

# SECOND ANNUAL REUNION

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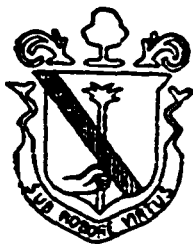
## AIKMAN FAMILY

HELD AT

FAIR GROUNDS

IN THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Wednesday, August 22, 1906



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WASHINGTON, IND.

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The following members signed the Register as being present at this meeting :

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| Martha Aikman . . . . .        | Dana, Indiana           |
| L. H. Aikman . . . . .         | "                       |
| Peter Aikman . . . . .         | "                       |
| Forest Aikman . . . . .        | "                       |
| Bertha Aikman Jordan . . . . . | "                       |
| Wm. D. Jordon . . . . .        | "                       |
| Blanche W. Cormack . . . . .   | "                       |
| Rollin Cormack . . . . .       | "                       |
| H. M. Aikman . . . . .         | "                       |
| Mrs. H. M. Aikman . . . . .    | "                       |
| Mabel Aikman . . . . .         | "                       |
| Monford Aikman . . . . .       | "                       |
| Robert Aikman . . . . .        | "                       |
| Mrs. C. C. Aikman . . . . .    | "                       |
| Olan Aikman . . . . .          | "                       |
| Denas Jenks . . . . .          | "                       |
| S. L. Jenks . . . . .          | "                       |
| Iva Fonconnon . . . . .        | "                       |
| Adrian Fonconnon . . . . .     | "                       |
| Aikman Fonconnon . . . . .     | "                       |
| Chas. L. Harris . . . . .      | Crawfordsville, Indiana |

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|------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| Dora Harris            | . | . | Crawfordsville, Indiana |
| Vivian Harris          | . | . | "                       |
| Lorens Harris          | . | . | "                       |
| F. F. Aikman           | . | . | "                       |
| R. A. Watson           | . | . | "                       |
| Bertha Watson          | . | . | "                       |
| Norman Watson          | . | . | "                       |
| Herbert Watson         | . | . | "                       |
| Bessie Watson          | . | . | "                       |
| James B. Aikman        | . | . | Washington, Indiana     |
| Omie S. Aikman         | . | . | "                       |
| George V. Aikman       | . | . | "                       |
| Anderson Veall         | . | . | "                       |
| Walter E. Cole         | . | . | "                       |
| Martha Aikman          | . | . | "                       |
| Mary Lillie            | . | . | "                       |
| George Lillie          | . | . | "                       |
| Mrs. L. Helphinstine   | . | . | "                       |
| Nelle Aikman           | . | . | "                       |
| Hellen Aikman          | . | . | "                       |
| Mary Aikman            | . | . | "                       |
| W. M. Aikman           | . | . | "                       |
| Clara B. Cole          | . | . | "                       |
| Claud Aikman           | . | . | "                       |
| Ethel Aikman           | . | . | "                       |
| Maud Aikman            | . | . | "                       |
| Chas. A. Aikman        | . | . | "                       |
| Chas. C. Aikman        | . | . | "                       |
| L. C. Aikman           | . | . | "                       |
| L. F. Corning          | . | . | "                       |
| Alonzo Helphinstine    | . | . | "                       |
| Henry Aikman           | . | . | "                       |
| Murtle Aikman Thornton | - | - | Newport, Indiana        |
| Joseph F. Thornton     | - | - | "                       |
| Mary B. Aikman         | - | - | "                       |
| Nina Aikman            | - | - | "                       |
| Given C. Aikman        | - | - | "                       |
| B. S. Aikman           | - | - | "                       |
| Helen Aikman           | - | - | "                       |
| Peter Aikman, Jr.      | - | - | "                       |
| Homer Aikman           | - | - | "                       |

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| Hugh Aikman                | - | - | - | Montezuma, Indiana    |
| Malinda Aikman             | - | - | - | "                     |
| Roy Aikman                 | - | - | - | "                     |
| Lizzie Aikman              | - | - | - | "                     |
| Mildred M. Aikman          | - | - | - | "                     |
| Mrs. Myrtle Aikman Cissell | - | - | - | Omaha, Nebraska       |
| Mrs. W. H. Aikman          | - | - | - | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| Ada M. Aikman              | - | - | - | "                     |
| Bonnie L. Aikman           | - | - | - | "                     |
| W. H. Aikman               | - | - | - | "                     |
| Ida B. Helphinstine        | - | - | - | "                     |
| Jennie Helphinstine        | - | - | - | "                     |
| Mrs. S. S. Aikman          | - | - | - | Greenfield, Ohio      |
| Adrian Aikman              | - | - | - | "                     |
| S. S. Aikman               | - | - | - | "                     |
| Mrs. Laura Aikman          | - | - | - | Clinton, Indiana      |
| Mary E. Shadd              | - | - | - | "                     |
| Martha Fillinger           | - | - | - | "                     |
| Dr. W. D. Gerrish          | - | - | - | "                     |
| Jennie Gerrish             | - | - | - | "                     |
| Donald A. Gerrish          | - | - | - | "                     |
| Wakefield E. Gerrish       | - | - | - | "                     |
| Carrie M. Taylor           | - | - | - | "                     |
| Eliza M. Aikman            | - | - | - | "                     |
| Mrs. Alice D. Garner       | - | - | - | Logan, Illinois       |
| Mrs. Ellen Aikman          | - | - | - | Toronto, Indiana      |
| M. E. Kerns                | - | - | - | "                     |
| Harold Kerns               | - | - | - | "                     |
| Marzelle Kerns             | - | - | - | "                     |
| Bess Kerns                 | - | - | - | "                     |
| Mable Aikman               | - | - | - | "                     |
| Dallye Kerns               | - | - | - | "                     |
| Katherine Kerns            | - | - | - | "                     |
| Grace Jenks                | - | - | - | "                     |
| Floyd Jenks                | - | - | - | "                     |
| Arval Jenks                | - | - | - | "                     |
| Ellen Jenks                | - | - | - | "                     |
| Ornee Jenks                | - | - | - | "                     |
| Effie Aikman               | - | - | - | Sydney, Ohio          |
| Maria A. Dickenson         | - | - | - | New Lenox, Illinois   |
| O. C. Dickenson            | - | - | - | "                     |

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|---------------------|---|---|------------------------|
| Arch A. Hawkins     | - | - | Newberry, Indiana      |
| John A. Hawkins     | - | - | "                      |
| H. Duncan Aikman    | - | - | Terre Haute, Indiana   |
| John B. Aikman      | - | - | "                      |
| J. M. Aikman        | - | - | Marion, Illinois       |
| Frances Hendrickson | - | - | "                      |
| Rasahe Hendrickson  | - | - | "                      |
| Mrs. J. M. Aikman   | - | - | "                      |
| Ernest Teague       | - | - | Marshall, Indiana      |
| Mrs. Ernest Teague  | - | - | "                      |
| Edgar Aikman        | - | - | Bedford, Indiana       |
| R. Otis Aikman      | - | - | Chrisman, Illinois     |
| Jenna Helen Lillie  | - | - | Chattanooga, Tennessee |
| Lucy Elinor Myers   | - | - | Bloomfield, Indiana    |
| T. T. Pringel       | - | - | "                      |
| Mrs. T. T. Pringel  | - | - | "                      |
| Maud Hawkins        | - | - | Lyons, Indiana         |

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Peter Aikman of Dana, Indiana, the President arriving afterwards.

