

[Hartzell, Albert A.]

AUTO ACCIDENT INJURIES PROVE FATAL TO JURIST

Judge Albert A. Hartzell of city court succumbs
after being knocked down by motorist

Judge Albert A. Hartzell died at the Sisters' Hospital yesterday afternoon as a result of the injuries which he received when knocked down by an automobile at Ashland avenue and West Ferry street Wednesday evening. He was on his way to his home in Ashland avenue. There was a compound fracture of his left leg and internal injuries.

There had been hopes for his recovery, but on Sunday he lapsed into an unconscious state. The funeral will be held Thursday. Arrangements will be announced later. Chief Judge George W. Wolcott said that the court will be closed on the day of the funeral.

Judge Hartzell had been on the city court bench twenty years. He was first elected for a short term of four years and since for two terms of ten years each. The second time he ran he was endorsed on all tickets. He was known for his conscientious and kindly character. He was born in Buffalo in Feb. 1863. His parents were the Rev. J. Hazard and Achsah E. Hartzell. His father was pastor of the [Universalist] Church of the Messiah, then located in Main street near-Chippewa. Judge Hartzell attended the public schools and was graduated from the old Central High School. He then entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1885. He edited the Cornell Era and was associate editor of the Cornellian, students' publication. He began the practice of law in Detroit, having been admitted to the bar in Michigan in 1887. He next went to Minneapolis, where he remained for two years. He returned to Buffalo in 1889 to begin the practice of law in this state, as a member of the firm of Swift, Weaver & Marcus. Louis W. Marcus of the firm became justice of the supreme court. In 1890, Judge Hartzell entered into partnership with Stewart C. Martin. When the latter died, Judge Hartzell formed a partnership with his brother, Frederick B. Hartzell.

In politics, Judge Hartzell was a Republican, and always took an interest in party affairs. He was particularly prominent in the Uncle Sams. He was a member of the fraternal order of the Elks and the Orioles.

He is survived by his widow, who was Matilda Struppman, and daughters Corrine, Gertrude and Helen, and his brother Frederick B. Hartzell.

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HARTZELL RITES THURSDAY
City Court to be Closed During Funeral of Veteran Judge

City court will be closed Thursday during the funeral of Judge Albert A. Hartzell, 65, who died Monday afternoon of injuries suffered last Wednesday when struck by an automobile at West Perry street and Ashland avenue, a short distance from his home, 421 Ashland avenue.

The services will be held at the home at 2:30 P. M. Thursday, and all of Judge Hartzell's friends have been invited to attend. The Rev. Leon O. Williams, former pastor of the [Universalist] Church of the Messiah, will officiate. Chief Judge George W. Wolts, judges and attaches of City court will be among those who will attend the services. Members of the Fraternal Order of Elks and of the Fraternal Order of Orioles, of which Judge Hartzell was a member, will also be present.

"The death of Judge Hartzell is an irreparable loss to our community," Chief Judge Wolts stated Tuesday. "He had been there since the organization of the City court of Buffalo and has been recognized among the lawyers as one of the most honest, conscientious, and painstaking judges in our court. Personally, Judge Hartzell has been of great service to me, and I feel keenly his untimely death."

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