

[Bell, Charles]

BAR WILL ATTEND BELL RITES FRIDAY

HERKIMER—Members of Herkimer County Bar Association will attend the funeral of former County Judge Charles Bell, 87, at 2 p.m. Friday in the Universalist Church here.

He died unexpectedly Mar. 11, 1941, at his home, 201 N. Prospect. Bell had gone into the kitchen to speak to his wife when he collapsed. Dr. James Gallo said death was caused by a shock [a stroke]. At the time of his death, Mr. Bell was still engaged in law practice. His office was at 152 Main St. He served three consecutive terms as county Judge, from 1913 to 1930. He retired from that office Dec. 31, 1929, having reached the legal age limit before his term expired.

Mr. Bell ascended to the bench Jan. 1, 1913. He was a Democrat. For eight years he was a member [of the Police and Fire Commission and for 12 years served on the Municipal Commission.

He was a member of the board of directors of Herkimer National Bank and was also vice president. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club and the Mohawk Valley Country Club. He was affiliated with the First Universalist Church.

Mr. Bell was a Royal Arch Mason and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, belonged to the Ziyara Club of Utica. His Royal Arch connection was with the Iliion chapter. His blue lodge connection was with Herkimer Lodge [423?]. He was also a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in York State. For many years he had been a member of the Free Library board of trustees and as president. He was a former president of the Down and Out Club.

At Fort Herkimer on May. 19, 1886 he married Miss Carrie Steele of Fort Herkimer, a member of a Colonial family.

Mr. Bell leaves a wife and a daughter, Kathlyn.

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