

## WILLIAM PRESTON BRAY

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WILLIAM PRESTON BRAY, a highly respected senior member of the Bar of Northampton County, died at Easton Hospital on June 11, 1961.

Mr. Bray was born in the Borough of East Bangor, in Northampton County, and resided there throughout his life. He was educated in the schools of East Bangor and Hacketts-town, attended Wesleyan University, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1906.

The admission of Mr. Bray to the Bar of Northampton County occurred on October 8, 1906. He was appointed a member of the Board of Benchers on June 26, 1928 and served as Secretary of the Board for many years prior to his death. He also was a member of the Northampton County Law Library Committee. Mr. Bray served as President of the Bar Association in the year 1940.

Mr. Bray was solicitor for Bangor Co-Operative Savings and Loan Association, for The Portland National Bank, and for The Merchants National Bank of Bangor for fifty years.

He was active in community and civic work, being Superintendent of the Sunday School of the East Bangor Methodist Church, a Charter member of the Bangor Kiwanis Club, a member of the Pomfret Club in Easton, and a member of the Bangor Elks.

Surviving Mr. Bray are his widow, the former Rachael S. Bray, his daughter, Isabel, wife of Colonel K. A. Cavenah, of Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois, and two granddaughters.