[Ellison, Luther E.]

LUTHER E. ELLISON 56, WINTHROP LAWYER, DIES His Death Comes Few Minutes After He Drops into Slumber While Reading

Luther E. Ellison, 56, widely known Winthrop attorney with a host of acquaintances throughout the North Country, passed away at 12:45 o'clock Friday morning while asleep in a chair at his home. His death came a few minutes after he had dropped into slumber while reading. Members of his family went to arouse him and found he had passed away.

For 26 years Mr. Ellison had served as an attorney in this village. While he seldom went into court in a criminal case or civil suit his knowledge of the law was found indispensable by scores of persons in the north seeking legal aid. His circle of friends was a large one, many coming from many parts of the north for consultation. He was born between Potsdam and Norwood on a farm March 31, 1868, a son of Wayland and Eliza Burnham Ellison, and married Miss Maude Stearns March 8, 1896. Immediately after their marriage they moved to Chicago, where they remained about three years. While there, Paul Stearns Ellison, their eldest son, was born. They later returned here to make their permanent home. Mr. Ellison was a member of the Universalist church, of Brasher Lodge, No. 541, F. & A. M., Nicholville Chapter, R. A. M., of the I. O. O. F. and of the Massena Commandery, Knights Templar. He was a director of the Winthrop First National Bank. He first practiced law with L. L. C. Lang in Brasher Falls and later with Paden & Gridley in Chicago.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Paul Stearns Ellison, now advertising manager of the Balke-Collender company, Chicago, Ill., Earl, of Saranac Lake; two brothers, Frank, of Kansas City, Mo., and Arthur, of San Gabriel, Calif.; and by one sister, Mrs. Addie Morgan, also of California. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the Universalist church, Dr. J.M. Atwood, dean of the theological school, St. Lawrence university, Canton, officiating, assisted by Rev. R.H. Garner, of the Winthrop Universalist church, and Rev. W.C. Watson, of the Congregational church. Burial was made in the local cemetery.

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