

[Shall, Frank H.]

Rites Set Wednesday for Frank H. Shall

The funeral of Frank H. Shall, former Herkimer County judge and district attorney, who shot himself yesterday, will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday from his home, 546 Gansevoort.

The Rev. Howard Gilman, pastor of St. Paul's Universalist Church, will officiate and burial will be in the Church St. Cemetery.

Judge Shall was born Jan. 23, 1873 in Little Falls, a son of George W. and Mary F. Shall. He was graduated from Little Falls High School in 1891 and from Yale in [1895?] where he earned keys in Phi Beta Kappa [?] Fraternities and a B.A. degree.

He then went to New York Law School, graduating in [19??]. He was admitted to the bar a short time later and became associated with the law firm Lindsey, Kramer, Kalish and Palmer, New York City.

When his father died he returned to Little Falls and practiced law in the office of Judge Robert Livingston.

A Democrat, he served as mayor from 1912 to 1916 and in his first year the IWW textile strike occurred. He also served as a member of the city's Board of Public Works, Board of Fire and Police, and Municipal Civil Service Commission.

During World War I he was a deputy and acting food administrator of Herkimer County and in [1920?] was named supervisor of the federal census in the Oneida-Herkimer District. He also served as United States commissioner for the Northern District of New York and as attorney for Herkimer County in transfer tax matters before the State Tax Department.

He became assistant attorney general in Albany in 1931, serving through 1933 when he was appointed by former governor Lehman as county judge and surrogate to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Charles Bell.

Defeated when he ran for the position by Abram Zoller, a Republican, he was reappointed when Judge Zoller was elevated to the Supreme Court. He was elected to a full six-year term in 1934 and again in 1940 when he received support from the Democratic, Republican and American Labor Parties.

He retired from the bench Dec. 1, 1943, having reached the retirement age of 70. The same year he ran for district attorney, defeating Marx Q. Cristman, Herkimer County Republican for the post held by Carl W. Peterson, Ilion Republican, who successfully ran for county judge and surrogate.

An ardent fisherman, Judge Shall had a camp on the shore of Canadarago Lake and was a member of the Water Wagon Club, an organization sponsoring an annual St. Lawrence River family trip. He had been a member of all local and nearby fish and game clubs.

He had been a member of the following Masonic organizations: Little Falls Masonic Lodge, Ziyara Temple, Utica, Knights of [?] and Yellow Dogs.

He was a member and past ruler of the Little Falls Elks and a member of the Little Falls IOOF, Moose, Red Men, and Grange, the Frankfort Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum, [Maennerchor?], Pomona Grange, Herkimer Service Club, the Down and Out Club, and the Mohawk Valley Country Club.

He was a trustee and treasurer of St. Paul's Church for several years.

He recently was elected a member of the State Democratic Committee.

He leaves his wife, the former Miss Anna Marra Cohoes, whom he married Sept. 17, 1910 in Little Falls, and several cousins. Mrs. Shall is acting Little Falls postmaster.

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