

*Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory*

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 300

Space: G 85B

Find A Grave # 11922251

Name: **Ridgely, Henry Jr.**

Birth date: January 1, 1869    Death date: July 13, 1940    Burial Date: July 15, 1940    Age: 71

Spouse: Mabel Lloyd *Fisher* Ridgely (1872-1962) m. May 30, 1893 in Christ Episcopal Church by Rev. Lewis W. Gibson

Children: Philippa Elizabeth *Ridgely* Horsey (1894-1893)

Parents: Edward Ridgely (1831-1900) and Elizabeth Frazier *Comegys* Ridgely (1841-1927)

Siblings: Edward duPont Ridgely (1861-1884); Harriet Moore *Ridgely* Harrison (1862-1933); Sarah "Sally" Banning Ridgely (1866-1936)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next pages

Service/occupation information: Jurist and fruit farmer; see next page

Officiate:

Lot Owner: Ridgely

Inscription:

In Memory of  
 Henry Ridgely  
 Jurist  
 Son of Edward and  
 Elizabeth Ridgely  
 1869 – 1940  
 He pursued life with superb  
 Courage and served his fellow  
 men without thought of reward  
 Future times will hardly know  
 how great a life this simple  
 stone commemorates.  
 Integer vitae scelerisque purus



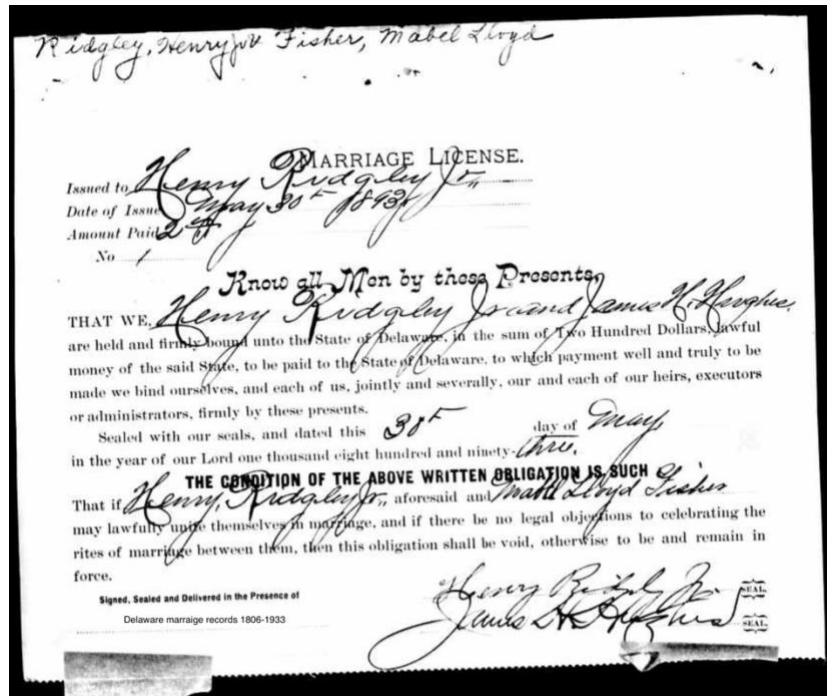
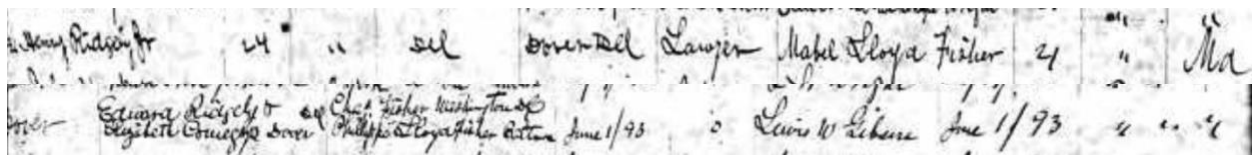
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STYLE: ledger

