

NATHANIEL SEARS DIES AT 80; ONCE APPELLATE JUDGE

Prominent G. O. P. Leader at Turn of Century.

Nathaniel Clinton Sears, judge of the Illinois Appellate court from 1897



NATHANIEL C.
SEARS.
[Gibson Photo.]

to 1903 and prominent in Republican politics at the turn of the century, died yesterday in his home at Daytona Beach, Fla., at the age of 80 years. He had been a semi-invalid for the past two years.

Former Judge Sears was born in Gallipolis, O., on Aug. 23, 1854, and was educated at Elgin Academy, Knox college, Amherst college and in Berlin and

other German universities. He received degrees of A. B. and A. M. from Amherst college and the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by Northwestern university.

Admitted to Bar in 1878.

Judge Sears was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1878 and practiced for 15 years. He was elected judge of the Superior court in 1893 and four years later was appointed to the appellate bench. In 1900 he was again named to this post, which he resigned three years later while chief justice to return to private practice.

Former Judge Sears was the Republican candidate for mayor in 1897 against Carter H. Harrison. He was defeated when the Republican vote was split through the entrance into the race of three independent candidates, Washington Hesing, John Maynard Harlan, and J. Irving Pearce. He also was a member of the board of education.

Donor of Museum.

The jurist was the donor of a large art museum known as the Laura Davidson Sears Academy of Fine Arts of the Elgin academy, dedicated to the memory of his wife, who died in 1930.

The Elgin academy, a college preparatory school of which Judge Sears' parents, Amos G. and Susan A. Sears, were principal and co-principal, and at which his wife was once a teacher, has benefited by his endowments.

Judge Sears was a 33rd degree Mason and a member of the Union League club.

Funeral services will be held next Sunday afternoon in the First Congregational church at Elgin. Burial will be in the Lake Geneva, Wis., cemetery.

William Gardner, Naval Architect, Dies in East

Bayhead, N. J., May 7.—[Special.]—William Gardner, one of the world's foremost naval architects, designer of the famous Kaiser's cup winner Atlantic, died today after two years' illness. He would have been 75 years old on Thursday.

Mother of Indian Named in Stillman Case Is Dead

MONTREAL, Canada, May 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Louis Beauvais, mother of Fred Beauavis, named in the Stillman divorce case, died today.