

C. E. Cook Of Warren

**Attorney Was Former
Mayor, Assembly-
man, Prosecutor**

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HACKETTSTOWN — Claude E. Cook, former assemblyman, prosecutor, mayor and town attorney, died of a heart condition yesterday at his home, 508 Center St. He was 72.

Mr. Cook, a native of Washington, N.J., had been a prominent



CLAUDE E. COOK

As he appeared in 1942

figure in Warren County politics for many years. He retired as Hackettstown attorney in 1936 after 46 years in that capacity.

He was secretary of the Warren County Tax Board from 1914 to 1917, school board member from 1919 to 1921 and was elected to the Assembly in 1924. He was a Democrat.

The veteran attorney became Warren County prosecutor in 1938 for a five-year term. He had been counsel to the Allamuchy Township Committee from 1911 to 1938. He was the Warren County counsel from 1924 to 1926, and was a former director in the Peoples National Bank here for 20 years before retiring in 1942.

Centenary Graduate

He was also attorney for many years to the Hackettstown Board of Water Commission. He was a member of Independent Lodge No. 42, F&AM of Hackettstown, and of the Warren County and state bar associations.

Mr. Cook attended the public schools here and was graduated from Centenary Collegiate Institute, presently Centenary College for Women here. He was graduated in 1909 from the New York University Law School, and opened his office in 1910. He practiced law until the time of his death at 216 High St.

His only immediate survivor is his wife, Mrs. Lauretta Ackley Cook.

Services will be Friday, 10:30 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home, 326 Washington St.