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GABRIEL ENGEL, 59, BOOK EXPERT, DEAD

Recital Violinist, Composer and
Musicologist Became Dealer
in Rare Volumes Here

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Gabriel Engel of 161 West Sixteenth Street, violinist, composer and musicologist, who became a dealer in rare books and a bibliographer, died on Friday of a heart attack in Vergennes, Vt., where he had been on vacation. His age was 59.

Born in Beregszasz, Hungary, a son of Morris M. and Lena Propper Engel, he was brought to the United States in boyhood. Mr. Engel was a Pulitzer scholar at Columbia College, from which he was graduated in 1913.

Later he studied music as a pupil of Krenek in Austria and he made his debut as a violinist in Aeolian Hall here in 1920. Before he retired as a violinist some fifteen years ago, he made many recital tours.

Mr. Engel was the author of "The Biography of Anton Bruckner and Gustav Mahler, Song-Symphonist." He had been editor of Chord and Discord, organ of the Bruckner Society of America.

His other writings were articles for the International Cyclopaedia of Music and Musicians, and reviews of records and music books for The Saturday Review of Literature. He had written program notes for Bruckner's Symphony No. 9 in A major.

About fifteen years ago he entered the rare book business, specializing in Americana. He became an authority on and a bibliographer of Rudyard Kipling, and discovered rare books by that author, Edgar Allan Poe and others. His clients included leading American book collectors, and he also did work for several libraries, including that at Yale. Mr. Engel had composed piano and symphonic music.

Surviving are his widow, the former Lee Schapiro; two brothers, Soltan and Michael M., and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Grey and Mrs. Helen Yudd.



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