

Funeral To Be Held Today For John Phelps, Attorney

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the chapel at Woodlawn Cemetery for John Phelps, Baltimore attorney, who died Friday at his home, Eglinton Farm, Mitchellville, Md. He was 82.

Prayers will be offered at his home at 10.30 A.M., preceding the services. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Phelps, for many years a well-known figure in Baltimore and in Prince Georges county, was the son of the late Judge Charles E. Phelps, of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Both his grandfather and great-grandfather were judges, the former in Vermont, the latter in colonial New York.

Attended Baltimore Schools

Mr. Phelps attended the Baltimore public schools and the Johns Hopkins University, and took his law degree at the University of Maryland.

After graduating from law school in 1896, Mr. Phelps worked for four years in the law department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, leaving to become an assistant State's attorney, a post he also held for four years.

For twelve years he was a lecturer in law at the University of Maryland and the Baltimore Law School, going into private law practice after his period in office.

During World War I, Mr. Phelps was instructor in French to the officers of the 313th Infantry at Fort Meade, and in 1929 he was appointed consular agent for the Republic of France in Baltimore.

On his retirement in 1937, he was nominated a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur, which was presented to him by his successor, Ernest Guy. When Mr. Guy

retired himself in 1939, Mr. Phelps again took over the post in which he remained until 1940.

In 1934, Mr. Phelps was nominated as an independent candidate for the Supreme Bench, and more than 3,400 persons signed his certificate of nomination though he was not elected.

Survivors Listed

Mr. Phelps was a former president of the Alliance Francaise, and a member of the Baltimore Country and University clubs.

He married, firstly, Miss Alma Turner, of Texas, from whom he was divorced in 1922, and who died in September, and secondly, Mlle. Hélène Gigan, of Paris, who survives.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Forrest Close, now living in Madrid, Spain, and Mrs. Eleanor Phelps Hebo, of New York, and a sister, Mrs. Martha P. Barnett.