Invocation, Rev. Samuel S. Aikman, Greenfield, Ohio.

Roll Call of Officers.

Minutes of 1905 meeting read and approved.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The report of committee appointed at 1905 meeting for the purpose of selecting a suitable design and the erection of a monument to the memory of John Aikman (the first Indiana Aikman) was read and approved—the substance of which was as follows:

WHEREAS, The body of John Aikman, founder of the Aikman family of Indiana, now lies buried in the old Presbyterian Cemetery in Washington, Indiana, and such grave not being cared for, we, your committee, herewith submit a suitable design for a monument with the suggestion that the remains of the said John Aikman be disinterred and removed to the Oak Grove Cemetery, Washington, Indiana, where this association shall procure a suitable spot for burial, and erect thereon a monument according to the design submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. AIKMAN  
LOUIS C. AIKMAN  
ALONZO HELPHINSTINE

*Committee*



On motion the retiring President appointed a committee for the purpose of soliciting contributions to carry out the suggestion of the 1905 committee, and if possible, to have John Aikman's remains removed and the monument erected over the grave on or before the next Aikman family reunion, to be held at Washington, Indiana, Wednesday, August 28, 1907.

The following gentlemen were appointed as such committee :

Hon. B. S. Aikman, Newport, Indiana.  
 Levi Aikman, Dana, Indiana.  
 Louis C. Aikman, Washington, Indiana.  
 Alonzo Helphinstine, Washington, Indiana.

This committee accepted the duties imposed upon them, and agreed to report to John B. Aikman, Treasurer, from time to time, as to what progress they were making.

The members of the Aikman family are requested to forward their contributions for this object to John B. Aikman, Treasurer, Terre Haute, Indiana, and to do so as soon as they can possibly make it convenient.

On motion a committee was appointed to draft resolutions on death of members of the association since our last meeting, and presented to the meeting the following resolutions :

The following members of the Aikman family have been called to their eternal home since our last reunion :

MRS. LUCY AIKMAN HOOKER  
OF DANA, INDIANA

JOHN AIKMAN  
OF WASHINGTON, INDIANA

DR. E. A. AIKMAN  
OF CLINTON, INDIANA

MRS. L. F. CORNING  
OF WASHINGTON, INDIANA

Besides these, a telegram has just been received stating that Mrs. Lilly Stalcup, of Lyons, Indiana, is lying at death's door. Perhaps while we are reading this resolution she is entering the great home-stead on high, to join in that grand reunion where no parting words shall ever be spoken.

**Whereas**, it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world these beloved members of our family, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That we extend to the bereaved relatives our profoundest sympathy in their hours of grief and loneliness; that we commend them to the tender love and divine comfort of the all-wise Father above, who doeth all things well.

Signed

REV. S. S. AIKMAN  
OF GREENFIELD, OHIO

REV. O. C. DICKONSON  
OF NEW LENOX, ILLINOIS

J. M. AIKMAN  
OF MARION, ILLINOIS

*Committee.*

## OBITUARY

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### DR. EDGAR A. AIKMAN

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Dr. Edgar A. Aikman was born January 15, 1855, at the old homestead in Helt township, in Vermillion County, Indiana. He was the son of Barton Stone Aikman and Mary Jane (Amerman) Aikman. He was christened Edgar, but afterward put into his name the maiden name of his mother. His early boyhood was spent upon the farm. His father died while he was yet a mere boy, and with his brothers, he continued to live with his mother upon the farm, and from her acquired habits of honest industry and high purpose which marked his success in after life. He acquired a good common school education in the little school house built upon land donated for the purpose by his father, and afterward received a good seminary and college education, and taught school for a number of years, during which time he was superintendent of the Newport High School. From his early manhood he had a desire to enter the profession of medicine, and from his savings as a school teacher, he graduated at Rush Medical College, Chicago. He then located for the practice of medicine at Clinton, Indiana, starting without one dollar, his only capital being a thorough education, a fixed determination to succeed, and the companionship of a faithful and helpful wife. He practiced his profession until the time of his death, and died leaving a nice little fortune for his devoted wife. He was an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, and a 32nd degree Mason. During his professional life, he continued his studies, and kept abreast of the times, and at his death commanded the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens. He was a member of the Vigo County Medical Society, and was at one time its president. He read several papers on medical subjects before this society and often contributed to medical journals. He was recognized by the profession as an able and learned physician, of which his great success was the best witness. The Aikman name has not been lowered by his life and works. He was honest, courageous, thoughtful, painstaking and ambitious, but with it all his life was mixed with those finer feelings of a gentle sympathy for all distressed mankind. He loved his kindred and was always solicitous for their welfare. He loved his home and family, and died April 11, 1906, surrounded by his wife, brothers and a host of friends. While it was yet only

noon in a life of usefulness, he was called home. The religious instincts received at his mother's knee characterized his life until the end, and he passed into the great beyond, as he had many years lived, firmly anchored to his mother's faith. Farewell; but his name is our cherished memory.

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## LILLIAN AIKMAN STALCUP

The funeral of Mrs. Lillian Aikman Stalcup occurred at the M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Allen Kenworthy, interment following in the Prairie Chapel cemetery. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The attendance was very large.

### OBITUARY.

Lillian Aikman Stalcup, daughter of Archibald and Savilla Aikman (both of whom preceded her to the other world) was born July 5, 1878, and died August 23, 1906, at the age of 28 years, 1 month and 18 days.

On May 20th she was married to Fred L. Stalcup, and she was looking forward to the time when she could join her husband in their new home, furnished and ready, at Jasonville; but in place of that home here on earth she went to her eternal home.

After the death of her mother in January, 1886, her sister Miss Effie, was married to John Davidson, and Lillian made her home with them until her death.

