

IN MEMORIAM
GEORGE ABRAHAM MARTIN

1865 - 1944

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, the Board of Directors of The Sherwin-Williams Company, do hereby express our deep sorrow in the loss of our beloved Chairman of the Board and fellow director George Abraham Martin who passed away on November 1st, 1944, after a brief illness.

Mr. Martin completed over fifty-three years of active, loyal and distinguished service with this company.

He was employed by Mr. Sherwin in 1891 to manage the newly acquired Calumet Paint Plant at Chicago, and acted in various capacities as plant manager, salesman, bookkeeper and paint maker until 1898 when expansion of the Sherwin-Williams business resulted in the establishing of the Western Division of which Mr. Martin was made manager.

In 1905, Mr. Martin came to Cleveland as Manager of the Auxiliaries Department, directing all operations of the company's mines, smelters, oil mills, white lead and tin can plants. Later his executive supervision was broadened to include all manufacturing plants and operations.

In 1916 Mr. Martin was elected Vice President. In 1922, he was elected President, succeeding Mr. Walter H. Cottingham and served with great distinction in that capacity until December, 1940 when he became Chairman of the Board, the position he held at the time of his death.

We have lost a wonderful friend. We shall miss his guiding hand, his wise counsel and his inspiring leadership. The entire paint industry has paid eloquent tribute to Mr. Martin for his unflinching co-operation and many notable contributions he made to its progress and development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this minute be spread on the records of the Board and that copies be sent to Mr. Martin's family as our expression of deepest sympathy and remembrance.

Cleveland, Ohio
December 12th, 1944

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