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# Lee Warren James Dies in New York

Services for Lee Warren James, 85, widely known former Dayton lawyer who had a key role in formulation and adoption of the charter which gave the city the commission-manager form of government, will be conducted tomorrow noon at St. James chapel, 71st St. and Madison Ave., New York City.

Mr. James died yesterday at Roosevelt hospital, New York City, where he resided since 1938.

He was a member of the commission which drew up the commission-manager charter here in 1913, and chairman of the Citizens committee which adopted it. As head of the city legal department in 1914 he helped inaugurate operation of the new form of government.

**BEFORE LEAVING** Dayton Mr. James was senior partner in the James & Coolidge law firm 26 years.

Born in Montgomery county, he attended high school here and read law in the office of Gunckel, Rowe & Shuey. After admission to the Ohio bar in 1900 he practiced with that firm before establishing his own offices.

He was a member also of the New York bar.

**A SPECIALIST** in corporation law, Mr. James was associated with many Miami Valley industries. A director and former board chairman of the West Carrollton Parchment Co., he was a former president of the Day-Fan Co. here and the George Washington Life Insurance Co., Charleston, W. Va.

He also had been president of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Country club and Dayton District Golf association. He was president emeritus of the Metropolitan club of New York.

Mr. James was a former board chairman of the National Safety council.

**SURVIVNG** are a daughter, Mrs. John H. Leib of New York city; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Robert C. Schenck of Dayton and Mrs. Donald Wilson of Gladstone, N.J.; a son, Robert L. of Baltimore; a stepson, James H. Gates of Dayton, and four grandchildren.

Burial will be on Long Island. The Frank E. Campbell Funeral home, New York City, is in charge of arrangements.

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