When but a child she united with the M. E. Church in Lyons, and was true to her vows till death. During the last two years of her life she was a member of the official board of the church, serving as steward.

She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge at this place. She was one of the most prominent and zealous members at the time of organization, having her membership at Switz City at the time. On account of her arder and zeal in the work she was appointed the first Noble Grand. In this office she faithfully served her term. She represented this order in the Grand Lodge, being the first one to be so honored.

The loss of our dear sister is a very heavy one to the brothers and sisters of this order and has cast a gloom over their sacred hall, which will long remain.

With sad hearts they assembled at the M. E. Church Sunday to give their much loved sister the highest tribute of respect that is within their power. She was the first one to represent these persons to their Grand Lodge here on earth and has now been the first one called to represent them in heaven. May this lodge be a better one by knowing that they have a sister in that higher realm where partings never come.

But there is that closer circle of relatives and dear ones who will miss her presence much more than we, for a husband, two brothers and four sisters—W. H. Aikman, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Effie Davidson, of Lyons; Mrs. Ada Price, of Linton; Archibald Aikman, of Dugger; Mrs. Grace Aikman-Bryant, of Boise City, Idaho; and Miss Ethel Aikman, of Dugger, and nephews, nieces and others who are related to her in the kindred ties of blood relationship.

And here in this presence, friends and relatives join in saying: "Peace to Her Ashes."



Owing to the deficiency in funds of our treasurer, it became necessary to raise our assessments from \$1.00 to \$2.50 to meet our obligations. Any absent members of this meeting will not be barred from contributing this assessed amount and they can remit the same to John B. Aikman, Treasurer, 660 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana, and he will mail you receipt for the money and properly credit you with the same.

### DUES RECEIVED. CASH, OCT. 17, 1905

|                       |        |                       |         |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| P. Aikman - - - -     | \$1.00 | Lon Helphinstine - -  | \$1.00  |
| B. Scott Aikman - -   | 1.00   | Mrs. Chas. Jones - -  | 1.00    |
| Levi Aikman - - - -   | 1.00   | H. C. Aikman - - - -  | 1.00    |
| Sam'l Aikman - - - -  | 1.00   | Hugh Aikman - - - -   | 1.00    |
| E. T. Aikman - - - -  | 1.00   | Walter Cole - - - -   | 1.00    |
| John Hawkins - - - -  | 1.00   | Arch Aikman - - - -   | 1.00    |
| Lewis Aikman - - - -  | 1.00   | Dr. Robt. Aikman - -  | 1.00    |
| John Davidson - - - - | 1.00   | Wm. H. Aikman - - -   | 1.00    |
| Theo. Pringle - - - - | 1.00   | J. B. Aikman - - - -  | 1.00    |
| J. O. Price - - - -   | 1.00   | Geo. E. Hopkins - - - | 1.00    |
| Dr. Ed Aikman - - - - | 1.00   | Will M. Aikman - - -  | 1.00    |
| W. M. Taylor - - - -  | 1.00   | Wm. Aikman - - - -    | 1.00    |
| Roy Aikman - - - -    | 1.00   | Atlantic City, N. J.  |         |
| Henry Aikman - - - -  | 1.00   | Jas. M. Aikman - - -  | 1.00    |
| L. F. Corning - - - - | 1.00   | Atlantic City, N. J.  |         |
| C. C. Aikman - - - -  | 1.00   | James B. Aikman - - - | 1.00    |
| H. M. Aikman - - - -  | 1.00   | New Orleans, La.      |         |
| F. F. Aikman - - - -  | 1.00   | Robt. W. Aikman - - - | 1.00    |
|                       |        | New Orleans, La.      |         |
|                       |        |                       | \$33.00 |

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### AIKMAN FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION

Submitted at Second Annual meeting  
August 19, 1906.

#### RECEIPTS:

|  |       |                |
|--|-------|----------------|
| Dues Received at First Meeting, October 17, 1905 | -     | \$31.00        |
| Dues Received later by mail                      | - - - | 2.00           |
| Total  | - - - | <u>\$33.00</u> |

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

|  |       |                |
|--|-------|----------------|
| Cash Paid W. H. Aikman, Secretary for Sundries |       | \$14.61        |
| Printing Reports First Meeting                 | - -   | 35.00          |
| Half Tone Cuts                                 | - - - | 6.75           |
| Seal   | - - - | 3.00           |
| Total  | - -   | <u>\$59.36</u> |
| Deficit Advanced by Treasurer                  | - -   | \$26.36        |

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. AIKMAN, Treasurer.

Dues Received at Second Meeting, August 19, 1906    \$80.00

Cash Subscriptions on Monument Fund  
August 19, 1906

|   |     |                 |
|---|-----|-----------------|
| Robt. S. Aikman, Ft. Scott, Kan.              | -   | \$10.00         |
| Wm. H. Aikman, Indianapolis, Ind.             |     | 10.00           |
| Hugh Aikman, Montezuma, Ind.                  | -   | 5.00            |
| S. S. Aikman, Greenfield, O.                  | -   | 5.00            |
| L. Corning, Washington, Ind.                  | -   | 5.00            |
| B. S. Aikman, Newport, Ind., January 15, 1907 |     | 10.00           |
|   |     | <u>45.00</u>    |
| Total   | - - | <u>\$125.00</u> |

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

|   |     |                 |
|---|-----|-----------------|
| Postage and Printing for Second Meeting | -   | \$12.00         |
| Rent Terre Haute Fair Grounds           | - - | 25.00           |
| J. B. Aikman, Treasurer, Overdraft      | - - | 26.36           |
| Balance on hand January 16, 1907        | - - | 61.64           |
| Total                                   | - - | <u>\$125.00</u> |

J. B. AIKMAN, Treasurer.

Terre Haute, Ind., January 16, 1907.

## ANSWERS TO INVITATIONS TO ATTEND THE SECOND REUNION AT TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Marion, Ills., August 15, 1906.

We can not attend the reunion on account of poor health of myself. We wish you all success.

G. J. AIKMAN.

Kansas City, Mo., August 18, 1906.

Very sorry we can not attend the reunion. My mother, Mrs. Martha J. Johnson, of Topeka, will also be unable to attend. With regards to all.

DANIEL A. CLEMENTS.

Bloomington, Ills., August 15, 1906.

I very much regret not being able to attend the reunion, but trust it will be in my power to do so at next one.

RICHARD W. HITCHINS.

Marion, Ills., August 14, 1906.

I regret very much to inform you that myself or none of my family can attend. Wishing you success,

G. W. INGRAM.

New Orleans, La., August 14, 1906.

It is impossible to attend this meeting but if the Lord is good will surely attend the next.

