

# Cornelius C. Moore Dies, Lawyer, Banker, Politician

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Cornelius C. Moore, lawyer, banker, politician and a leader in many civic enterprises, died this morning at his home, 5 Touro Park West. He had been in failing health for a long time. His age was 85 years.

A lawyer since 1916, he was senior partner in the firm of Moore, Virgadamo, Boyle and Lynch. He was a member of the R.I. Bar Association, the Newport Bar Association, American Bar Association and the Inter - American Bar Association. He also was a member of the American College of Probate Counsel.

Mr. Moore was a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, U.S. District Court for the District of R.I., U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the Tax Court of the U.S.

From 1942 to 1946, he was a member and chairman of the Representative Council in the bi-partisan days of the city government. In that world War II period, the Democrats



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controlled the Representative Council.

Prior to entering the practice of law, Mr. Moore was clerk of the Board of Health. In his early days as a lawyer, he was a partner of Walter Curry, who later became a judge in the Superior Court. Mr. Moore was active in the early 1920s in the

cause of Irish freedom. He was host to Eamon DeValera, who visited Newport in 1920. Among his many associations, was that of vice president of the Irish - American Historical Society and membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

His banking activities centered on the Newport National Bank, which he expanded from a small institution to one with five Newport County offices.

In addition to his public activities, Mr. Moore was a collector of early American silver. His collection of the works of Rhode Island Colonial silversmiths was considered the foremost of its kind.

Long an active member in many phases of the Roman Catholic Church, he helped found the Portsmouth Priory, now the Portsmouth Abbey. He was chairman emeritus of the advisory board of Salve Regina College. He was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree