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Frank L. Cleary, 73, Is Dead; Was Judge at Hall-Mills Trial

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 3 (AP)—Former Superior Court Judge Frank L. Cleary died last night at his home after a long illness. His age was 73.

Judge Cleary, who was one of two judges to preside over the Hall-Mills murder trial in 1926, ended thirty-seven years on the bench when he retired Aug. 4, 1957.

He served for five years as an assistant prosecutor in Somerset County before he was named Common Pleas Judge for Somerset in 1920. He sat in Middlesex, Union and Hudson Counties as a Circuit Court Judge and was named to the Superior Court in 1947.

Surviving are his widow, Ann; a son, Dr. William Cleary of Somerville; three daughters, Mrs. Edward Kelly of Chatham, Mrs. Eugene Jackson of Rhinebeck, N. Y., and Mrs. Thomas Snyder of Syracuse, N. Y., and eight grandchildren.

Shared Duties

It was during Judge Cleary's term as County Judge of Somerset that his name figured importantly in most of the country's newspapers.

The jurist was named, together with former Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Parker, to preside over the famed Hall-Mills trial.

On Nov. 4, 1926, four years and fifty days after Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, a choir singer, and her rector, the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Hall, were murdered in Somerset County, three defendants were placed on trial on first-degree murder charges.

The trial, which attracted world-wide attention, ended a month later with acquittal of the rector's widow, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, and her two brothers, William and Henry Stevens.

Judge Cleary attended Trenton State Normal School and graduated in 1911 from New York University. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney in 1912, and as a counselor three years later.

His appointment as Common Pleas Judge of Somerset County came in 1920. He was reappointed in 1925. In 1927 Gov. A. Harry Moore appointed him as a Circuit Judge for a full term of seven years. He was reappointed in 1934.

BERNARD CULLEN, PRIEST, 57, DEAD

Ex-Director of Missions for American Indians Was a Critic of U. S. Policy

Msgr. Bernard A. Cullen, a specialist in American Indian affairs and pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood, Walden, N. Y., died yesterday while on vacation in Miami, Fla. He was 57 years old.

Msgr. Cullen had had a series of heart attacks since last May.

For twenty-two of his thirty years as a priest, Msgr. Cullen was director general of the Marquette League for Catholic Indian Missions. He was a frequent visitor to Indian reservations and was instrumental in obtaining scholarships in eastern schools for Indian children.

He was outspoken about the "neglect and mistreatment" of American Indians by the Federal Government. Among the Indians, he was known as "Big Chief."

For many years, Msgr. Cullen was chaplain of the Police Department Anchor Club, composed of police members of the Knights of Columbus. He was a frequent speaker at communion breakfasts held for employees of city departments.

A native of New York, he studied at Cathedral College and St. Joseph Seminary, both in Yonkers. He was ordained on May 3, 1930.

He was named a Papal Chamberlain by Pope Pius XII, with the title Very Reverend Monsignor, in 1954. Two years later, he was made pastor of the Walden parish by Cardinal Spellman.

Msgr. Cullen is survived by his father, James, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Angst, both of the Bronx, and two brothers, Robert of Englewood, N. J., and John I. of Macon, Ga.

WOMEN'S BAR APPOINTS JOSEPH CUMMISKEY DIES

Names Committee Chairman for the Coming Year

Miss Marie Mallot, president of the New York Women's Bar Association, announced yesterday the appointment of the following committee chairmen for 1960-61:

Beatrice Shalowitz, administrative law; Caroline Goldstein, arbitration and conciliation; Frances M. Wendock, arrangement; Judith T. Younger, bankruptcy; Ruth V. Weiner, civil and family law; Helen G. Weiner, cooperation with other bar associations; Ethel Shames, copyrights and patents; Shirley R. Levitan, domestic relations; Gertrude Cutler, employment; Clara R. Fischer, equal opportunities for women; Anna Oberwager, hospitality; Adelaide Bodow, judiciary; Rose Sheinberg, law.

Newsman Was a Director of Station WHEN in Syracuse

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 3 (AP)—Joseph F. Cummiskey, news director of radio station WHEN in Syracuse, died today at his summer home here of an apparent heart attack. He was 50 years old.

Mr. Cummiskey, a well-known broadcaster and former newspaper man, for several years conducted his own sports show, "Inside of Sports," on the Mutual network.

He served also as managing editor of the old Buffalo Times, and from 1940 to 1945 was sports editor of the defunct PM in New York.