ROBERT LEE AIKMAN.

Cambridge, Mass., August 3, 1906.

I regret that I can not this year join the clan, but hope to next year.

W. H. DUNNING.

Atlantic City, N. J., August 3, 1906.

The death of my wife after nearly sixty years of companionship would prevent my enjoyment of the reunion.

WILLIAM AIKMAN.

Detroit, Mich., August 2, 1906.

Best wishes for success of reunion; regret I can not be present.

WILLIAM AIKMAN, JR.



New York, August 3, 1906.

I very much regret I can not attend the Aikman Family reunion, but send you greetings and best wishes. If you have an association I should like to join it. Please advise me.

C. W. AIKMAN.

Cazenovia, New York, August 14, 1906.

Too far away ; will be glad to have an account of it sent me if you get one out.

W. O. AIKMAN.

New Orleans, La., August 6, 1906.

Impossible for me to attend; my wife dangerously ill. Extend greetings to all Aikmans.

JOHN W. AIKMAN.

New York, August 6, 1906.

It will be impossible for me to attend the reunion, which I much regret.

WALTER MONTEITH AIKMAN.

Chicago, Ills., August 12, 1907.

It will be impossible for me to attend the reunion.

MARY D. AIKMAN.

Marion, Ills., August 12, 1906.

My son Arthur B. Aikman will not be present but hopes to do so next year.

J. M. AIKMAN.

Dana, Ind., August 8, 1906.

I regret very much that I cannot be present at the reunion.

ADELAIDE WESTBROOK.

Atlantic City, N. J., August 3, 1906.

I will be unable to attend. Kindly let me know the amount of cost and I will send it.

J. M. AIKMAN.

Chicago, Ills., August 8, 1906.

Bert Aikman is in New York for a month. Regretting that none of us will be able to attend this year, and thanking you for your kindness, I am fraternally,

CAROLINE E. AIKMAN.

Brooklyn, N. Y., August 3, 1906.

I regret to advise you I shall be unable to attend.

HUGH AIKMAN.

Boise, Idaho, August 4, 1906.

Am sorry, but it will be impossible for me to be present. My best wishes are with you.

GRACE AIKMAN BRYANT.

Pittsburg, Pa., August 8, 1906.

It is impossible for myself or any one of the family to attend the reunion. Hoping a successful reunion.

JAMES B. AIKMAN.

Cherry Vale, Kans., August 8, 1906.

I regret that I am unable to attend the Aikman family reunion this year.

MARY J. STRICKLER,

Rulo, Neb., August 8, 1906.

I regret very much that we cannot attend the reunion.

T. M. AIKMAN.

Brooklyn, N. Y., August 13, 1906.

Am sorry I cannot come.

E. ALLEN WOOD.

Warrensburg, Ills., August 15, 1906.

Sorry we can not come, but hope to at another time.

W. A. MELTON, JR.

New Orleans, La., August 17, 1906.

Kindly tender my respects and extend greetings to all Aikmans.

JAS. B. AIKMAN.

New York, August 21, 1906.

I have been out of town since July 27th. Sorry we cannot be with you. Business is at the record pace in my line (Wall street.)

Best wishes to all,

R. S. AIKMAN.

Sidney, Ohio, August 13, 1906.

I regret that it is impossible for me or my family to attend the reunion.

EDWARD AIKMAN.

Newark, N. J., August 22, 1906.

In reply to your postal in regard to the Aikman family reunion dated August 1st. This was delayed by my absence from the city on vacation, which I sincerely regret. You are today holding the reunion and I heartily wish that I could be with you and meet the many members of our good old family whom I do not know.

Very sincerely yours,

W. M. AIKMAN, JR.

TELEGRAM

Natchez, Miss., August 22, 1906.

Sorry cannot meet with you, best wishes for all.

W. H. AIKMAN.

Brooklyn, N. Y., August 14, 1906.

My dear Mr. Aikman:

On returning from out of the city I find your postal card. An invitation to take part in the second reunion of the Aikman family.

I assure you I would be more than pleased to accept your very kind invitation, but owing to previous engagements and my family being out of the city it will be impossible for myself and family to be present.

You will please consider me present in heart and spirit if not in body. It has always been one of my great pleasures to meet members of my father's family and was much pleased to receive a letter from Mrs. Grace Aikman Bryant, of 612 Cherry street, your city, May 31, 1905, in which Mrs. Bryant writes that her grandfather was Hugh Aikman. My great grandfather John Aikman, to the best of my knowledge had three sons, Robert, Hugh and James, Robert my grandfather and Hugh my grand uncle lived in New York and Brooklyn for many years. My father, Charles Aikman, often spoke of his uncle James who went to New Orleans many years ago.

In answering Mrs. Bryant's letter, I asked her to please inform me of her father's name, but to this day have not received any answer. I will state that my grandfather Robert Aikman had six sons that I know of, Robert, John, Charles my father, Augustus, James and William, also five daughters, Anna, Mary, Caroline, Sarah and Julia. My great uncle Hugh Aikman, to the best of my knowledge had five sons, Samuel, Robert, Walter, Ebenezer and Augustus, also four daughters Katherine, Mary, Rebecca and Sarah. My great uncle James, of New Orleans had only one son that I ever heard of, his name was John.

Mrs. Bryant in her letter mentioned the name of Spier. I would state that my grand father was related to Robert Spier.

I would be pleased to give you all the information in connection with the Aikman family in my power.

In closing I trust we are of one large and grand family, and hope to meet you and all in the near future. My wife Eleanor and my two daughters Alice M. and Katherine P. join with me in sending best wishes to you all and thank you for kind and loving invitation. I trust kind providence will be with you all, is the prayer of one who is a long way from you in body, but with you in heart and spirit. Kindly extend my best wishes to Mrs. Grace Aikman Bryant, also please give my love to all the Aikman family, as I feel that I am one of the same family that you are connected with. Trusting that August 22, 1906, the day of the Aikman family reunion will be a day of great pleasure and happiness,

I am very respectfully,

FRED. AUGUSTUS AIKMAN.

Ft. Scott, Kansas, August 18, 1906.

Mr. W. H. Aikman,

Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Will:

Very sorry to inform you that it will be out of the question for me to meet with you at our Family Reunion next week. Have just returned from Colorado on a short vacation and find my business in such condition that it will be impossible for me to leave at the present time. Should like ever so much to be with you on this occasion. However, I hope you will have a pleasant meeting and any action you may take in regard to the erecting of a monument to our grandfather at Washington will be approved by me and I

will gladly furnish you a check for the amount which should be contributed by me for that purpose.

