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# EX-JUSTICE BLAU, LAWYER SINCE '94

Leader in Hungarian-American  
Circles, Served Municipal  
Court, 1919-26—Dies Here

## HE HELPED IMMIGRANTS

Republican Was Appointed by  
Mayor Mitchel in 1917—Was  
Active in Philanthropy



JUSTICE WILLIAM BLAU

Former Municipal Court Justice William Blau of the Hotel Ansonia Broadway and Seventy-third Street, a leader in Hungarian-American circles, died yesterday in the oHospital for Joint Diseases after a long illness. He would have been 72 years old today.

Mayor Mitchel appointed him a magistrate in 1917 and in 1919 he was elected a municipal court justice, serving until 1926. Previously he had been a Deputy Attorney General for the State under Julius M. Mayer and a Tax Commissioner under Governors Higgins and Dix. He had been active for many years in the Federal Republican Club of the Sixth Assembly District, with Samuel S. Koenig, former New York County Republican leader.

After leaving the bench, Mr. Blau returned to the general practice of law. He had been a member of the law firms of Blau, Zalkin & Cohen and of Blau & Polakoff, more recently practiced independently at 475 Fifth Avenue.

### Came From Hungary at 17

Born in Hungary, he was the son of Frank and Rose Blau. After attending school in Kaschau, Hungary, he came to New York with his parents at the age of 17 and worked as a cigarmaker and as a reporter and correspondent for the Austro-Hungarian Gazette and several other periodicals.

While so engaged he studied law at the Metropolis Law School, now the evening department of New York University Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1894.

Mr. Blau, as secretary and president of the Hungarian Republican Club, aided many emigrants from his native land in becoming naturalized citizens. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Representative from the Tenth Congressional District in 1902.

### Long Secretary of Hospital

He was a founder and director and for twenty years secretary of the Hospital for Joint Diseases. Mr. Blau also was a member of the executive board of the Home for Cardiac Children, Miami Beach, Fla., and a member of Ehlers Masonic Lodge, Grand Street Boys, Eleventh Ward Association, Independent Order of Brith Abraham, Hungarian Society of New York, New York Social Club, and Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

He was a donor to the Federations of Jewish Charities and was instrumental in helping privately many poor immigrants in their efforts to gain a foothold in their new land.

Mr. Blau was a bachelor. He leaves a nephew, Alex Blau, and two nieces, Mrs. Blanche Rose and Mrs. Janet Schenker.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. in the Universal Memorial Chapel, Seventy-sixth Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Burial will be in Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn.

