

EDMUND WETMORE, NOTED LAWYER, DIES

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and New York City Bar
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AN OVERSEER OF HARVARD

Served as Counsel in Many Famous
Patent Cases—Once Headed
Republican Club.

Edmund Wetmore, noted lawyer, ex-President of the American Bar Association and of the Bar Association of the City of New York, and a distinguished graduate of Harvard University, having been for years one of the overseers of the university and President of the Harvard Alumni Association, died yesterday at his home, 125 East Fifty-seventh Street, in his eighty-first year. Mr. Wetmore had been in practice in this city for about fifty years and had served as counsel in many important patent suits.

Throughout his legal career he had been closely associated with Republican politics, and took a prominent part in State and city campaigns some years ago. In 1894 he was President of the Republican Club. A member of an old American family, he was early elected to membership in the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. He was President of the New York Chapter of the organization from 1904 to 1914, and from 1911 to 1913 headed the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

He was born in Utica, N. Y. He was graduated from Harvard in 1860 and from the Columbia Law School in 1863. He entered the law office of Spring & Russell, whose members were Gardiner Spring, and William C. Russell, later President of Cornell University. When Mr. Russell retired from the firm Mr. Wetmore became junior partner, and on the death of Mr. Spring the firm was reorganized as Wetmore & Jenner, the junior member being the late William A. Jenner.

Mr. Wetmore engaged in general practice early in his career, but later confined it to equity and patent cases in the Federal courts. He had taken part as counsel in most of the important patent litigations in the country since the early nineties.

He was President of the American Bar Association in 1900 and of the Bar Association of the City of New York in 1908. Twice he was chosen President of the Harvard Club, and from 1905 to 1910 he was President of the University Club.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, with services at All Souls' Church, Fourth Avenue and Twentieth Street. He leaves a widow, who was a daughter of the late Benjamin J. Howland.