I enclose you a letter which I received a day or two ago from W. A. Aikman, of Eldorado, Kansas, which may be of some interest to you and the Association. Kindly have the same read at your meeting.

Wishing you a pleasant time.

Yours truly,

N. AIKMAN.

Cherryvale, Kan., August 20, 1906.

Mr. John B. Aikman,

Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the very warm weather and a slight indisposition my mother Mrs. Martha Johnson is unable to attend the Aikman Family Reunion.

She is the youngest and only living child of John Aikman whose descendants are holding this reunion and it would give her great pleasure to meet her relatives, many of whom she knew before she left Indiana, thirty-five years ago, to make her home in Topeka, Kansas, where she still lives.

Hoping the reunion may be in every respect a grand success and that she may have the pleasure of meeting with you next year,

I am sincerely yours,

MARY JOHNSON STRICKLER.

Bloomington, Ill., July 25, 1906.

W. H. Aikman, Esq.

Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 23d inst. received, also pamphlet of "Reunion" etc., which I have read with pleasure and highly appreciate.

There is no doubt whatever but that my mother's antecedents are of the same family, only a different branch possibly, and I am very proud of the distinction it confers. I will send same to my relatives, and will try and be in Terre Haute August 22d.

Thanking you for your valued kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

R. H. HITCHINS.

## INTERESTING COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AIKMAN FAMILIES.

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El Dorado, Kansas, August 14, 1906.

Dr. R. Aikman,

Ft. Scott, Kansas.

My Dear Doctor:

I have recently received the book containing the history of the Aikman family, and it has been of great interest to me.

I am 79 years of age, but am quite strong. I would enjoy meeting with the members of the Aikman family at their next meeting or reunion.

I have met only one or two of the Aikman family other than of my own immediate family. I feel that it might be of interest to the family to know something of our ancestral history.

There is one established fact, and that is, the Aikman family is of Scottish origin. My grandfather, Alexander Aikman was born in Scotland and was in the Revolutionary war. He was killed at the battle of Brandywine. He married and settled, I think first, in New Jersey and then at Carlisle, Pa., where my father John Aikman and his sister, Elizabeth Aikman were born.

My grandfather, Alexander Aikman had several brothers who came to America with him, but I am unable to give their names. My father and his sister moved to Laurel county, Kentucky about the year, 1797. He was born in 1771 and died at the age of 73. He had a good education for that day and engaged in the practice of medicine in Kentucky. He was regarded as a man of high character. I well remember his high arched forehead which is characteristic of our family. My father had a son, Alexander, who died at the age of 22, and a daughter, Ann, who died a great many years ago.

As for myself, I was raised in Laurel county, Kentucky and held several positions of trust. I moved to Butler county, Kansas in 1871 where I have since resided. My family consists of myself, wife and four boys, Granville P. Aikman, who for a number of years has been Circuit Judge of the 13th Judicial District of Kansas; Christopher L. Aikman, who is now Prosecuting Attorney of Butler county, Kansas, and has just been re-nominated for another term; John S. Aikman, who resides in Denver, Colorado, and who is a fine business man, and Conrad A. Aikman, of El Dorado, Kansas, a prosperous grain and coal merchant. My boys are all married and

are keeping the name "Aikman" alive. In so far as I have any knowledge, one of the characteristics of the family, is uprightness in all the relations of life.

The women of the family are amiable and exemplary wives and mothers. Longevity is another one of the characteristics of our family. I have been married 54 years, having married Miss Martha Graves of Laurel county, Kentucky.

I have heard my son speak of you often, and I would be delighted to meet and talk with you. No doubt but what the same blood courses through our veins.

My oldest boy died when nearly five years old, named Alexander. I wanted to keep the name in the family.

With kindest regards, I remain, very truly,

W. A. AIKMAN.

Marion, Ill., August 9, 1906.

Descendants of Samuel Aikman, who was the father of twelve children, who died in 1849.

Thomas Alfred Aikman

Mary Elizabeth Goodall, Marion, Ills.

Harriett Ann Holland, " "

Willis Jefferson Aikman, " "

Three having died in infancy.

John Aikman, dying about age of 22.

James Monroe Aikman.

Was the father of three children, dying at age of 36—has only one child living.

James Monroe Aikman, Marion, Ill.

William Aikman.

Was the father of nine children, three of whom are living.

Mrs. Rosalie Hendrickson, Marion, Ill.

Mrs. Cornelia Ingram, " "

Jerome Aikman, " "

Maria Price.

Was the mother of eight children, one survives.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders, Marion, Ill.

Eliab Aikman.

Was the father of three boys,

Albert Aikman, San Antonio, Texas.

Frank Aikman, Marion, Ills.

Edward Aikman, " "

Sarah Long.

Was the mother of two daughters, one survives.

Mrs. Herrietta Oglesby, Marion, Ills.

Willis Aikman.

Father of eight children, four who survive him.

Dudley Aikman, Marion, Ills.

Samuel Aikman, " "

Elizabeth Aikman, " "

Anna Aikman, " "

Frances Sparks.

Was the mother of seven children, five survive.

Edward Sparks, Marion, Ills.

Robert Sparks, " "

Mamie Sparks, Chicago, Ills.

Herrietta Sparks, " "

Frances Sparks, " "

Emma Aikman, died at age of twelve.

Angeline Aikman, died at age of eighteen.

One dying in infancy.

I am sorry that I cannot furnish the dates of the births and deaths. As I could not, I thought this would serve to show how many of the descendants of Samuel Aikman, and his wife, Henrietta (Coleman) Aikman there were living. I am sorry that I cannot be with you at this gathering in of the good people, but hope to be with you next year. Accept my heartiest congratulation for your meeting. I am the oldest one of this generation living, age 57.

Most respectfully,

MARY E. GOODALL.

12 Kingsborough Gardens, Kelvinside, Glasgow.

20th October, 1906.

Rev. Wm. Aikman, D. D.,

Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I lately received the loan of "First Annual Reunion of the Aikman family" from an old Aunt in Jamaica, and have read it with much interest and pleasure. I should like to have one or two copies if they are to be had, as my Aunt (Mrs. Eliza Hitchins, nee Aikman) wishes her copy returned.



