

James A. Green, 87, had served as U.S. district clerk of courts

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When retired Federal Clerk of Courts James A. Green began his courtroom career in Cleveland in 1930, he saw as many as 100 bootleggers in court on a single day.

Most of these Prohibition-era defendants pleaded guilty, paid their fines and received short sentences in record time, making such cases easy work for courtroom clerks like Mr. Green.

The volume and complexity of



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criminal and civil cases changed dramatically during Mr. Green's 40-year career.

While heading the district's Toledo office as chief deputy clerk from 1937 to 1955, Mr. Green witnessed an antitrust case that lasted about nine months and included approximately 6,000 pieces of evidence.

In 1955, he returned to Cleveland as chief deputy clerk of Northern Ohio's U.S. District Court. The district's seven judges appointed Mr. Green their clerk of courts in 1968.

Mr. Green retired in February 1970.

Early in July, he was visiting his son, James A. III, in Seattle, when he began feeling ill. Mr. Green, 87, of Rocky River, traveled immediately to Joliet, Ill., where his

daughter, Mary Ann McQuillan, lives.

On July 9, Mr. Green underwent surgery for stomach cancer at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. He died there Thursday.

A Youngstown native, Mr. Green worked in the payroll department of the old Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. before joining the federal clerk of courts office in 1930.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Besides his daughter and son, he is survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, 20970 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park.

The McGorray Bros. funeral home in Lakewood is handling arrangements.

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