

William R. Benham (- 17 May 1947)

Benham, William R. On Saturday, May 17, 1947, William R. Benham of 2940 Newark st. n.w., beloved husband of JessieTabler Benham, father of Margaret Benham Feehan. Services from the above residence on Tuesday May 20, at 11:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Rites Set Tomorrow For William Benham, Long Justice Aide

Funeral services for William R. Benham, 79, former special assistant to the Attorney General and a Justice Department lawyer for 28 years, will be held at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at his home, 2940 Newark street N.W. Mr. Benham died there Saturday after a long illness.

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, former rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Benham had been a vestryman for many years, will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Benham a native of Washington, joined the staff of the Justice Department in 1909 and from that time until his retirement in 1937 was connected solely with antitrust prosecution. During his tenure of Government service, he was active in investigations into an attempt to corner the New York Cotton Exchange, the natural gas holdings of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the corporate setup of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

In 1913 he conducted the investigation of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and later played a large part in the prosecution of Franz Von Rentelen, a German agent sent to this country to provoke strikes in munitions factories.

Mr. Benham was appointed special assistant to the Attorney General in 1923 and held that position until he retired in 1937. During this period he was engaged in the investigations into monopolistic activities of the aluminum industry, and also took a major part in the cases filed against various segments of the motion picture industry.

He was a 32d degree Mason and a member of the Justice Lodge. He received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1897.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jessie Tabler Benham; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Feehan, and two granddaughters, all of Silver Spring.