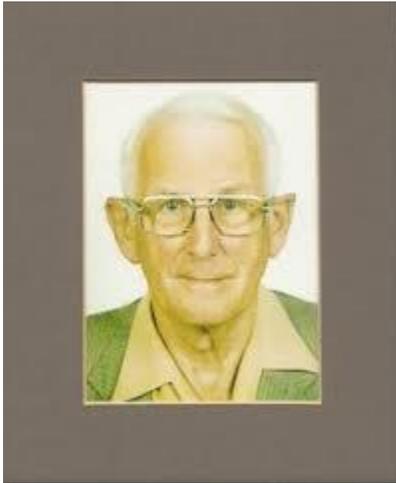


*Memorial to Gerald Ramage.*

Memorial of Dr Gerald Ramage by Mrs Sally Ramage, Copehale, Coppenhall, Stafford, UK.

Gerald Ramage was born in Lancashire on January 01, 1906. He is much loved and will always be remembered by all his friends and family. Dr Gerald Ramage (born 1906) was the youngest child born to William Ramage and Margaret Ramage (nee Fox). His older brother was Oliver Ramage (born on 21 February 1905) and he had an older sister, Margaret Phyllis Ramage (born 1907). Dr Ramage's father was also born in Lancashire – he was a cotton farm agent and Margaret Fox was born in Salford, Lancashire. Gerald Ramage's older brother, Oliver Ramage, was a silk manufacturer in Macclesfield, Cheshire, England where he died in 1976.

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Tiger Tiger burning bright, In the forests of the night; What immortal hand or eye. Could frame thy fearful symmetry? In what distant deeps or skies. Burnt the...  
William Blake

**Letters of surprise at a...**

**The Chief Medical Officer of Staffordshire County Council for 45 years  
Created by Sally Ramage on 15/05/2010**

Dr. Gerald Ramage spent most of his professional life in public health.

After he retired from his lifelong position as Medical Officer for Staffordshire, United Kingdom, he developed an interest in industrial medicine. He worked as deputy medical officer for Staffordshire County Council from 1939 to 1946. He was promoted to Chief Medical Officer in 1946 and remained in that job until 1986, and after he retired he worked for a local company as health officer until he died in 1991. His hobbies included photography, and classic cars.

He was very active in politics and was president of the Stafford Conservatives. There were numerous tributes to him. Dr. H.H. John, then Medical Officer of the Port and City of London, said: " It was with great sadness that I have just come across G's Obituary in the current British Medical Journal...G was a splendid example and inspiration to all of us who worked with him and for my part I shall always be grateful for his encouragement and the training I received at his hands. He undoubtedly, made a considerable contribution to public health, both in Staffordshire and through the Association of County Medical Officers, of which he was always a stalwart supporter, as well as of course the International society. He will be long remembered and his high standing in the profession and in Staffordshire society will no doubt be of some consolation to you..."

Among them was a tribute from a Coppenhall resident who said: "It was a privilege to know G. No-one else so combined mature intellect and breadth of experience with the eternal curiosity of a child. And such kindness...". Another Coppenhall resident, Tony, said "G was a very practical person and my impression is he would not subcontract a job if he could possibly do it himself. ..." Tony was Rita's husband.

### **Copehale, Coppenhall, Stafford ST18 9BW**

#### **Created by Sally Ramage on 15/05/2010**

Gerald Ramage and his wife Effie Ramage lived at Copehale, Coppenhall, Stafford, ST18 9BW, United Kingdom. They have two offspring Alicia (deceased) and Roderick.

It is very sad that NO Obituary or Memorial stone was erected and that none of the family bothered to find all the letters, memories and photograph of Dr Ramage until I married Roderick and came to live in Copehale, Coppenhall, Stafford. They keenly despatched all the silver and other monetary valuables though...but I have now had a tree planted at the Stafford Cemetary in memory of Gerald Ramage. The tree takes pride of place as one enters the Cemetary, just opposite the Office- the staff there chose the Ginka tree because of its has medicinal purposes- a fitting tribute. In 2008, Roderick and I bought our Memorial Stone and burial plot and this already has the memorial erected with Gerald and Effie Ramage's names,space left for ours.

It is so true that family are often the last to appreciate

the value of anyone such as Gerald Ramage. Neither Roderick nor Alicia (remarried after her husband died) bothered. THE family literally raided the place, took the valuables and left the most precious things that had no monetary value- but took all the silver...In the house, I found Gerald's medical public health thesis which he had written on the Local Government Act 1925 and it was I who found it and read it. I was able to quote extensively from it in my Annotations of the United Kingdom's Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, which was published by Thomson Reuters in CURRENT LAW STATUTES ANNOTATED, SWEET & MAXWELL. His name will remain in my bibliography forever in the Current Law Statutes Annotated.

