

DR. GEORGE W. GOOGE TO BE BURIED TODAY
Rienzi Community Physician Dies at 79
PRACTICED 52 YEARS

CORINTH, MISS. May 25—Services for Dr. George William Googe will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Rienzi Methodist Church with the Rev. Wilson Flinn and the Rev. Roy Beasley officiating. Burial will be in the Henry Cemetery with McPeters Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Serves Half Century

Dr. Googe served the Rienzi Community as physician for more than 52 years. He died at the Community Hospital in Corinth Thursday evening May 24, 1956. He was 79.

Born in Itawamba, County, Dr. Googe attended Oakland Normal Institute where he received the B.S. degree in 1898. He attended the University of Tennessee and received the M.D. degree from the University of Kentucky.

He practiced medicine in Alcorn County from 1903 until recently. Many of his professional calls were made during the days of the "horse and buggy doctor."

Dr. Googe married Charlotte Ione Walker in 1905 in Ripley. She died in 1955.

Masonic Member

He was a member of the Methodist church and served as a steward. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason and a Royal Arch Mason.

True to county doctor fashion, Dr. Googe accepted hams, chickens, eggs and other items of farm produce as payment for his medical service. He was said to have delivered more than 3,000 babies during his career. Ninety-five percent of the children were delivered in private homes.

On June 20, 1954, he was honored by his friends and neighbors at "Dr. Googe Day" in Rienzi.

He leaves a son, George Walker Googe of Jackson, Tenn.; three daughters, Mrs. Willard Carithers of Statesville, N.C., Miss Louise Googe of Rienzi, and Mrs. Marie Belser of Florence, Ala., a brother, Virgil E. Goodge of Fulton, Miss.; a sister, Mrs. S. L. Dozer also of Fulton and three grandchildren.



GOOGE RITES ARE HELD AT RIENZI ON SATURDAY

Funeral rites were conducted yesterday at 4 p.m. at the Rienzi Methodist Church for Dr. George W. Googe, 79 year old resident to Rienzi, Miss., and a veteran of over 50 years of medical practice in this county. The Revs. Wilson Flinn and Roy Beasley officiated, with a special prayer being offered by the Rev. W. G. Winstead

Interment followed Masonic Rites at Henry Cemetery with McPeters Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Googe, a native of Itawamba County, died at the Community Hospital Thursday at 5:15 p.m. after an illness of six months.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist Church and was married to Charlotte Ione Walker in 1905 in Ripley. His wife died in May of last year.

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