

Dr. Jerome Alfred Riffe

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Dr. J. A. Riffe Dies Suddenly in Covington

Former Hinton Resident
Succumbs to Heart
Attack.

Dr. J. A. Riffe, former Hinton resident and who is now well known here by a host of friends, died suddenly last night at his home in Covington, due to heart trouble. Dr. Riffe was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riffe, who died several years ago but were two of the oldest residents of Hinton, coming here to make their home during the early years of Hinton's existence, and Dr. Riffe, as well as all members of the Riffe family have a host of friends in Hinton and are favorably known here.

Dr. Riffe had been in ill health for some time, but persisted most diligently in maintaining his practice, engaging a chauffeur to drive him when he found that the exertion was too much for his strength. Monday he suffered a heart attack and his more intimate friends became alarmed over his condition. This fact was not generally known, and, consequently, when his death was announced it came as a distinct shock to his great host of friends and patients.

One incident which may have aggravated Dr. Riffe's case was the robbery of his office, in the Dew Building. Thieves broke in Saturday night or Sunday and carried off a number of articles, including a typewriter. The matter plainly worried him when the robbery was discovered Monday and it was later in the day when he suffered his first heart attack.

Funeral and burial services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Covington.

Sketch of Dr. Riffe

Dr. Jerome Alfred Riffe was born in March, 1884, a son of the late J. A. Riffe and Ella Warren Riffe, of Hinton, W. Va. He was a graduate of the University of West Virginia and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore. After his graduation, he practiced his profession for a time at Hinton and at Fire Creek, W. Va., after which he was a member of the staff of the C. & O. Hospital at Clifton Forge. Eight years ago he came to Covington. Besides his large private practice which he had established at Covington, he was the physician for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company's Covington mill. He was a member of the Granbery Memorial Methodist church, a Shriner, a member of the Rotary Club and a member of the American Medical Association.

Besides his widow, Dr. Riffe is survived by three sisters, Mrs. R. R. Wolf, Miss Mary Stewart Riffe and Miss Margaret Riffe, all of Charleston, W. Va. and one brother, Mr. J. Y. Riffe, of Charleston.