

## Mr. Percival Aiken dies at 82

Mr. Percival Augustus Aiken, retired electrical contractor died on Saturday last, aged 82. He had been ailing for some months.

He was actively engaged in social work, together with his second wife, the late Madame de Mena Aiken. For years he was connected with the Harmony division of the UNIA and was at one time its vice-president. He also served on the Building Committee of the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation in 1944.

**Born in Kingston in 1885, he was a son of the late Mr. David A. Aiken, mechanical engineer, and Jestina Miller his wife. Educated at Mico Primary (1892-1897) and Wolmer's Boys' School (1898-1901), he served as an apprentice with the West India Electric Co. (now J.P.S. Co.) from (1902-1905).**

Serving as an electrician with the United Fruit Co. at Port Antonio from 1905 to 1916, he left for Panama in 1917 where he was foreman, interior wiring and construction, Pan-American Corporation, Panama.

Returning home in 1918, he served for a year as Chief Pumping Engineer with the Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Co., at Kingston. In 1919 he joined the Jamaica Government Railway Service (now Corporation) as a mechanic and electrician. Since 1924, he carried on as electrical contractor at 227 Tower Street.

Twice married, he is survived by two daughters, Isabel, Theophine, son Jeff by his first marriage, and step-daughter (Hermina), and other relatives.

