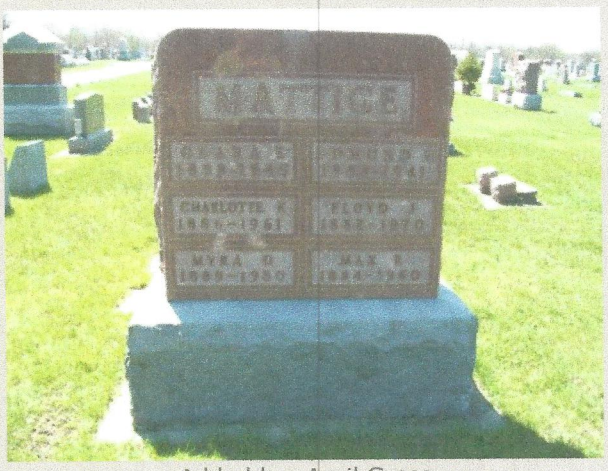
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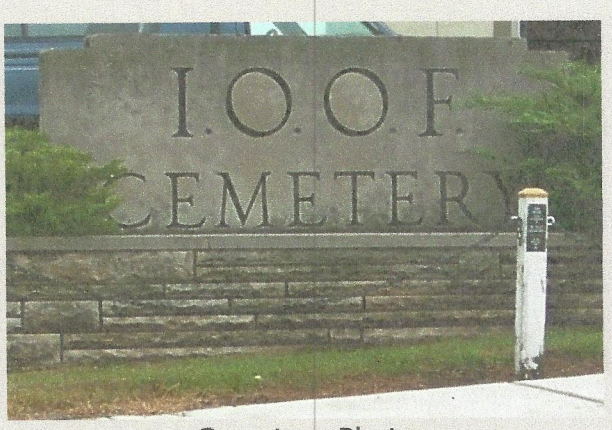
Birth: Apr. 30, 1882
Death: Dec. 29, 1970

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Floyd J. "Jack" MATTICE, a Rochester-trained lawyer whose distinguished legal career brought him international recognition, died this morning at 8 o'clock in Dukes Memorial hospital at Peru.
He was 88 years of age.
Mr. Mattice had been residing at the National nursing home here and was transferred to the Peru hospital Tuesday evening to undergo surgery, which was performed at midnight. He had been in ill health the past two years, sustaining the loss of both legs by amputation, but retained his natural buoyancy and interest in life until the end.
His 50-year career in law was capped following World War II when he assisted in the prosecution of Premier Tojo and other Japanese military leaders for war crimes. He spent three years, from 1945-48 in these trials, which attracted international attention.
Mr. Mattice served 14 years as an attorney for various U.S. governmental agencies before his retirement in 1956, when he returned to Rochester.
He came to this city in 1901, as a 19-year-old after his graduation from high school in Lima, O. Here he came under the influence of his grandfather, Julius ROWLEY, longtime Rochester attorney, and began to read law in Rowley's office.
In a year, he had "passed" the bar by oral examination of local lawyers and in 1902 entered the law school at the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1905.
He then returned to Rochester to enter law practice, served two terms as county prosecutor, and from 1910-17 was one of the founders and general manager of the Rochester canning company.
The advent of World War I changed Mr. Mattice's career and sent him on a varied and interesting path in many far-flung legal fields.



Added by: April Gross



Cemetery Photo
Added by: Shelley Crabb

The U. S. Bureau of Investigation (now the FBI) badly needed lawyers with criminal trial background upon the outbreak of the war.
Mr. Mattice accepted such a post in 1918 as a special agent in Indianapolis and a year later moved to the post of first assistant to the U.S. district attorney in that city.
Entering private practice in Indianapolis in 1922, he became one of the city's leading attorneys for the next 20 years before moving onto the national scene.
While in Indianapolis, Mr. Mattice was instructor in criminal law for the Indiana law school, chief deputy prosecutor for Marion county, city attorney under Mayor John Kern and corporation counsel under Mayor Walter Boetcher.
In 1942, with yet another World War in progress, Mr. Mattice went to Washington as counsel to the U.S. Senate judiciary committee and the next year served in the same capacity for the Senate liquor investigating committee.
It was while he was in the latter post that the War Department borrowed his services for the Japanese war crimes trials. Returning from Japan in 1948, he became a trial attorney for the Department of Justice as special assistant to the Attorney General.
During this period, from 1949-56, he was loaned to the House of Representatives as counsel for the House select committee on lobbying. Before his retirement in 1956, he also was counsel for the House committee investigating the White County Bridge Commission in Indiana.
Following a brief stint as prosecutor of U.S. War Frauds in Chicago he was asked by U.S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark to go to Tokyo as part of the tribunal.
In 1949, Mr. Mattice, a former Marion County deputy prosecutor, was named counsel for the special House committee to investigate lobbying. Former Indiana Congressman Charles A. Halleck was ranking minority member of the committee.
At the time of the appointment, Mattice was assistant to Alex Campbell of Fort Wayne, chief of the criminal division of the Department of Justice.
Before retiring in 1957 Mr. Mattice spent six years as assistant to the attorney general on the Justice Department's Criminal Division trial staff.

He was a member of the Elks and Moose lodges here.
Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the I.O.O.F Cemetery here.
Survivors include three grandchildren.
Mr. Mattice retained a life-long interest in Rochester and was well-versed in its history, much of which he committed to writing.
As a young man in Lima, he had learned telegraphy and pursued this talent as both vocation and hobby the rest of his life.
Telegraphy helped pay his way through the university of Michigan and there he earned the distinction of being the first man to "broadcast"a football game.
At the 1903 game between Michigan and Minnesota at Minneapolis, he stood in a booth atop a 40-foot tower and telegraphed a play-by-play report of the game gack to Ann Arbor, where 5,000 student had gathered to receive the news.
Born April 30, 1882, in Middleburg, N.Y., he was the son of Edmund H. and Clara ROWLEY MATTICE. His marriage was in 1908 at Rochester to Charlotte KILLEN, who preceded in death.
Surviving are three grandchildren, Jack T. MARSH and Glen O. MARSH, Jr., both of Fort Wayne, and Miss Linda MARSH, Bloomington; two great-grandchildren, Shannon and Lincoln Mattice MARSH, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Myra MATTICE, Rochester. A daughter, Mrs. Helen MARSH, died in 1966.
Graveside rites will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. cemetery, following cremation. The Zimmerman Brothers funeral home is in charge. There will be no calling hours at the funeral home.

SOURCE: Fulton County Indiana Obituaries - 1970
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Family links:
Parents:
Edmund H Mattice (1853 - 1941)
Clara E *Rowley* Mattice (1858 - 1945)

Spouse:
Charlotte K *Killen* Mattice (1886 - 1961)

Sibling:
Floyd J Mattice (1882 - 1970)