I would think it would have pleased him.

Often, family are quick to grab the money, fight over the monetary valuables, yet never having bothered to get to know their own father, and grandfather, except what money they could receive from the death. It is truly and deeply sad.

I found Gerald Ramage's medical degrees, scruffy, mangy and like rubbish, in the bottom of an old box. I found his lovely photograph, taken by the Staffordshire County Council's photographer for a huge corporate event, underneath an old rusty bed, nearly thrown out.

It has now been decently mounted, framed and in pride of place in my living room, where it belongs and I happily work long hours writing law in his company.

Gerald's grand-daughter had made me cry blood and caused me heart troubles, high blood pressure and a minor stroke, fighting for my husband's money- and my husband is not even dead.....giving me an inkling of the woes to betide me then. This is family and family's worth... I have been decimated and destroyed by this woman, her brother and their mother, who did not speak to Gerald Ramage for dozens of years- this is family's worth...sad so sad

#### **Letters of surprise at a hurried funeral**

**2009 May - 2010 May**

#### **Created by Sally Ramage on 15/05/2010**

Peter Lawrence, then Chairman of the South Staffordshire Conservative Association, said: "Gee was the backbone of this Branch for many years and when he relinquished the chairmanship to me he handed over the most effective branch in South Staffordshire. Thanks to his hard work, my task has been a very pleasant one. In later years we have enjoyed his support and wise counsel in his office as President. It would be very difficult to over-estimate the value of the work and support he gave to 'the cause' ... We all hope that the knowledge that so many people share your grief, together with their affection and the passage of time, will make your loss more bearable."

Luckily, Gerald Ramage's Obituary was placed in the Stereoscopic Society's Bulletin by Dr. H. L. Settle who received a grateful letter back from the Editor, Donald Wratten. Dr Wratten said:

"Thank you for the sympathetic Obituary you enclosed of Gerald Ramage.... I very much enjoyed meeting Gerald Ramage at our annual conventions and was very attracted by his lively and robust attitude to life. All Society members who were privileged to know him will miss him greatly."

Penkridge Parish Council's Parish Administrator Mr Newman wrote:

" I met with Dr. Ramage a number of times over the years but more recently during our arrangements for the

twinning of Penkridge with Ablon-Sur-Seine, France... His cheery wave and his smile, together with his help and advice, will long be remembered..."

Penkridge Twinning Association's Honorary Secretary Eunice Phillips wrote:

"Dr. Ramage was totally responsible for the success of the twinning and we shall never ever forget what he did for us in this direction. He will be sadly missed on both sides of the Channel...I feel I have lost a good friend and counsellor".

Pauline and Roger from Altringham,wrote:

"... He had obviously suffered a long illness, the outcome of which you all knew. No matter how well one prepares for bereavement, it is a very emotional time, and when it actually happens, a great shock....".

His colleague Mr.Greenwood wrote:

"...It is hard to appreciate that I knew him for fifty years, from the time you came to Stafford in the nineteen forties. We worked closely together until his retirement and it was always a pleasure and such an education to do so. My wife and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy..."

### **The family**

**Created by Sally Ramage on 15/05/2010**



### **Christmas at Copehale 2001**

Gerald and Effie had one daughter Alicia who died in 2001. Alicia Spears' sons are Charles Rupert Wilkinson, Solicitor, and Adam Fraser Wilkinson, who lives in Edinburgh, Scotland. Both were married in 2008 and photos are here- such a shame that he never had the pleasure to attend...

### **Praises from the great and the good for a worthy life**

**Created by Sally Ramage on 15/05/2010**

More praises for Gerald came in the form of many letters to Effie.

The Right Honourable Patrick Cormack, Member of Parliament, wrote on 7th May:

"...I have just heard the sad news ..G was a wonderful man and I shall always remember him with fond affection and great respect.... he was a 'true gentleman' in every sense of both words. As I know only too well, he was a staunch friend in difficult times but he was never afraid to speak his mind and for him, honesty was what counted in life. There are not many of us of whom it can be said that every cause he embraced was the better for his advocacy and everyone with whom he worked the better for his friendship. But G was such a man. He will be remembered and greatly missed, both by you and many others and pray that you will be sustained by your countless happy memories..."

**Sir Patrick Salt, director of Cassidy Davis Members Agency Limited wrote:**

"All at Cassidy Davis were very sad to read of Gerald's death. I have known Gerald for twelve years; if everyone conducted their business with such probity and good cheer in difficult times, the world would be greatly improved. As we shall miss him, we are aware of your huge loss and you have our utmost sympathy."

