

LESLIE G. STRODE,
b. 23 February 1886 – d. 4 April 1941
s/o George S. Strode & Elizabeth Carnahan
h/o Minnie Lou Draper md 2 March 1918
b. 8 August 1889 – d. 28 September 1961
d/o William Matthew Draper & Sophronia Jones

Funeral services for **Leslie G. Strode**, 56, were conducted last Saturday from the Church of Christ by J. B. Gaither and Ralph Snell, former pastor and pastor of the congregation.

Mr. Strode received his literary education in the schools of Jackson County and at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, and was graduated from the Cumberland University School of Law, Lebanon.

For several years he taught school in the county and after completing his law course he was admitted to the Gainesboro Bar and practiced here several years.

He was **married to Miss Minnie Draper** on March 17, 1917 and went immediately to Purcell, OK, where he was admitted to the bar, and later served as County Attorney at that place.

In 1922 he returned to Gainesboro and resumed his practice of law.

Mr. Strode stood high in the councils of the Republican Party and had been US commissioner for several years. He had served as Mayor of Gainesboro and was Deacon in the Church of Christ at the time of his death.

The high esteem and confidence in which he was held was shown by the number of friends at the funeral and the number of floral offerings.

No citizen enjoyed more of the confidence and esteem of his fellows than did Leslie Strode – honest, truthful, and trustworthy, his word was his bond, and the community has lost one of its best citizens.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Draper Strode; 1 daughter, Mary Elizabeth Strode; 2 brothers, Henry Strode of Whitleyville, and Zeke Strode of Hopkinsville, KY. One sister, Mrs. Alice Vinson of Whitleyville. Besides these, many other relatives and friends.

Burial was in the Rob Draper Memorial Cemetery Stone Community, Jackson Co., TN. (Obt. states buried in the Johnson Cemetery, TN)

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DR. EDWARD WARD DRAPER
B. 13 April 1908 – d. 17 November 1944
s/o William Matthew Draper & Sophronia Jones
h/o Emma Lucille Dowell

Dr. Edward W. Draper died at this home here Friday night November 17 following a heart attack.

A **son of the late William M. and Sophronia Jones Draper**, he was born April 13, 1908 and was reared in Gainesboro. He was a graduate of Jackson County Central High School and attended UT where he had his pre-med course, and graduated from the Medical School at Memphis. He served his internship at Presbyterian Hospital, Nashville.

He returned to Gainesboro in 1937 and opened an office and began the practice of his profession. He had gained an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon, and his passing will be keenly felt in this and adjoining counties.

He was President of the Upper Cumberland Medical Association, a charter member of the Gainesboro Rotary Club and a Mason.

He was **married to Miss Lucille Dowell** of Granville, April 15, 1940 and they had made their home in Gainesboro since.

He is survived by his wife, 3 brothers, Joe, Ridley, and Fred Draper, all of Gainesboro; 3 sisters, Mrs. Minnie Strode, Mrs. John L. McCawley and Mrs. Ben Baugh, also of Gainesboro. Besides these, many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Church of Christ Sunday afternoon at 2L00 by Elder Ralph Snell, pastor. Burial was in the Rob Draper Memorial Cemetery Stone Community, Jackson Co., TN. (Obt. states buried in the Johnson Cemetery, TN).

Active pallbearers were a nephew, Roy McCawley, brother-in-law, Roland T. Dowell; 2 cousins, Jack and James Draper and the local druggists, Bayliss Anderson and Young Wooten.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Upper Cumberland Medical Association and nurses at the Cookeville Hospital.

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William Matthew Draper, b. 9 January 1865, Smyrna, TN – d. 2 March 1944, s/o Ridley Draper & Rebecca Kuykendall. He married on the 8 of July 1888, Cookeville, TN, **Sophonra Jones**, b. 14 July 1868 – d. 16 June 1938. Both buried in the Rob Draper Memorial Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. They are the parents of Minnie Jones w/o Leslie G. Strode. William Matthew Draper was a merchant.

Herbert Riley Draper, b. 14 January 1897 – d. 22 May 1952, s/o William Matthew Draper & Sophronia Jones. He is buried in the Rob Draper Memorial Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. Army WWI.

Source: Draper Families in America by The Parthenon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, pgs. 296-303 and pgs. 316-317.

TRAVIS DRAPER (1778-1857) md MARGARET WHITE =
MARTHA "PATSY" DRAPER, b. 10 May 1803, Indian Creek, Jackson Co., TN md JAMES C. STRODE =
GEORGE S. STRODE md ELIZABETH CARNAHAN (1850-1929) =
LESLIE G. STRODE (1886-1941) md MINNIE LOU DRAPER (1889-1961) =

Children of Leslie G. Strode & Minnie Lou Draper are:

Mary Elizabeth Strode, b. 20 June 1919, Oklahoma City, OK md 19 June 1943, Nashville, TN Sam Otey Anderson, b. 14 March 1923, Little Lot, TN. They had a daughter named Carol Ann Anderson, b. 15 March 1955, Gainesboro, TN.

(**Note:** Joshua Draper and Martha "Patsy" Draper were siblings).

TRAVIS DRAPER (1778-1857) md MARGARET WHITE =
JOSHUA DRAPER (1805-1852) md CHRISTINA C. LYLES (1802-1876) =
RIDLEY DRAPER (1825-1873) md REBECCA KUYKENDALL (1828-1905) =
WILLIAM MATTHEW DRAPER (1865-1944) md SOPHRONIA JONES (1868-1938) =
MINNIE LOU DRAPER (1889-1961) md LESLIE G. STRODE (1886-1941)

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