

# **JAMES G. DUNNING DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS**

## **Was For 40 Years a Promi- nent Member of the Hamp- den County Bar and Served on School Board Six Years**

James Gardner Dunning, 66, for the past 40 years a highly-esteemed member of the Hampden county bar, died Friday of heart failure at his home, 219 Springfield street, Chicopee, after an acute illness of four weeks. Mr Dunning, who had been afflicted with diabetes for 15 years, left his sick bed Saturday to attend to some important business at his office. He returned home in a much weakened condition and faded rapidly until death intervened shortly before noon yesterday.

Mr Dunning not only was a man of highest probity, but a fine type of the self-made man as well. He was born May 29, 1857, in Bath, Me., the son of Ebenezer and Harriet P. (Arrosy) Dunning. At the age of 17, while yet a student at the Bath High School, his father's sudden death compelled him to relinquish his studies and assist in the support of the family. He taught school in his native town for five years and then entered the law school of Boston University, from which he was graduated in 1880. He resumed the profession of teaching for the next three years.

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In 1883 he came to Springfield and took the bar examination, the late Chief Justice Marcus P. Knowlton being his examiner. After opening a law office in the Goodrich block, he taught in the evening schools for several years, and was proud to include among his pupils Edward J. Murphy, the well-known rector and Building Commissioner Fred W. Linnis. His closest friend in those years was Herbert Myrick, now a well-known publisher, they being room-mates at the Evans house for a year or more.

Mr Dunning was twice married. His first wife, whom he married on June 6, 1881, was Mrs Sarah Lilly Potter, of Arrowsic, Me. Four children resulted from that union, Ray P. Dunning of East Orange, N. J., Harold G. Dunning, assistant manager of the Springfield Printing & Binding company, and the late Rebecca and Arthur Dunning, both of whom died in childhood. Mrs Dunning died five years ago this month. Two years ago Mr Dunning took for his second wife Mrs Emily P. Ames, widow of Charles C. Ames, of Chicopee, who, with his two sons, survives him.

For nearly 40 years, Mr Dunning had been a pew-holder and regular attendant at the First Congregational church. He was a member also of the Hampden lodge of Masons, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Hampden County and Massachusetts State Bar associations.

In politics a staunch Republican, Mr Dunning served as a member of the Springfield school board from ward 1 for the six years from 1895 to 1900, inclusive. He frequently presided at caucuses and also served as secretary of the Republican city committee for one term. He had a wide acquaintance among the business and professional men of Springfield and was universally respected.

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