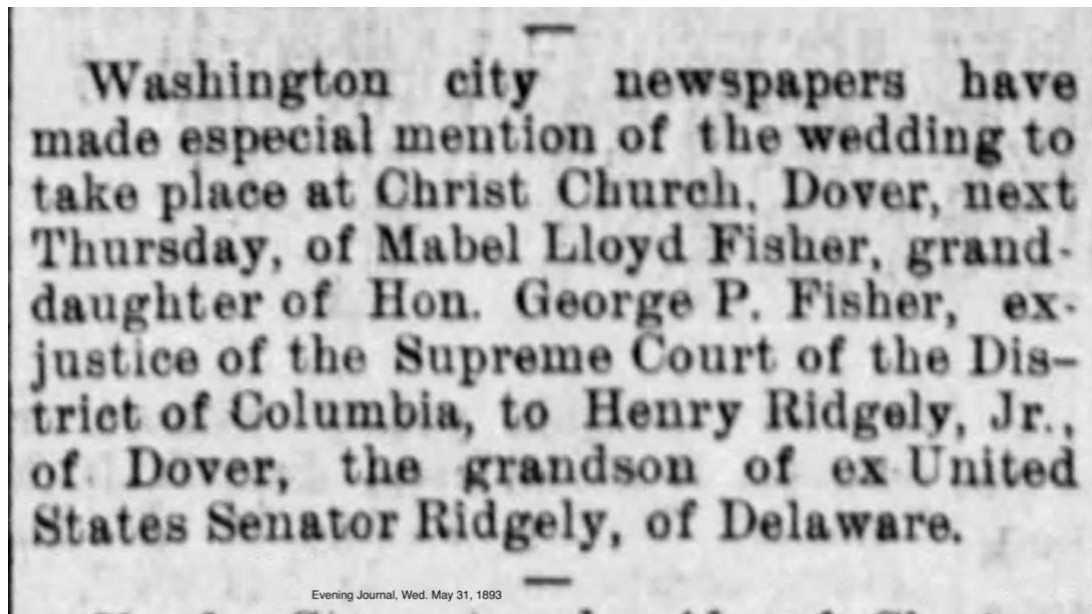
Repairs needed: Cleaning

Inventory date: May 1, 2019

Recorder: Nancy Quinn



The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE, Wednesday, May 31, 1893



Phila. Inquirer, Sunday July 14, 1940

# HENRY RIDGELY DIES AT 71 IN DOVER HOME

## Won Fame in Law, Banking, Education Despite Blindness

DOVER, Del., July 13.—Henry Ridgely, who became a prominent educator, attorney and banker of Delaware despite blindness, died at his home here today. He was 71. He became blind when a young man, shortly after being admitted to the bar in 1890 in Dover.

Mr. Ridgely was president of the Delaware State Bar Association, the Kent County Bar Association, the State Board of Education, and the Farmers' Bank here.

He was the author of Ridgely's Digest of the Judicial Reports of Delaware. He was appointed by the Legislature to draft the new public school law in 1897, after the adoption of the new State Constitution.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Ridgely conducted a fruit farm. Surviving are his wife, the former Mable Lloyd Fisher, to whom he was married in 1893, and a daughter, Mrs. Harold Wolfe Horsey, of Dover.

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## RIDGELY FUNERAL AT DOVER TODAY

### Lawyer, Banker, Educational Leader Died in Sleep; Helped in Drafting Laws

Special to The Morning News

DOVER, July 14.—Funeral services for Henry Ridgely attorney, banker, and prominent in education in Delaware, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, standard time, in Christ Episcopal Church here. Internment will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ridgely, who was blind, died at his home on the Dover Green yesterday while in his sleep. He had been under a physician's care for the past two months.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mabel Lloyd Fisher of Baltimore, and one daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Horsey, of Dover, wife of the former State bank commissioner, Harold W. Horsey, now vice-president of Union National Bank in Wilmington. Two grandchildren, Harry Ridgely Horsey, and Miss Lloyd Horsey, also survive.

Mr. Ridgely was admitted to the bar in Delaware in 1890 and since 1931 was chairman of the State Board of Bar Examiners. He was a member of the American Bar Association and an associate member of the New York City bar.

Mr. Ridgely had intended to retire as president of the Delaware Bar Association at a dinner last night at the Henlopen Hotel, Rehoboth Beach, at which he was to have been host to the attorneys.

He had served three terms as president of the State Board of Education, the first term beginning in 1914, the second 1935 to 1936, and his third in 1939.

He was a Democrat in politics and frequently was mentioned as a possible candidate for U. S. Senator.

He was a trustee of the University of Delaware and served as chairman of the committee on instruction which selected members of the faculty there. He also served as president of the Delaware State Bankers Association in 1928 and 1939.

He was born in Dover on Jan. 1, 1869, a son of Edward and Elizabeth Fraser Ridgely. He was descended from a long line of judges and lawyers.

His great-grandfather was Cornelius Comegys, Governor of Delaware, and his grandfather, Henry M. Ridgely was United States Senator. He attended public school, Wesley Institute at Dover, and the law school at the University of Pennsylvania. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon him by the University of Delaware in 1916.

He served in the drafting of new laws pertaining to education, banking, taxation, elections, agriculture and public libraries as a result of legislative action.

Mr. Ridgely was vice-president of the Society of Colonial Wars, vice-president of the Delaware Historical Society, and a member of the Delaware Academy of Political and Social Science.

He was a member of the Wilmington Club and Maple Dale Country Club, and a member of Christ Episcopal Church.