I see that your father's ancestor arrived in New York City about 1780. Was his name William? Last winter my wife and I went to the West Indies in January, returning in April. While in Jamaica, I hunted up the old Gazettes and found that in 1778-80, William Aikman was in partnership with my great grandfather, Alexander Aikman, Senior. William Aikman appears to have left Jamaica, or died, in 1780. I could find no further trace of him after that year, and think it extremely probable that he is your ancestor. Since I found out about this William Aikman, I have often wondered that he was lost sight of after 1780. My great grandfather, Alexander, was in New York in 1795 or 96 and had some correspondence there, among them, Mr. Rivington, a printer, so Aikman would not have been altogether a stranger on arriving. I think it very likely that he was an elder Brother as his name came first, and my great grandfather's second, in the partnership advertisements. Besides the Royal Gazette office in East St. Kingston, Ja., there was a store in Duke street, where they sold books, stationery, tea, (25-N. Y.) rolls of muslin, and a variety of other goods. I read the advertisements in the Gazette, and possess some of them, I have looked among my papers for a copy of one of the firm's advertisements to send you, but without success.

My wife and I had visited Jamaica, for a fortnight (going on one of the R. Mail Cruises), three years before our last visit and I unearthed an old "Journal of a voyage from Charlestown, South Carolina, in 1778," by Miss L. S. Wells in manuscript. I had it typed, I sent it to the New York Historical Society, and published it this Spring, in 1 Vol.—\$2.00 cost. 200 copies were printed. Besides the Journal proper, the society published a good deal of material that I had collected, all in the volume. I think you would be interested in the book as the journal is well written and gives an accurate description of life in New York in 1778. Miss Wells afterward married my great grandfather, and the "Journal" is in the form of letters to him which he kept and bound. I showed the manuscript to Mr. Harriman, a brother of E. H. Harriman of W. Pacific fame, who I met at Bad Neuheim, about four years ago. He was very much interested in it, and advocated its publication. We were together for about eight weeks at Neuheim and I was sorry to hear of Mr. Harriman's death, some months later. The Wells family were talented. Dr. W. C. Wells who was also born in South Carolina, wrote an "Essay on Dew" which is still the text book at Cambridge, altho published about 100 years ago. My son,

who took his B. A. at Cambridge, informed me that he used Dr. Wells book while here.

My father was a Solicitor in Government Service and was sent to British Honduras when I was about eleven. I went into trade when I was ready to go to work, and left altogether in 1893, to settle in Scotland. In 1879, I met in Germany, Miss Jessie Robertson Blackie, eldest daughter of Robert Blackie, of the firm of Blackie & Son, Publishers, London and Glasgow. In 1881, I married Miss Blackie and from that time to 1893, crossed to this side nearly every year, spending the summer months on this side. I used to travel from New Orleans to New York, and have been in the States some twenty-four times, and did not know of the existence of Aikmans in America. The last time my wife and I were in America was eight years ago. We had gone out on a visit and returned via New York. I have two sons, the eldest, Robert Blackie, born in Brit. Honduras in 1882. He completed his education at Clare College, Cambridge, last June and in December went into an accountant's office. The second son, Kenneth Blackie is 18. He was born in Glasgow and had four years at Kelvinside Academy, five to six years at Trinity College, Glenalmond. He was entered for, and was to have gone to Cambridge this October, but last December met a serious accident at football. He was playing for Glenalmond against Loretts when he got a nasty blow. He thought nothing about it, but two days later peritonitis developed and as it was two days before we got him home (the school is twelve miles from Perth Station) a very great operation was performed and the large opening had to be kept open for two weeks to allow the internal dressings to be changed. He hovered between life and death for a fortnight, and then youth, fine condition, and good blood, humanly speaking, pulled him through. He was in the Doctor's hands for five months, for the last three at home, with a nurse in attendance. In May he was able to travel and my wife took him for a tour in France, Italy and Switzerland. They returned in August and we have been traveling about since, and have just begun to settle down for the winter. Kenneth is now hard at work preparing for the entrance examination at Cambridge in December. He will take the "Little Go" and then come home and work with a tutor for a year; going up to Cambridge (D. V.) next October. Sir William McEwan who operated, thinks there would be risk if he stayed at Cambridge just now, as the walls of the abdomen are not yet strong enough to stand a jerk or a push.

Some years ago I went up to Cairnie, where the old Aikman Castle stood. Not a trace of the castle remains. The site was on an eminence commanding the surrounding country. The old walled garden is still in fair preservation, but is a wilderness. In Arbroath Abbey there are graves of some ten John Aikmans, three or four Alexanders. The Aikman coat of arms in stone, used to be in the walled garden, but a Robertson Aikman got permission to remove it and it is now at his place. A Robertson married a Miss Aikman about 100 years ago and took the name and coat of arms.

I have a copy of a book published a few years ago "Eminent Arbroathians" by I. M. McBain, F. S. A. Scot, Publishers, Brodie & Salmond Arbroath, 1897. The article is on William Aikman of Lordburn and Cairnie." It only occupies twelve pages of a book of about 450 pages.

On one of the old tombstones in the Abbey burying ground is an inscription "Hic est tumus Aikman Lordburne" and on the other "O Fluxum decos humanum et variabile et tempus et umbra sumus." One of the best known of the old Aikmans is known as the "Gude Laird 'O Cairnie."

There is a portrait of William Aikman, the painter, in the National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh, painted by himself. Also some other portraits painted by him. He sold the Ancestral Estate in 1707 and travelled in the east for some time, and studied painting in Rome. After five years foreign residence, he returned to England and settled in Edinburgh. He was a patron of Allan Ramsay, author of the "Gentle Shepherd" and painted his portrait. These are the lines by a contemporary.

Here, painted on this canvass clout,  
By Aikman's hand, is Ramsay's snout;  
The picture's value, none may doubt;  
For ten to one I'll venture  
The greatest critics could not tell  
Which of the two does not excel.  
Or in his way should bear the bell—  
The poet or the painter.

I. C. PENICUK. 5 May, 1723.

Allan Ramsay wrote some touching lines on the death of Mr. Aikman.

My great grandfather had two coffee and sugar estates in Jamaica which used to be very valuable, but for the last sixty years have been out of cultivation. There are some squatters on the land, the descendants of the old slaves, who pay a little ground rent.

One of the plantations is "Birnam Wood," and the other Wallenford. My ancestors country house was called "Dunsinane." I visited the old plantations on my two visits. The first visit four years ago, I made the acquaintance of an old slave of my great grandfather. He was then 98 years old and died the following year, when nearing his century.

He told me that his old master was not only a kind one, but the kindest master in Jamaica and his slaves loved him. He wept at seeing me and said I was the 4th generation that he had seen of Aikmans. On my last visit, I brought away an old sun dial that had stood in front of the Wallenford house for 100 years.

The Historical Society's address is 170 Second Avenue, New York, Librarian Robert H. Kelby. At the end of the book you will find memoirs taken from the "Gentleman's Magazine" of my great grandfather, grandfather, mothers and others. As I said before only 200 copies of the book were printed and they may be soon exhausted.

