

[Graves, George E.]

GEORGE GRAVES, 88, AREA PEACE JUSTICE

Herkimer—George E. Graves, 88, a justice of the peace for 41 years and the last veteran of the Spanish-American War in Herkimer, died yesterday in his home, 317 Gray Street.

He was a member of a family which for many years was active in village affairs. His father, Dr. George Graves, in addition to practicing medicine and surgery, served for more than 20 years as one of Herkimer County's coroners.

Judge Graves was educated in the Clinton Liberal Institute, Fort Plain, and Herkimer schools. He was four months away from completing his studies at the University of Buffalo Medical School when the entire class enlisted to fight in the Spanish-American War.

Judge Graves as a member of the 61st Regular New York Volunteers was sent to Camp Black and Camp Alger, Va., where he served as acting hospital steward.

Later he enlisted in the Regular Army and served nearly three years in the same capacity in the Philippines. He participated in several battle engagements. After the war, he lived for some time in the South, working as a station master for a railroad.

Judge Graves returned to Herkimer County in 1912 and lived awhile in Mohawk where he was a cost accountant in the former Remington typewriter plant in Ilion.

In November 1922 he was elected one of the justices of the peace for the Town of Herkimer. He had also served as acting police judge for the Village of Herkimer. Judge Graves was a Republican.

In 1909 he married Emma A. Vinal in Syracuse.

Judge Graves was a member of the Herkimer Masons and was presented a 60-year palm in ceremonies in his home in May.

He was a 40-year member of the Fort Dayton Steamer Co. and the last commander of the local Spanish-American War Veterans Camp. He was also a past lieutenant colonel in the state organization.

A life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Judge Graves was a member of the Universalist Church.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son George, Mohawk; a daughter Mrs. John (Ruth) Miller, Herkimer, the wife of Capt. John Miller, Commander of Troop D, State Police, Oneida; and a brother, Fire Chief John Graves of Herkimer.

The funeral will be at 11 tomorrow from the Fenner Funeral Home, with the Rev. G. Cotnam, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. Masonic services will be tonight.

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