

[Backus, Foster L.]

FOSTER L. BACKUS DEAD
Mother Finds ex-District Attorney of Kings County Lifeless

Foster L. Backus, ex-District Attorney of Kings County and for years a well-known figure in legal circles in Brooklyn, died yesterday at his home, 115 Lincoln Road, Flatbush. He had been ill for [rest of sentence is missing]. [First part of sentence is missing] last attacked his heart. His funeral services will be held at the family residence at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Parker of St Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church officiating.

Mr. Backus was born in Russell, N.Y., fifty-eight years ago. By working on a farm he earned enough money to go to St. Lawrence University, from which he was graduated in 1873. While in college he won a reputation as an athlete, becoming a star on the athletic team of the institution. From there Mr. Backus went to the Liberal Institute at Clinton, N.Y., and also studied at the Hamilton Law School.

Coming to Brooklyn, he became a clerk in the law offices of Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy and Gen. Isaac Catlin. When Gen. Catlin was elected District Attorney of Kings County Mr. Backus became one of his assistants. He was himself elected District Attorney on the Republican ticket in 1895 and served for two years.

[Two paragraphs about his career are omitted here.]

Mr. Backus was tenor soloist in the Universalist Church of Our Father, Brooklyn, for several years. He was President of the Clinton Liberal Institute, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Law School, a Trustee of the St. Lawrence University, and a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Brooklyn, Union League, Marine and Field, and Parkway Driving Clubs.

He leaves a widow and two sons.

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