

JOHN H. HOUGHTON, 76, DIES IN LONG BRANCH

**Chief Probation Officer of
Monmouth County and
Ex-Police Judge.**

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LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 24.—John H. Houghton, chief probation officer of Monmouth County since 1915, died this morning in Monmouth Memorial Hospital, where he had been suffering from a kidney ailment since Jan. 2. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Houghton was born here on May 24, 1858, son of the late George W. Houghton, a leading florist of the North Jersey Coast. His home was at 87 Washington Street.

He was the first police judge appointed after the city obtained its charter, president of the board of trustees of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church, vice president of the church's official board and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He had served as a local preacher and had been prominent in the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference. He was also a director of the Methodist Home for the Aged at Ocean Grove. For many years he was secretary of the Long Branch Y. M. C. A. He was a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

After being in business with his father for a few years, Mr. Houghton went to the L. and D. Edwards Lumber Company. For twenty years he was superintendent of its mill. After the company went out of business he was instructor in woodcraft for six years at the Rahway Reformatory.

Mr. Houghton instituted many reforms in the probation office, to which he went on giving up the reformatory position.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John R. Sexton of Summit, N. J., four grandchildren and two brothers, Frank Houghton of Boston and Wilfred of Colorado.

Funeral services will be held at St. Luke's Church on Wednesday afternoon.

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