

PROLOGUE

What's in a name? Everything its possessor has been and done goes into whatever evaluation others may place upon his name. At birth, a name may be no more than an identification tag, or it may be something to live up to—or live down, but that is not important. What matters is that each of us is given a name, in trust, for a lifetime—to pass on to the future, embellished, or tarnished, or unchanged.