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Served in House and Senate and
Was Noted as a Debater.

Hon Francis W. Kittredge, one of the best known lawyers in Boston, died yesterday at his home, 532 Beacon st, aged 70. The funeral will take place at the family residence at 2 Friday afternoon.

Mr Kittredge was born in Lowell, June 4, 1843. He was graduated from Yale with the degree of AB in 1865, and then entered Harvard Law School, from which he received a degree of LLB in 1867. He was admitted to practice the following October and opened an office in Boston. He had always practiced his profession in this city and had a considerable clientele. In 1868 he received a degree of AM from Yale. He was associated with Ex-Mayor Nathan Matthews for a number of years.

For many years Mr Kittredge lived in Roxbury, and it was from Ward 21, that district, that he served as a Representative in 1885, 1890 and 1891. In 1892 he was appointed a member of the Boston Board of Appeals on Building Laws. In politics he was always a Republican. He was elected to the Senate in 1893 and 1894. As a member of the House in 1899 he was chairman of the Committee on State House and of the Committee on Elections; in 1890 of the Committee on Cities, and in 1891 House chairman of the latter committee.

In 1893 rapid transit was a much discussed topic, and as Senate chairman of

the Special Committee on Rapid Transit and as the author of the bill for a system of rapid transit, which was finally passed, Mr Kittredge was much in the public eye. The same year he was also on the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Constitutional Amendments.

In 1894 Mr Kittredge held the important position of chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and he was a member of the Committees on Bills in Third Reading and Transit.

It was during his last year in the Legislature that he figured very prominently in the famous West End Street Railway investigation and at the close of that last exciting hearing he made a fierce political onslaught on George Fred Williams.

He won for himself a high reputation as a ready and clever debater, a sound parliamentarian and an earnest politician. In a running rough-and-tumble debate he had few equals, and it is doubtful if any superiors, while he served in the House. No man in the House loved fair play better than he and his active work for constructive legislation brought him prominently before the State.