Houston County, Georgia.

At an early age he had a zeal for learning, a will to become educated, and the determination to be a lawyer. Therefore, after finishing the public schools of Fort Valley, he received an A.B. degree from Atlanta University in 1907 and the LL.B. degree from the School of Law, University of Michigan in 1911.

Mr. Walden began the practice of law in Macon, Georgia in 1912 only to have it interrupted in June, 1917 when he entered the Army during World War I. He served his country with distinction as a Captain of Infantry, commanding Company I, 365th Infantry. Prior to being separated from the service in February, 1919, he also served as a Trial Judge Advocate of the 92nd Division.

On May 18, 1918, Mr. Walden married a Baltimore public school teacher, Miss Mary Ellen Denney, whom he had known while in attendance at Atlanta University. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Jenelsie W. Holloway of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs. Austella W. Colley of Chicago, Ill., both of whom are graduates of Spelman College and the Chicago Art Institute, with the A.B. and Master of Fine Arts degrees, respectively.

In addition to a long and distinguished career as a lawyer and Municipal Judge, (over 50 years) Mr. Walden engaged in many business, professional, civic and political activities. Not only did he serve as President of Citizens Trust Company for seven years, he also served as General Counsel for the Company for twenty years. He was one of the founders and the first and only President of Consolidated Mortgage Investment Company. His business activities included serving as a Director and Associate Counsel of Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The civic activities of Mr. Walden were many and varied. He was Grand Chancellor, Knights of Pythias of Georgia, Supreme Master of Exchequer of Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias (International). For seventeen years, he served as Chairman of the Executive Board of Butler Street YMCA and the Atlanta Urban League. He found time to serve as President of the Atlanta University Alumni Association for twelve years, President of the Atlanta Branch, NAACP for a similar period, Co-Chairman of the Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, a National Vice President of the NAACP and member of its Legal Committee.

Though he engaged in these many activities, he did not neglect his church. For forty years, he was Chairman of the Trustee Board of Wheat Street Baptist Church. His first love, however, was the Bryant Bible Class which he organized and taught for twenty-five years. For twelve years he was counsel for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.

Mr. Walden knew the importance of association with others of his profession. He therefore founded and became the first President of the Gate City Bar Association. Memberships were also held with the National, American and Atlanta Bar Associations.

During the last twenty-five years of his life, Mr. Walden was an ardent Democrat. He was active on the local, state and national levels and held many important offices. He became a founder and co-chairman of the Atlanta Negro Voters League. His election in 1962 to membership on the State Democratic Committee of Georgia and his appointment by Governor Carl E. Sanders as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1964 were firsts in Georgia for members of his race. Also, his appointment in 1964 by Mayor Ivan Allen as an Alternate Judge of the Municipal Courts of Atlanta was the first such appointment in Georgia and the South since the days of Reconstruction.

The long and distinguished service to his race and his community brought Judge Walden great recognition. The late President John F. Kennedy appointed him on the American Battle Monuments Commission. Atlanta University and Morehouse College awarded him the Honorary Degrees of LL.D. and L.H.D., respectively. Awards were also received from the National and Atlanta Urban League, Butler Street YMCA, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Twenty-Seven Club, YMCA Centennial Fund, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Emblem Club, Atlanta University Alumni Association, RADIO 750, and the University of Michigan. His latest award was made during the Atlanta University Centennial Commencement when he was cited as "One of the ten most outstanding living alumni" of that institution.

Austin Thomas Walden departed this life on July 2, 1965. The family, friends and the community at large mourn the loss of this outstanding lawyer, judge, statesman, and community leader.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. William Holmes Borders, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn ..... "How Great Thou Art!"

1st Reading of the Scripture ..... Rev. Samuel W. Williams  
President, Atlanta Branch, N.A.A.C.P., and  
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church

Prayer ..... Bishop Ernest L. Hickman  
Presiding Bishop, Sixth Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church

2nd Reading of the Scripture ..... Rev. Wm. S. Mercer  
Pastor, Radcliffe Presbyterian Church

Music ..... Wheat Street Church Choirs  
Mrs. Effie D. Calhoun, Soloist

Two-Minute Tributes and Acknowledgments:

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays,  
President, Morehouse College  
Mr. Louis B. Martin, for President Lyndon B. Johnson  
for The National Democratic Committee  
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., for City of Atlanta  
Atty. J. C. Daugherty, for Gate City Bar Association  
President Rufus E. Clement, for Atlanta University  
Mr. A. G. Gaston, for the Knights of Pythias

Music ..... Atlanta University

Obituary ..... Atty. Donald L. Hollowell

Eulogy ..... Rev. William Holmes Borders

Benediction ..... Rev. M. L. King, Sr.  
Co-Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church

Recessional

- Interment -  
Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery