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Percival Lee Shangraw

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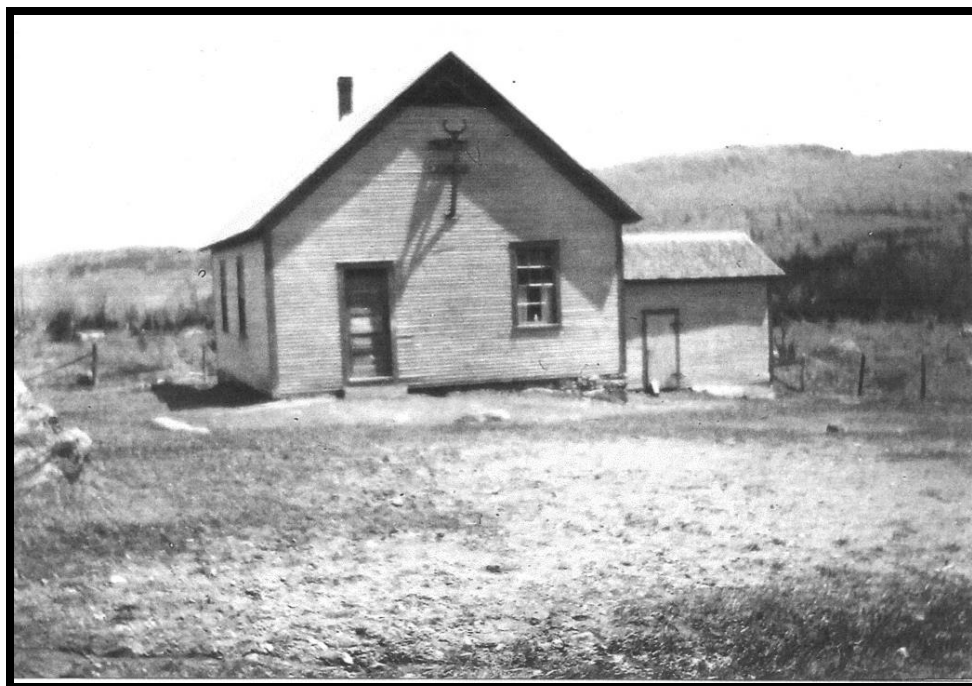
Born: August 6, 1897 in Montgomery, VT. (no first name listed in vital record)

Father: Edmund James Shangraw

Mother: Lillian "Lillie" Murry

Wife: Ruth Martin

Brother: Mortimer Hiram, born Aug 24, 1886 in Montgomery. Died Sep 9, 1897.



West Hill School at Four Corners circa 1916 attended by Percival Shangraw.

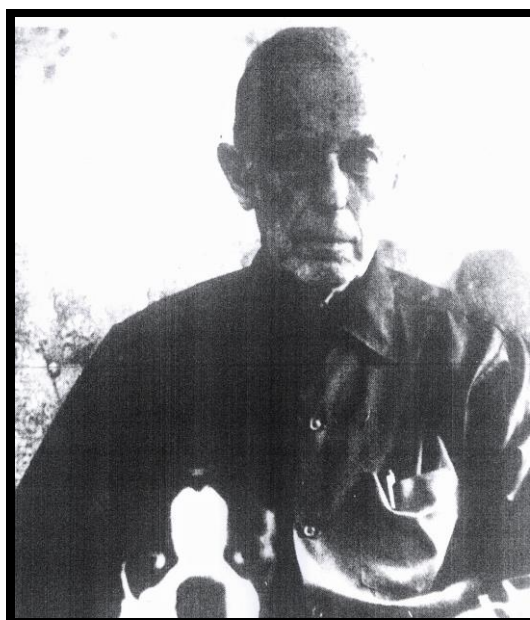
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Homestead of Percival Shangraw, West Hill in Montgomery, VT circa 1915

Front page article on the Death of Justice Shangraw
St Albans Messenger, Dec 18, 1988



Headline: Former Chief Justice Shangraw dies at 91. Montgomery native, St. Albans resident remembered for high standards, humor. AP Staff Report, St. Albans Messenger Dec 18, 1988

A former Vermont Supreme Court chief justice whose career on the bench spanned three decades has died.

Percival Shangraw, who was known for his sense of humor and his outspoken—efforts to retain high ethical standards for lawyers, died Sunday at his home at 51 High Street, St. Albans ..

