

Henry White Draper (1875 - 1 Sep 1945)

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Local Refugees Make Whereabouts Known Senator Oliver Returning on the Olympic - Harry Draper in French Capital



Mr. Henry W. Draper
Principal Langley Junior High School

Word comes from Paris by mail that Harry Draper of Washington is in the French capital.

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Draper Safe In Paris Head of Monroe School Wires to Friend in This City With A Party of Teachers Capital School Board Man Now Trying to Locate Other Washington Instructors Believed to Have Been in Europe When War Broke Out - Rene Samson Thought to Have Enlisted in French Army

H.W. Draper, principal of the Monroe School, who has been in Europe since early in July, and whose whereabouts had been unknown since the beginning of hostilities on the German frontier, sent a cablegram to Stephen E. Kramer, 1725 Kilbourne place, supervising principal of public schools, under date of August 10, announcing his arrival in Paris with a party of Americans, including several Washington school teachers. The cablegram, delayed in transmission, was received yesterday.

Mr. Draper was in a party of twenty Americans who sailed for Naples June 27. They planned to spend a few weeks in Italy and Switzerland, and were to have gone into Germany this month. The cablegram said the party would leave Paris Wednesday for London, and the Americans are to sail for the United States as soon as possible.

Draper, Henry W. On Saturday, September 1, 1945, at Georgetown Hospital, Henry W. Draper, of 1521 35th st. n.w., beloved husband of Elizabeth Kohl Draper, father of Sergt. Richard Townsend Draper, U.S.A. and brother of Mrs. Helen Draper Hoffman and Mrs. Clyde W. Warburton. Friends may call at the Birch funeral home, 3034 M st. n.w. Services at Christ Episcopal Church, Georgetown, on Tuesday, September 4 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Draper, Henry White. The District of Columbia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, requests to announce the death of Compatriot Henry White Draper. The following compatriots have been appointed to represent the society at his funeral: Selden M. Ey jr., Robert D. Brinker, C. Seymour McConnell.

Benjamin D Hill, President

Draper, Henry W. Members of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants are hereby notified of the death of Henry W. Draper. Funeral services at Christ Episcopal Church, Georgetown, on Tuesday, September 4, 1945, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Theodore W. Noyes, President.

Orrin J. Davey, Secretary.

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Henry White Draper, Retired D.C. School Principal, Dies at 70

Henry White Draper, 70, who retired in June as supervising principal of the first division of the public schools after 50 years' service to the school system, died yesterday at Georgetown Hospital. He lived at 1521 Thirty-first street N.W.

Mr. Draper won recognition as an educator, historian, traveler and poet. Co-founder of the Draper-Kramer Travel Tours, he made 27 trips to Europe.

The Board of Education asked him to round out his 50th year during the war emergency. He was the first school official so honored since the board set up its present retirement system.

Among Mr. Draper's ancestors were nine Magna Charta signers. His father, Dr. Lemuel James Draper, served as an assistant surgeon in the Navy during the Civil War.

Taught at Soldiers' Home

Mr. Draper was a graduate of Central High School and Washington Normal School, class of 1895. He began teaching immediately, continuing his education in his leisure. From George Washington University, he received a B.A. degree in 1909 and a M.A. degree in 1929. National University Law School granted him LLB and LLM degrees.

His first teaching experience was at the Soldiers' Home, where the grandchildren of the Governor were among his pupils. Later he served as teaching principal, group principal, junior high principal and for 18 years as supervising principal.

Early in his career he founded one of the first boys clubs in the city in the basement of the Monroe School.

His school division included 5,000 pupils in an area of 20 square miles. Teachers and principals honored him for his work at a reception in the Mayflower Hotel when he retired in June.

Last Tour in 1941

Besides his many trips to Europe, he conducted a tour of Japan in 1931, two tours of the United States and others to South America. His last tour was to Mexico in 1941. Then the war interrupted his travels.

A song he composed, "The Lord My Tender Shepherd Is," has been sung as a hymn in many schools and churches. His autobiographies of deceased members of the Sons of the American Revolution are in the Library of Congress. He also wrote numerous poems.

He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown, the Schoolmen's Club; Sigma Nu Phi, legal fraternity; Phi Sigma Pi, honorary fraternity; the Lions' Club, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Oldest Inhabitants' Association.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Kohl Draper; a son, Sergt. Richard Townsend Draper, and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Hoffman and Mrs. Anne Warburton.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Christ Church, Thirty-first and G streets N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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Honorary Pallbearers Named for Draper Rites

Honorary pallbearers were named today for Henry White Draper, 70, retired supervising principal of the First Division of the District public schools, whose funeral is to be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Christ Episcopal Church, Thirty-first and O streets N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. Mr. Draper died Saturday.

The honorary pallbearers will be Dr. William C. Ruediger, Dr. Carroll R. Reed, Joshua Evans, jr.; Robert L. Haycock, Lawson J. Cantrell, Dr. William E. Hager, Nathaniel A. Danowsky and Dr. Harold E. Warner.

Active pallbearers will be from the George C. Whiting Lodge of Masons and the Georgetown Lions' Club.

Mr. Draper had served the public school system here for 50 years.