

TOM HARVEY, VETERAN COURT REPORTER FOR THE STAR, DIES

Well Known Newspaper Man for Nearly 40 Years Was Ill Two Months.

Funeral Will Be at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Thursday.

Thomas M. Harvey, veteran court reporter for The Evening Star, and one of the best known figures in Washington's legal circles, died about 3:15 o'clock this morning in his apartment at 4700 Connecticut avenue.

At the suggestion of W. W. Millan, president of the District Bar Association, Chief Justice Alfred A. Wheat directed that the death of Mr. Harvey be signalized with an appropriate entry in the minutes of the District Supreme Court.

Entry Asked of Court.

Mr. Millan appeared before Justice Wheat early this afternoon. He said: "It has come to my attention that Mr. Thomas M. Harvey, who for more than 40 years has been known and held in esteem by the judges of this court and most of the members of the bar, died this morning.

"Therefore, with your honor's approval, I suggest that an appropriate entry of this fact be made in the minutes of the court."

"I will direct that it be done," Justice Wheat replied. "Mr. Harvey endeared himself to all of us by his many likeable and personable qualities."

Mr. Harvey had been ill for about two months. Twice in March he underwent operations in Providence Hospital, and was believed by his family to have been making marked progress toward recovery.

Mr. Harvey had covered the courthouse for The Star for nearly 40 years, giving the reading public of Washington graphic accounts on divorces, marriages, murder trials, suits and all other important legal proceedings that make up the daily routine of the District Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. He was regarded as a walking encyclopedia of past performances of lawyers, judges and criminals. His memory carried a perfect panorama of bygone days all the way from the time he saw Charles J. Guiteau, slayer of President Garfield, taken out of a side door of the courthouse to be hanged.

Was Friend of Judges.

Theodore Roosevelt was a civil service commissioner, and Justice Peyton Gordon a mere title clerk at the courthouse when Mr. Harvey took up his reportorial duties there for The Star. He fraternized easily with all the



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judges and had been able to call every chief justice the District Supreme Court had in the last 40 years by his first name.

Mr. Harvey "broke" into the newspaper fraternity by way of a legal paper called the Real Estate and Court Record in July, 1891, following his graduation from Georgetown University with an A. B. degree. At 21 he was editor of this paper. In January, 1894, he joined The Star staff and ever since contributed to this paper's printed pillars of court house proceedings.

Mr. Harvey was born August 31, 1869, son of the late Thomas M. Harvey, founder of the nationally known Harvey's Restaurant. In the public schools of Washington he received his elementary education and completed the secondary step in Georgetown, where he was a member of the institution's centennial class.

Holy Name Society Member.

Mr. Harvey's home life and his religious activities occupied virtually all of his periods of relaxation from his court house duties. His only affiliations were with the Catholic Church. He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Chevy Chase and the Holy Name Society. At one time he was president of the Holy Comforter branch of the Holy Name Society.

Mass will be said at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Harvey is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katharine B. Harvey; three daughters, Miss Katharine Maurita Harvey, Mrs. Carl J. Bock of Birmingham, Mich., and Mrs. Vincent D. Callanan of Lakeland, Fla.; a son, Herbert Noyes Harvey, and two sisters, Mrs. Clara Wheatley of Chicago and Mrs. Mae Castell.