

John Ridout (- 11 Dec 1918)

Ridout. Suddenly on December 11, 1918, John Ridout, beloved husband of Frances E. Ridout, aged 68 years. Funeral from the chapel of the Church of the Covenant on Friday at 3 o'clock p.m.

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John Ridout Is Dead of Paralysis Stroke

Washington Lawyer Stricken Shortly After Pleading Case in Court at Towson, Md.



John Ridout, well known Washington attorney, who was stricken with paralysis yesterday at Towson, Md., died early this morning in a hospital in Baltimore. Mr. Ridout was stricken shortly after having pleaded a case before Judge Duncan in the circuit court of Baltimore county. He was treated at the courthouse and was removed yesterday afternoon to Baltimore.

He was seventy-six years of age and is survived by his wife and a brother. He had been for the past year secretary to Justice Hitz of the District Supreme Court.

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Rites for John Ridout To Be Held Tomorrow

District Supreme Court to Pay Signal Honor of Adjournment for Funeral

Funeral services for John Ridout, well known Washington attorney and secretary to Justice Hitz of the District Supreme Court, who died at Maryland University Hospital in Baltimore early yesterday morning, will be held at the chapel of the Church of the Covenant, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Dr. Charles Wood will officiate.

Interment will be at Congressional cemetery. Pallbearers will be friends of Mr. Ridout.

Because of Mr. Ridout's long service of nearly forty-five years at the bar, Chief Justice McCoy and his associates on the bench of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia will do him signal honor. Actual adjournment of court--done in recent years only upon the death of a member of the bench--will be taken on the day of the funeral. The justices will attend the services in a body.

Justin Morrill Chamberlin, president of the Bar Association, and five other prominent members of the bar today made formal announcements in the various branches of the court of the death of Mr. Ridout, and paid tribute to his sterling qualities, to his legal attainments, and especially to that characteristic for which he was best known--his gratuitous service to young lawyers in straightening out legal perplexities.

Each member of the court in response to the announcements made complimentary remarks of the dead lawyer. Justice Gould, who had known Mr. Ridout longer than any other member of the court, spoke of his first meeting with Mr. Ridout when the justice was admitted to practice in 1884. At that time, he said, Mr. Ridout was regarded as an authority on real estate law and had always been

considered "a storehouse of precedents." No lawyer spent more time at the courthouse than did the deceased, Justice Gould stated. It was fitting that death should overtake him while engaged in trying a case.

Justice Hitz spoke feelingly of the death of his former secretary, and especially referred to his willingness to aid the younger members of the bar. The court remarked that when he first began to practice law he was frequently the beneficiary of this trait of Mr. Ridout.

Mr. Ridout was sixty-eight years of age. He suffered an attack of cerebral hemorrhage while pleading a case before Judge Duncan in the circuit court of Baltimore county at Towson, Md., Tuesday morning. He was removed to Baltimore and died early yesterday morning.

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Last Rites for John Ridout

Funeral Attended by Many Members of the Local Bar

Funeral services for John Ridout, well known Washington attorney, who died in a Baltimore hospital Wednesday morning, following a paralytic stroke, were held yesterday afternoon at the chapel of the Church of the Covenant, Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, officiating. Interment was at Congressional cemetery.

The funeral was largely attended by members of the Washington bar and of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, which adjourned out of respect to Mr. Ridout's memory. Pallbearers were Fulton Lewis, Frank E. Cunningham, William A. Lee, Raymond B. Dickey, L. Gibbon White and George C. Gertman.