

RAPIDS LAWYER DIES THURSDAY

Illness Ends Career of Veteran Central Wisconsin Attorney

Wisconsin Rapids—Bernard R. Goggins, 79, a prominent figure in central Wisconsin history for nearly 50 years, died at his home here yesterday after an illness of several months.

Born in New Holstein, he was a school teacher before taking up the profession of law, and was one of the first principals of the high school here.

He began the practice of law in 1890, and in 1900 formed a partnership with Theodore Brazeau. In 1923 the firm became Goggins, Brazeau, and Graves.

A former district attorney of Wood county, he was the father of Hugh W. Goggins, present district attorney, and was the first mayor of Grand Rapids after the consolidation with Centralia, which he helped to bring about. He was a lifelong Democrat.

Among the positions he held were those of assistant to the United States attorney general in Wisconsin during the World war period and president of the Wisconsin Bar association. He once declined the office of chairman of the state railway commission, and was regarded as an authority on constitutional law.

Surviving are his sons, Hugh W., Robert S., and William A. Goggins, all of Wisconsin Rapids, and three sisters, three brothers, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at a local funeral home at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, after which the remains will be cremated.