If you have not a copy to spare of the Aikman pamphlet, would you please send on this letter to Dr. Robert Aikman of Fort Scott, Kansas. The Falkirk Aikmans of whom Robert S. Aikman of Brooklyn writes are the same family, as I have letters about 100 years old relating to them. I lately got hold of three volumes of old letters all bound, from various members of the Aikman family. They date from 1793 to 1805. I also received an old crown Derby Tea Set that was a wedding present to my great grandmother, Miss Wells, in 1784, on her marriage to A. Aikman.

Pray pardon my writing so freely to you, but I am nearly sure that we are 4th cousins as my great grandfather had an elder brother and he must have been William. I know of the younger brothers but not of the eldest. John who went to Jamaica as a merchant was converted on one of the voyages outward. In 1795 he returned to this country with about £25000. He studied Theology and built a congregational church in Edinburg and for nearly forty years preached in it without charge. He left the church to the Congregation. There was erected a monument to him on the site, the monument was afterward transferred to Greyfriars Church Yard, Edinburgh. William Aikman, the painter's tomb is also in the Greyfriars grave yard.

I will be at all times glad to give any attention to requests for information and if any of the American Aikmans visit Scotland, please ask them to look me up. It will be a pleasure to show them hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

WM. G. AIKMAN.

I have an old seal of my great grandfather with the Aikman coat of arms cut on it. The completed old coat.

New Orleans, La., March, 1906.

W. H. Aikman,  
Indianapolis, Ind.,

My Dear Mr. Aikman:

Enclosed please find promised brief history of this branch of the Aikman family. Should you require the names of the children I have omitted please advise me. Any information I possibly can give you on the subject I am at your service.

I also mail you P. O. Order two dollars (\$2) in payment of proposed annual assessment of self and eldest son John Walter. You can place same to our credit.

J. B. AIKMAN.

#### AIKMAN FAMILY:

James Aikman, Native of New York. Died at Algiers, La.,  
June 13, 1872, age 70 years.

Doretha S. Aikman, (nee Baynum), daughter of farmer, native of  
Snow Hill, Maryland. Died at Algiers, La., April 6, 1870,  
age 74 years.

#### Children:—

Mary Ann, Native of New York. Died in childhood.

James, Native of New York. Died in childhood.

James B., Native of New York. Resident of Algiers, La.

John B., Native of Algiers, La. Accidentally drowned in  
Mississippi River June 1844, age 8½ years.

Robert M., Native of Algiers, La. Died August 8, 1886,  
age 28 years, 7 months.

Charles William, Native of Algiers, La. Died February  
24, 1896, age 54 years, 2 months.

James Aikman and family moved to Algiers, La., in the latter part of November, 1834; removed to Pearlinton, Miss., in 1837; returned with family to Algiers, La., in 1840, making it his permanent home.

James Aikman by profession was a ship builder. In 1846 was elected Justice of the Peace, serving in that official capacity for six years. Laws of Louisiana that date created Justices of the Peace Presidents of Police Juries, also Deputy Coroners. Prior to annexation of Algiers to City of New Orleans was for several years Parish Tax Collector. Algiers since annexation is known as Fifth District, City of New Orleans.

James Baynum Aikman, Native of New York. Born Sept. 1833, resident Algiers, La. 72½ years. (Son of James and Doretha S. Aikman.)

First wife, M. J. Wilkins, (Deceased), Native of New Albany, Ind.

Second wife, Heloise R. Moores, Native of New Orleans, La.

Children:—

Mary Ann, Native of Algiers, La. Died in childhood.

Sylvester F., Native of Algiers, La. Died in childhood.

Eloise Rosetta, Native of Algiers, La. Died in childhood.

John Walter, Native of Algiers, La. Engineer; married and has four children, the youngest boy baby one month old.

George Edwin, Native of Algiers, La. Engineer; married and has two children.

Isabella Doretha, Native of Algiers, La. Married Charles Russell, R. R. Engineer; one child, a girl.

James Baynum Aikman holds United States License as Master and Pilot: 24th as Master and 38th issue as Pilot. Served seven years on the Board of Directors of Public Schools of the city of New Orleans, La.

Robert Millen Aikman, (Deceased), Native of Algiers, La.

Wife, Isaphena Burket, Native of Cannelton, Ind.

Children:—

James Burket, Deceased.

Elizabeth, Deceased.

Robert L., Married and resident of Algiers, La.

Charles William Aikman, (Deceased), Native of Algiers, La.

Wife, Sarah E. Smith, Native of Algiers, La.

Children:—

Three who died in childhood.

Celia, Born Algiers, La. Now resident of Alabama.

Charles W., Born Algiers, La. Married and resident of Algiers, La.

Sadie, Born Algiers, La. Resident of Algiers, La.

Alma, Born Algiers, La. Wife of Geo. Stretzinger, resident of New Orleans, La.

Alexander, Born Algiers, La. Youth.

Kingston, Jamaica, August 18, 1906.

To the President of the first Annual Reunion of the Aikman family  
in Indianapolis, October 17, 1905.

Dear Sir:

I have received from my son Richard Herbert Hitchins, the manager in Bloomington, Illinois, of the Mutual Life Assurance Society or Company, a very interesting pamphlet relative to my family of Aikmans. I send you in this a slight memo of what I have in relation to the subject and it may interest you and your circle at the next gathering. I, Eliza Hitchins, formerly Aikman, was the grand daughter of the Alex. Aikman, who came to Jamaica from Charleston, S. C., and settled in Jamaica. Alexander<sup>?</sup> Aikman, Sen. was born in 1755. He left Scotland in 1769. He had been put to some business he had disliked and got away in a vessel bound to Dantzic as cabin boy. He remained there three years when he left for South Carolina. Soon after he landed in Charleston he became head clerk in Mr. Robert Wells book store. Mr. Wells was also King's printer, there he remained. Mr. Wells being a Loyalist he had to fly the country. Mr. Aikman came to Jamaica where he became King's printer. In 1781 he married Miss L. S. Wells and of their children three grew up—Alex. Aikman, Ann and Mary. Mary married Mr. James Smith, of Kingston. He had two daughters and a son, James, Louisa and Mary. Ann-Louisa married Mr. John Read, ordnance store-keeper. She had one daughter, Caroline Robinson, who married Mr. Irving Wilkinson. She was left a widow and has since died. Mrs. Read died in 1873. James married and has left a widow and one daughter, both dead. Mary Ann married Mr. Henry Forbes. She had two sons and two daughters, one son and one daughter now alive. Mr. Aikman's youngest daughter Anne married Dr. Wright. She had a son who died in 1879, leaving a widow and four children.

