

# JUSTICE RUFUS PECKHAM DEAD

Member of U. S. Supreme Court Dies From Complication Of Diseases.

## SHOCK TO HIS ASSOCIATES.

On Supreme Bench Nine Years—Died After Devoting All His Time to Court Work.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Rufus Peckham, justice of the United States supreme court, died at his summer home at Almonton at 11:35 tonight.

Death was due to a complication of disease—heart trouble, Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries continuing.

Justice Peckham had been ill for some time, but his condition was not considered serious until recently. Following adjournment of the May term, he came on from Washington with Mrs. Peckham to spend the summer at the beginning of the October term. A week ago his condition became serious so that his physicians said he was likely to die at any time or might linger for several months. Up to five days ago Justice Peckham exhibited considerable strength and was able to about the house. The circulatory disturbance which contributed to his death was first noticed about six years ago.

## HIS ASSOCIATES SHOCKED.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The announcement of the death of Justice Peckham, who was expected, came as a shock to his associates on the bench and in official circles and everywhere expressions of regret were heard.

Justice Peckham was a Democrat, and before taking a seat on the bench gave considerable attention to politics.

He was born in Albany, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1838, and had been on the bench state and federal, for 26 years. He came from the court of appeals of his native state.

Mr. Peckham's first office was that of district attorney of Albany county, afterwards became, in succession, a corporation counsel for Albany, member of the supreme court of the state and associate justice of the state court of appeals. He was the last to decide Cleveland's Democratic appointment to the federal supreme court, Chief Justice Peckham and Justice White being the others.

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and to the other members of the supreme court, in which he held, all were deeply affected.

Chief Justice Fuller expressed his sorrow and said that the passing of Justice Peckham was a severe loss to the American bench.

Justice Harlan was overcome with emotion when he hear the news.

"It is a great loss to the country."

"Justice Peckham was one of the ablest jurists who ever sat on the American bench. He was absolutely upright in his conduct and thoughts, and was deeply attached to the cause of justice."

"He had strong political convictions, but when on the bench knew no litigant's political care, nothing for his own sake, nothing for his enemies, nothing for the public welfare, nothing for the law as it was and to defend each party in every case his just rights. He had a great personal affection for him and he was one of the purest men I ever knew."

The other members of the tribunal spoke in similar terms of Justice Peckham's life and services. The justices are so closely bound together by common ties that the passing of any one of them is sorely felt. There was genuine mourning tonight among those with whom the Justices had served so long, and this extends to the employees of the supreme court.

QUESTION OF SUCCESSOR.

None of the officials would discuss tonight the probable successor to Judge Peckham, but went little into society.

He accepted no invitation to public functions and made no public addresses after taking his seat as a justice.

Cases involving the rights of corporations received special consideration at Justice Peckham's hands and he was the author of some of the court's most notable opinions of recent date.

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