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## Blau, 74, Dies; Ex-Municipal Court Justice

Native of Hungary Active  
Republican for 50 Years;  
Had Been Tax Appraiser

William Blau, former Justice of the Municipal Court, who was active in Republican affairs for fifty years, died yesterday morning at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, Madison Avenue between 123d and 124th Streets, after an illness of eight months. He was seventy-four years old and lived at the Hotel Ansonia, Broadway and Seventy-third Street.

A native of Eperjes, Hungary, Mr. Blau was educated at the public schools of Kaschau, Hungary, and at the Royal Academy of Hungary. He came to the United States when he was seventeen years old and traveled about the country as a correspondent for Hungarian newspapers and other periodicals. He studied law at the Metropolis Law School, which later became the evening department of the New York University Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1894.

Early in his political career Mr. Blau was secretary of the Hungarian Republican Club. Able to speak English, Hungarian, German and most of the Slavonic dialects, he helped many immigrants to become naturalized citizens of the United States. He was a former president of the Hungarian Societies of America and a director of the Hospital for Joint Diseases, of which he was secretary for twenty-five years.

Mr. Blau was appointed a magistrate by Mayor John Purroy Mitchell in 1917 and held the post until 1919, when he was elected a Justice of the Municipal Court on an independent Republican ticket. He resigned from the Municipal Court on Oct. 31, 1926, three years before his term was to expire, to re-enter private practice. He also had been a transfer tax appraiser for New York State and a Deputy State Attorney.

Among other organizations of which he was a member were the Knights of Pythias, the First Hungarian Sick Benevolent Society, the New York Social Club, the Federal Club, the Austro-Hungarian Festival Society and the Independent Order of Brith Abraham. Mr. Blau was unmarried. Funeral services will be held today at the Riverside Memorial Chapel, Amsterdam Avenue and Seventy-sixth Street. The time has not been set.

