

Tilman Bacon Parks

(14 May 1872 – 12 Feb 1950)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Arkansas; born near Lewisville, Lafayette County, Arkansas, May 14, 1872; attended the common schools, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1900 and commenced practice in Lewisville, Ark.; member of the State house of representatives in 1901, 1903 and 1909; presidential elector at large on the Democratic ticket of Parker and Davis in 1904, being selected as the messenger to deliver the electoral vote of the State of Arkansas; temporary chairman of the State convention in 1910; prosecuting attorney of the 8th judicial circuit of Arkansas, 1914-1918; in 1915 moved to Hope, Hempstead County, Ark., where he engaged in the practice of law; elected as a Democrat to the 67th through 74th Congresses (March 4, 1921 - January 3, 1937); was not a candidate for renomination in 1936; continued the practice of law until his retirement; died in Washington, D.C., February 12, 1950; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, February 13, 1950, p. A14

Tilman B. Parks Dies; Elected to House From Arkansas Eight Times

Tilman Bacon Parks, 77, former Democratic Representative from Arkansas for eight terms--1920 to 1936--died yesterday at the Suburban Hospital in Bethesda.

Mr. Parks was taken to the hospital Friday suffering from internal hemorrhage which caused his death.

For 16 years Representative from the Seventh Arkansas District until his retirement, Mr. Parks was born on a farm in Lafayette County near Lewisville, Ark. His former home was at Camden. Mr. Parks was educated at the Universities of Texas and Virginia.

Admitted to the Arkansas bar in 1900, Mr. Parks served in the General Assembly of his State in 1901, 1903 and 1909. In 1904 he was a presidential elector at large on the Democratic ticket.

He was prosecuting attorney of the Eighty Arkansas Judicial Circuit from 1914 to 1918.

His wife, the former Fay Newton of Camden, died in 1926, and Mr. Parks lived for many years with his son, now of 1416 Twentieth street, N.W. For six years he had been a patient at the Washington Home for Incurables.

Besides his son, Tilman B. Parks, Jr., Mr. Parks is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ann Parks Marshall, Chicago, and Mrs. Josephine Pugh, Kenosha, Wis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Post, February 14, 1950, p. B2

Tilman Parks Rites Set Today at 11

Funeral services for Tilman Bacon Parks, 77, former Arkansas Congressman who died Sunday, will be conducted today at 11 o'clock at Congressional Cemetery.

Parks, a native of Lewisville, Ark., retired from Congress in 1936 after serving 16 years as a member of the House.