

WELL KNOWN ATTORNEY OF CHICAGO DIES

Operation Is Fatal to Veteran Lawyer

William J. Latham, prominent Chicago attorney, died in Rochester, Minn., Friday, Nov. 13, following an operation by the Mayo brothers for intestinal trouble. The attorney had been under the care of the noted surgeons three weeks, but had been confined to his bed since July 9, spending a portion of this period of illness at Wilson hospital.



Wm. J. Latham

Attorney Latham's health began to fail after the death of his wife, Mrs. Etta Latham, who died Feb. 20, 1924. He was 53 years old and resided at 3419 South parkway. His son, William, Jr., was at his bedside when he passed away.

The attorney was born in Canton, Miss., in 1872. He was educated at Jackson college and graduated from the law department of Walden university, Nashville, Tenn., in 1902. He practiced law 15 years in Mississippi before coming to Chicago in 1917. At the age of 27 he married Miss Etta Loggins of Canton.

The body of Attorney Latham reached Chicago Saturday morning and was conveyed to S. J. Fountain's morgue at 3336 Indiana Ave., where his funeral was held Thursday afternoon. Rev. F. A. McCoo, pastor of St. John Baptist church, of which Mr. Latham was a member, officiated.

Two sons, William, Jr., and McKissack; two brothers, Henry of Jackson, Miss., and Frank of Canton, and one sister, Mrs. Carrie Douglas, 442 E. 44th St., survive him.

Attorney Latham was prominent in fraternal circles. He was past master of Corner Stone Masonic lodge No. 91. In his death the Cook County Bar association, members said, has lost one of its most honored members, Chicago one of its best citizens and the Race one of its most loyal representatives. Attorney Latham handled many of the riot cases which grew out of the Chicago race riot in 1919 in the form of damage suits against the city by relatives of slain victims.