

At the end of his term of office Judge Davies declined re-election and returned to the practice of his profession in the City of New York, being associated in business with Judge Noah Davis, until the re-election of the latter to the Supreme Court in 1872, and with his son, Julien Tappan Davies. He was counsel for The Mutual Life Insurance Company and other large corporations, but devoted himself mainly to Chamber practice and service as referee in important cases,—duties for which he had been eminently qualified by his long experience on the Bench. The day before he was attacked by the illness that closed his life, earnest to the last in his devotion to professional duty, he sat for many hours as one of the Commissioners appointed to determine the feasibility of constructing the Broadway Arcade Railroad.

Judge Davies was deeply concerned in the prosperity of the City of his adoption, prompt to further any measure tending to its welfare, and for many years conspicuous in all movements having such ends in view. He was for a long time a Director of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, and during the last year of his life, its President. His deep interest in young men and in his profession led him, in 1870, to accept the position of Dean of the Law School of the University of the City of New York, and this position he retained until his death. He received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University, and also from Amherst College.

On July 1st, 1835, he married Rebecca Waldo Tappan, a daughter of John Tappan, a prosperous and well-known merchant of Boston, Mass., by whom he had a large family. Four sons and two daughters survived him. He died in the City of New York on the 17th day of December, 1881, after a short illness.