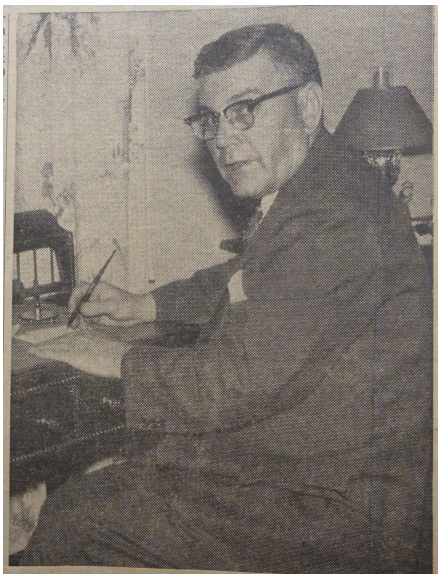




W. Halton Spann

Born: December 27, 1904 in Marcus Hook, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Died: October 11, 1963 in West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Clerk of Court: 1962-1963

Mr. Spann served the Court as Clerk for a period of one year from 1962 to 1963. At the time of his appointment as Clerk, the following newspaper article was published about him.

Spann Named Chief Clerk

W. Halton Spann, of 135 Sharpless st., West Chester, has been appointed chief clerk of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, effective Jan. 20 it was announced yesterday.

Judge Harold K. Wood, of Chadds Ford, made the announcement on behalf of Chief Judge Thomas J. Clary.

Spann, who also has served since 1952 as U.S. Commissioner for the district, with offices in West Chester, will be the first Chester Countian to hold the chief clerkship. The post carries an annual salary of \$16,500.

Spann, who is 56, will succeed Gilbert Ludwig, who is retiring after 40 years' service with the Federal court.

With Court Since 1920

Born in Marcus Hook, Delaware County, Spann has been associated with the court since November, 1920, and presently is its chief deputy clerk. He attended schools in Lower Chichester Township, Sleeper's Business School, Chester, and Beacom's Business College, Wilmington.

Spann has been a resident of West Chester since 1945. He and his wife, Beryl, have two daughters: Carolyn, at home, and Mrs. John H. Stahl, whose husband is a teacher and wrestling coach at West Chester Joint High School. The Stahls, who have five children, reside at 25 Seal la., West Goshen Hills.

Spann is a member of West Chester Methodist Church; Concord Lodge 625, F. & A. M.; the West Chester Gun Club and the Fame Fire Co., West Chester.

At the time of his death, the following obituary notices appeared that summarize his life and career:

W. Halton Spann

W. Halton Spann, of 135 Sharpless st., West Chester, chief clerk of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, since Jan. 20, 1962, died shortly before 4 p.m. yesterday in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. He was 59.

Mr. Spann died about an hour after he apparently was stricken with a heart attack in his office in the Federal Building at 9th and Chestnut sts. He had suffered a previous attack last spring.

The first Chester Countian to hold the chief clerkship, Mr. Spann had been associated with the court since November, 1920.

He was chief deputy clerk when he was appointed chief clerk. At that time, he also had served as U.S. Commissioner for the district since 1962.

To West Chester in 1945

Mr. Spann was born in Marcus Hook, the son of Alexander Spann Sr. and Edna Yarnall Spann. He had resided in Elam, Delaware County, before moving to West Chester in 1945.

Mr. Spann attended schools in Lower Chichester Township and Sleeper's Business School, Chester, and Beacom's Business College, Wilmington. He was a member of West Chester Methodist Church; Concord Lodge 625 F & A.M.; West Chester Gun Club; West Chester Fish & Game Association and the Fame Fire Co., West Chester.

Surviving are his wife, the former Beryl Collins; two daughters, Carolyn, at home, and Marjorie wife of John H. Stahl, of West Chester; two sisters, Margaret S., wife of George Nugent, Claymont, Del., and Muriel E., wife of William Cost, Trenton; two brothers, John Y., of West Chester, and Alexander Spann, Sr., of Holly Oak, Del., and five grandchildren.

Spann—In Philadelphia, Pa., on Friday, October 11, 1963, W. Halton Spann husband of Beryl S. Spann of 135 Sharpless st., West Chester, Pa., in his 59th year.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the Lawrence J. Reilly Funeral Home, 410 N. Church St., West Chester, Pa., on Tuesday, October 15, at 2 P.M. Interment Green Mount Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday evening.

W. Halton Spann

Funeral services for W. Halton Spann, of 135 Sharpless st., West Chester, were held yesterday afternoon at the Lawrence J. Reilly Funeral Home, West Chester.

The Rev. Frank E. Davis, pastor of the Methodist Church of West Chester, and the Rev. Wayne Conrad, pastor of the Methodist Church of Charlestown, officiated.

Interment was at Greenmount Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Chief Judge of the Federal Court of Philadelphia Thomas J. Clary; Judges Francis L. Van Dusen, Harold K. Wood, Joseph S. Lord III and Ralph C. Body, and U.S. Attorney Drew J. T. O'Keefe.

Active pallbearers were John Y. Stahl, C. Norwood Wherry, William Cost, Leonard Kanaly, William Spann and Lewis W. Dutt.

Members of the F. & A. M. Lodge 625 of Concordville held services at the funeral home Monday evening.