



Thomas C. Egan

Born: July 15, 1894, in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania

Died: July 6, 1961, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 7, 1957, to a seat vacated by George A. Welsh.

Confirmed by the Senate on August 22, 1957, and received commission on August 26, 1957.

Service terminated on July 6, 1961, due to death.

Education:

Georgetown College (now Georgetown University), A.B., 1917

University of Pennsylvania Law School (now Carey Law School), LL.B., 1923

Professional Career:

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Judicial Biography

*In 1957 after Judge Welsh took senior status, President Eisenhower chose Thomas C. Egan of Philadelphia, a stalwart organization Republican, to take his place. He was easily confirmed. Born in Shenandoah, Schuylkill County in 1894, he was graduated from Georgetown University in 1917 and thereafter from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In between,

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he served in the Army during World War I. Governor Gifford Pinchot appointed him to the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission in 1934, and Governor John Fine named him to its successor, the Public Utility Commission in 1953. He also was a member and later Chairman of the Philadelphia Gas Commission.

On July 6, 1961, Egan collapsed with a stroke in the courtroom as he was leaving the bench after imposing a sentence on a conscientious objector who had refused alternative service. He died at age 66 hours later, after less than four years as a federal judge.