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Robert Hale Passes After Brief Illness
WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGER ATTORNEYS OF THE COUNTY
Was Son of Attorney Grace Robinson Hale and late Judge Charles M. Hale,
the Latter a Notable Figure in County Life

Robert L. Hale, for fifteen years a practicing attorney with offices at Gouverneur and Canton, associated at times with his father, the late Charles M. Hale, and his mother, Mrs. Grace Robinson Hale, passed away at his home on Pearl Street at eleven o'clock Saturday after about two weeks illness. Funeral services will be conducted at two this afternoon at the First Universalist Church of Canton, the Rev. Hugh Tigner, minister, officiating. Interment will be made at Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born in Gouverneur on June 26, 1899 son of the late Charles Meade and Grace Robinson Hale. His father had one of the most notable careers in public life of almost any resident of the county, on account of his association with and connection with public offices. He entered the office of Stillman Foote back in the seventies, while Foote was practicing law in Ogdensburg, serving as surrogate of St. Lawrence County and acting as clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the county. It is recalled that Charles M. Hale was deputy clerk of the Board of Supervisors from 1878 to 1883, when Foote died.

There was a brief interlude in which Nelson L. Robinson was clerk and then Hale was made clerk of the Board and served to his death on Jan. 10, lacking a few brief months of fifty years. Charles M. Hale was at times deputy county treasurer, clerk of the surrogate's court, special county judge and justice of the peace of the town of Canton.

Robert Hale's mother, Mrs. Grace Robinson Hale, was admitted to practice, as the first woman attorney of Northern New York and one of the first in the State back in the nineties.

Robert L. attended the Canton schools, graduating, then entered Columbia University, securing his degree, then took a law course in Columbia and was admitted to practice in 1926. He at once became a member of the law firm of Hale, Hale & Hale, being the junior member of the firm. This law connection continued until the death of his father in 1933, but continued as Hale & Hale, a partnership with his mother, until this time. Hale & Hale had offices in Canton and Gouverneur for several years. At this time the office had been maintained at Gouverneur, though Mrs. Hale had resided in Canton for some time back and Robert L. had been in Canton for some weeks now.

The Hale family and that of his mother, the Robinsons, is good old New England stock. His grandfather, Asa Hale, was one of the earliest settlers of

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the county. The Hales trace back to Revolutionary stock and Charles M. Hale was named from Colonel Meade, Revolutionary War soldier and patriot.

Robert L. Hale was one of those fine, friendly young men who was liked by those who were admitted to his friendship. He was thoroughly loyal to those whom he served in practice and made an excellent record in practice in the courts. He was a Republican in politics and one of the active young Republicans of the county. He was a member of St. Lawrence County Bar Association and of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 111, F. and A.M.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Grace Robinson Hale of Canton, and two brothers, Clifford R. Hale, with the Air Reduction Corporation, Brooklyn, and Everett E. Hale, with the J. E. Lipincott [Lippincott] Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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