He was 91.

"They won't make another like him; said Former Chief Justice Albert Barney. "He had an exquisite common touch. Everybody loved 'Shang,' as he was called."

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Barney said Shangraw took his work very seriously but was known for his practical jokes, such as calling other judges and impersonating Internal Revenue Service agents.

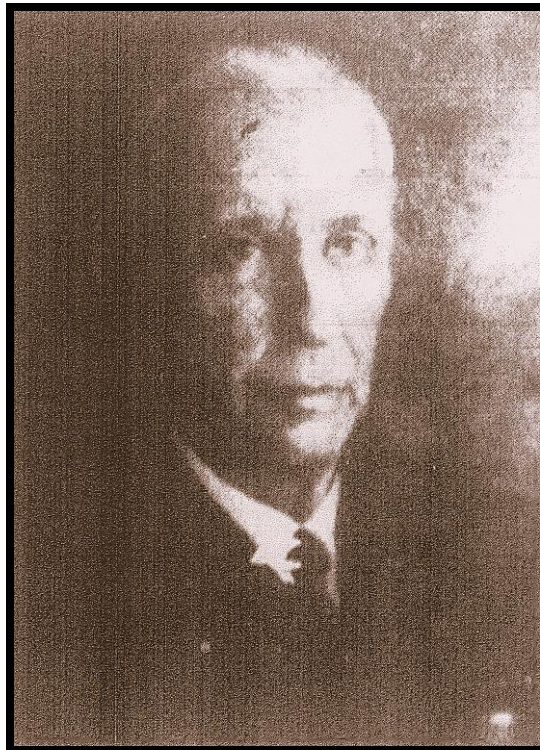
Shangraw retired in 1974, but filled in on the bench occasionally at all levels of the Vermont court system.

"He was a very humane and understanding person who had the respect of the bench and bar and as far as I know, every litigant who came before him," said U.S. District Court Judge James Holden.

Holden said he last saw Shangraw at judges' meeting last summer. Holden said that even though Shangraw was ill, his spirits were good."

Shangraw was born in Montgomery and practiced law in Richford, Enosburg, and St. Albans from 1925-1951. He was a Franklin County senator in 1951.

St Albans Messenger Dec 18, 1988
Obituary – Percival Lee Shangraw



Percival Lee Shangraw, 91, retired chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, died Sunday morning, Dec. 18, at his home, 51 High Street.

Justice Shangraw was a lifelong resident of Franklin County. He was born in Montgomery, Aug 6, 1897, the son of E.J. and Lillian (Murray) Shangraw. Justice Shangraw graduated from Albany Law School in 1923 and practiced law in Richford, Enosburg, and St. Albans from 1925 to 1951.

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His Judicial services included Vermont Municipal judge from 1935 to 1947, Superior judge from 1951 to 1956, chief Superior judge from 1956 to 1958, associate justice of the Vermont Supreme Court from 1958 to 1972, and chief justice of the Vermont Supreme Court from 1972 to 1974.

Justice Shangraw served as secretary of the Vermont Public Service Commission from 1923 to 1925. He was a former director and vice president of the Richford Savings Bank and Franklin County Senator in 1951.

He was a Mason for more than 65 years and a member of Franklin County and Vermont bar associations and Phi Delta law fraternity. He was a member of St Paul's United Methodist Church. During World War I Justice Shangraw served for 23 months, as private, battalion Sergeant Major, Second Lieutenant, and then First Lieutenant. He was then Captain and Major in the Vermont State Guard.

An avid golfer, Justice Shangraw is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Norma Jean and Jeff Griffon of Salem SC; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Jacobs and Mrs. Dazel Thompson, both of Enosburgh Falls; a granddaughter, Sue Ann Wickman of Holland, Michigan; three grandsons, Scott J. Griffin of Atlanta, GA, David L. Griffin of Stamford, CT, and Jeffrey Griffin of Indianapolis, IN; five great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Ruth (Marvin) Shangraw July 28, 1971, and his son, Richard M. Shangraw, May 14 1979.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Sorley officiating. Interment will be next spring in the family lot in Hillside Cemetery in Richford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vermont Cancer Society, Drawer C, Montpelier 05602. Visiting hours will be Tuesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the Heald Funeral Home, 87 S. Main St., St. Albans.

Wikipedia Link

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