

August 18, 1914

JUDGE WILLIAM ASHLEY

Judge William Ashley passed away on Thursday evening, at the O'Day home where he had been cared for for several months. He was eighty-five years of age. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the Adams home, conducted by Rev. S. E. Brown.

Judge William Ashley was born at Richmond, New York, Aug. 6th, 1829. He was admitted to bar Sept. 1853. From 1866 to 1880 he was employed exclusively in patent practice on the equity side of United States Courts from Maine to Colorado, since which time he had been out of practice, except the limited practice enjoyed since 1900 in Groton.

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For a dozen years and more, Judge Ashley had been a familiar figure about Groton, and during practically all of this time he held the position of Police Justice of the city of Groton. Despite the infirmity of advancing years, he stuck to his law office with wonderful tenacity, and only quit last spring when his vitality had gotten to so low a point, that it was deemed unsafe for him to be left alone.

In his dealings with his fellow men he was upright and fair, and in his younger days he is said to have attained to good success in the practice of his profession.