Alexander Aikman married Miss Charlotte Corry, of Great Yarmouth. She died leaving a son and daughter, Alex. Wells Aikman and Amelia Anne. He married secondly Miss Mary Bryan. She had six children. Of the six one remains at the age of 81, who now sends this account. Her eldest sister died last November at the advanced age of 91. She was very clever in being well educated and could understand many languages. She could write, but never published. I, Eliza Aikman, married in 1845 to Mr. Henry Banks Hitchins, a native of Jamaica, of white parents, many of them serving their King in England and India. My husband died on the

23d of March last, aged 83, after 61 years of conjugal blessedness leaving me to mourn his loss. We had previously lost two sons, both in the prime of life leaving widows, one with four and the other with two children. One of my grand daughters married Rev. Ernest Cook Wesley, minister now preaching at Colon.

Hoping that this account may be of use, I am gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

ELIZA HITCHINS.

I have one or two more extracts from the Gents Magazine, printed in Kingston, but my sight is not very good and I will send them should you wish to have them. My grandfather settled two estates Birnam Wood and Wallenford and a half-way house to sleep when visiting the estates called Dunsinane. I have his coat of arms and crest and motto. My brother always used them on his carriage and paper.

I have sent the pamphlet to my nephew Mr. Wm. George Aikman, of No. 12 Kingsborough Gardens, Kelvinside, Glasgow, to read, but if you can spare me a copy of the one which I suppose you will issue in 1907 for 1906, I shall consider it a favor. My nephew above mentioned was born in Jamaica, but having married Miss Blackie of the former place concluded to live there. Mr. Blackie was publisher in Glasgow. Kindly address,

MRS. HITCHINS,

No. 60 Harbour Street, Kingston, Jamaica.

Atlantic City, Dec. 14, 1905.

My Dear Mr. Aikman:

I received, and we, my wife and my son James, who is the Cashier of the Union Bank of this city, and myself read with intense interest "The first Annual Reunion of the Aikman family" which you have kindly sent me. I and the whole Aikman tribe owe you everything for what you have done in this matter. You have shown a more than Aikman resource, perseverance and energy in this matter and I want to extend my personal thanks to you for it. Your work has been invaluable to us all; I feel it to be so especially, since, while I have given a great deal of thought and labor to our Aikman history. I had no idea that there were so many of the name in this country and in so many States of the Union. We are a bigger clan than I imagined.

I have not often in my life had anything come more tenderly and sweetly to me than the vote of thanks which was extended to





THE OLD JOHN AIKMAN HOMESTEAD, built in 1833. This was the first brick house built in Daviess County. He made the brick himself tramping the mud with oxen. This is where the 1907 Reunion will be held.



me, my eyes dimmed as I read the paragraph and I value it more than words can express. The words "It was requested that the prayers of all present be sent to the father of us all" have in them a tone of melody that I shall never forget. It somehow links my heart to all of you Western Aikmans and makes me want to grasp your hands. My son James M. Aikman and I send our one dollar assessment.

Very cordially yours,

WILLIAM AIKMAN.

## NEXT REUNION

It was the voice of members present at Terre Haute meeting that our next gathering shall be held at Washington, Daviess County, Indiana, August 28, 1907, and that said gathering should be held at Washington, Indiana, where the old Aikman homestead now stands.

It was also decided that after the 1907 gathering, all meetings shall be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, as facilities for Railroad rates and Hotel accommodation can be had to better advantage.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers for 1907 were unanimously elected:

HENRY AIKMAN, President, Washington, Ind,  
 JAMES M. AIKMAN, Vice-President, Marion, Ills.  
 WM. H. AIKMAN, Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 JOHN B. AIKMAN, Treasurer, Terre Haute, Ind.

The meeting adjourned subject to call after the attendants at the gathering had listened to a flow of magnificent oratory as voiced by many of the Aikman family. Lack of space makes it impossible to print all these chosen words that fell from the lips of members of our time honored family.

DR. ROBERT AIKMAN, Retiring President.  
 PETER AIKMAN, Retiring Vice-President.  
 WM. H. AIKMAN, Secretary.  
 JOHN B. AIKMAN, Treasurer.

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## CLOSING REMARKS BY OUR SECRETARY

To the Aikman Family, all over the world. Greeting—

This, our second reunion has brought to my heart a sweet consolation, owing to the fact that it so strongly evidenced the intense interest that is being taken by our numerous family branches in the welfare and social conditions of the living ones of our race. I trust I may not be considered too sanguine when I say that I hope to live to see the day when the Aikman family will represent an

incorporated society, whose aim and object will be mutual interest and care of all our blood, and that some day this bond of blood fraternalism will become so strong that we will be able to care for any of our members who have become unfortunate. This cannot be accomplished at once, but if all our blood ties who can possibly do so, will unite at our gathering, it will not be five years before we can consummate such a grand object and have it on a safe basis. This is something worthy of your thoughts.

Fraternalism is akin to religion, the brotherhood of man aptly represents the fatherhood of God.

Our second gathering showed almost twice the attendance of our first reunion. That in itself shows deep interest, and when members of our family take the trouble and expense to travel from 150 to 800 miles to attend our gathering, as they have done, what great gains may we expect with each succeeding meeting.

I appeal to you collectively and individually to keep these reunions in mind, and I can conscientiously say that when attending these gatherings you will be proud of your blood, for the Almighty has blessed our genealogical tree with branches that have produced mighty good fruit, though occasionally, as in my case, there are a few specks, but they soon rub off.

I want to suggest to you all that your communications are most heartily welcome, and many of them have furnished the only absolute data of our family history that we have been able to truthfully compile. In order that such communications may be used in print when found necessary, I request that you write them on one side of your letter paper only, as it helps in placing them in order for the hands of the printer.

We have a few copies of our 1905 report still on hand, should anyone wish same, write me for it. Should any of you have any historical data in relation to our blood ties that has not been published, kindly send it to me, and while I trust the Almighty will extend a lenient hand to us all and leave every member on this earth for our next gathering, I would request that should any deaths occur, that a notice of same be sent me, as from this on, we shall keep a record of all such. We shall also be happy to have information that will enable us to report at our next gathering as to what additions God has seen fit to make to our ranks.

For the convenience of those members who live at great distances from Washington, Indiana, where our next meeting will be held, I want to state that Washington is a town of 8,000 inhabitants and is situated in Daviess County, Indiana, on the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, and also Evansville & Indianapolis Railway. It's easy to get there, so all of you come.

Yours fraternally,

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