



Howard Edgar Case

May 11, 2014

Sussex - Howard E. Case, age 83, passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2014 at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood. He was a well-known local historian and genealogist and was a descendant of Henry Case, who came to America in 1633. Mr. Case had traced his ancestry to the Saxon Kings of England and the early Kings of Ireland and Scotland. He was born on June 7, 1930 at the former Alexander Linn Hospital (Saint Clare's Hospital) in Sussex, the son of Edgar D. and Rosalie (Jensen) Case and had attended Sussex schools, graduating from Jacksonville Junior College in Florida and Columbia University. He had served in the United States Navy from 1949 to 1953. Mr. Case was a former Court Clerk in Sussex Borough and retired as the Court Clerk in Wantage Township in December 1994. He was a librarian, genealogist, and life member of the Sussex County Historical Society, a past president of Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter, S.A.R. in Sussex County, a past president of the Orange County Genealogical Society in Goshen, New York, a former trustee of the Old Clove Church in Wantage, a member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in New York City, the National Historical Society in Gettysburg, PA, and the Classic Jaguar Association in Newport Beach, California. He published several booklets on Sussex County history and the Case Family; including the Samaritan Lodge directories (1964 and 1969), S.A.R., Col. Rosenkrans Chapter directory (1969), Sussex Borough history (1964), Case genealogy (1969), History of Samaritan Lodge (1969), History of Sussex Fire Department (1974), and Sussex County, New

Jersey Marriages (1992). In 1971, he republished Snell's Sussex County history, Midland Guide (1972), Tom Quick (1975), Sparta History (1975), and had a radio program about Sussex County history for several years on WNNJ. Active Masonically, he was secretary of Samaritan Lodge No. 98 from 1963 to 1970, a past High Priest and Treasurer of Baldwin Chapter #17, and a member of Order of the Knight Masons. He was also a member of Lodge Celtic #291 of Edinburgh, Scotland; Edinburgh Chapter #1 of Edinburgh, and Princess Chapter #189 of Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Case was a member and historian of Christ Episcopal Church in Newton. He is survived by his sister, Mary Rome Cherkas and her husband Douglas of Wantage; his nephew, Stephen L. Rome and his wife Susan M. and their children, Sarah and Rachel Rome all of Wantage; and one cousin, Julia Devine of Sussex. Memorial Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the Old Clove Church, 887 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461. Friends may pay their respects to the family one hour prior to the service from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Old Clove Church. Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made in Howard Case's memory to the Friends of the Sussex-Wantage Library/History Projects Fund, 69 Route 639, Wantage, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered on www.PinkelFuneralHome.com (Do not delete this line. It does not print. Text that is to appear on web must be entered before this line)

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