

Joseph F.E. Sessford (- 29 Sep 1928)

Sessford, Dr. J.F.S. Suddenly, September 29, 1928 at 8 a.m., Dr. Joseph F.S. Sessford, son of the late Joseph S. and Sarah E. Sessford and brother of Harry W. Sessford. Funeral from Hine's undertaking parlors, 2901 14th street northwest, Monday, October 1 at 3 p.m.

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Doctor Drops Dead

Dr. Joseph Sessford, 56, Expires After Morning Walk

Returning from an early morning walk, Dr. Joseph Sessford, 56 years old, 1406 35 street, entered the front hallway of his home and fell dead.

Physicians from both Emergency and Georgetown Hospitals attributed his death to heart failure.

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Dr. J.S.F. Sessford Dies Here Suddenly

Funeral Service for Titled Physician to Be Held Tomorrow

Dr. Joseph S.F. Sessford, who had the Scottish titles of Lord of Sessford and Duke of Roxborough, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home, 1406 Thirty-fifth street, from a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at Hines' funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street, with Dr. George Fiske Dudley of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church officiating. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Dr. Sessford was 70 years old and had been continuously employed in the War Department for 48 years. He was the son of the late Dr. Joseph S. Sessford, a prominent physician of the Capitol. He was graduated from Georgetown Medical School in 1885. He is survived by his brother, Harry W. Sessford, 1410 M street, who succeeds to the titles and by a niece, Maybelle Claire Sessford. He was a member of the Columbia Country and Chevy Chase Clubs.

Dr. Sessford was one of the oldest clerks in the War Department. Although beyond the statutory retirement age for classified employes, he was retained on active duty on account of his knowledge in the record and pension division of the adjutant general's office.