**Dr Allan Whitnell of Gloucester wrote:**

"Jane and I were shocked to see G's Obituary in the current British Medical Journal. We knew he had been very ill but thought he was recovering. We last saw him in August 1990 at Bert Wilson's funeral and he said then that he felt he had had a new lease of life. He was always very kind to me-I do not recall a single cross word during the time I worked for him. I always felt that he had a very great influence on my career-firstly giving me increasing responsibility as his deputy; supporting my application in coming to Gloucestershire and then being instrumental in my appointment as Area Medical Officer- my last full-time post..."

**Stock-broker Peter W Barratt of Allied Provincial Securities Ltd wrote:**

"I was so sorry to read in the Daily Telegraph of May 7th, of Gerald's death. Please accept my deepest sympathies at this very sad time for you. I know we communicated fairly recently, and he inferred that, though he was not one hundred percent, he was keeping reasonably active. From my point of view I am always sorry to lose business friends such as Gerald whom we have dealt with for so many years..."

**Mr. Frank Murphy, Consultant Surgeon at Stafford District General Hospital, said:**

"...I realise that although it was anticipated, it is still a very sad occasion. In the short period that I knew him, I certainly feel that he lived a full and very variable life and was an example to his colleagues..."

**Nigel Harris of Nigel Harris Solicitors, Oak Walk, St Peter, Jersey, Chanell Islands, wrote:**

"...I really liked working with him and looked at him as a friend and as a client. I always enjoyed the times we met together and I want you to know that I shall miss him too. ...and I hope that it will comfort you to know how much he was admired as a great man."

**Gerry MsPherson of the Stafford Film Society said:**

"...Although Dr Ramage resigned as President of the Society's a little while ago, we always felt that he gave us tremendous encouragement to see the next season through when it looked like funds would not permit us to continue. We do hope to see you at some of our future presentations..."

**The Chairman of the Mid Staffordshire Horticultural Society Mr. A Goodwin, said:**

"...He was a valued member of our society for many years and we know how much he enjoyed the meetings. May I, on behalf of our Society, extend to you our sincere condolences, and we are, as a tribute to your husband, enclosing a cheque in aid of the Hospice, as I understand you do not wish for flowers to be sent..."

Elsbeth Harvey, wife of Brian Harvey, expert legal witness and consultant engineer, of Dunston, said:

"...I feel it is almost an impertinence to try to find words to say how sorry Brian and I are to read the announcement in the Times. Suffice it to say that we are thinking of you and wish you strength, G and you were a wonderful couple and a great example to us all. We will always be grateful for the many topics that he has introduced us to and the kindness of you both when we first came to Stafford. We will certainly remember him with love and pleasure not for a long time, but permanently..."

**George Hodson of Stafford said:**

"...his great determination and ability to cope with any problem..."

**Mary from Coppenhall wrote:**

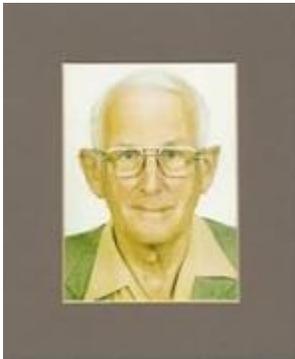
"...He was a person for whom I had a very high regard and I was very touched by the warmth and courtesy of his friendship. It was so reassuring to me. I did appreciate his joining us and talking to me the last time I visited and saw him. It is a memory along with that of so many other occasions that I shall always have and value."

**A friend from Ablon, France said:**

"...we think very heartily of Gerald- we have enjoyed his deep character and how clever, kind he was..."

After he retired as Chief Medical Officer of Staffordshire County Council, Gerald worked as consultant to Thorn EMI Electronics at Rugeley, Staffordshire.

Gerald's family spread his ashes in the garden and that was that. They did the same to Effie when she died 5 years later- no memorial; they just put the ashes in the garden and shared out the money.



Dr Gerald Ramage



Effie Ramage 1995



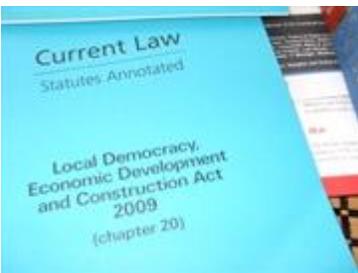
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Ginkgo Biloba Leaves...



Christmas at Copenhale...



Local Democracy Act...



### Music Gallery

- **Bigger than you and me**
- **Calvary**
- **one million stars**

### Thoughts Gallery

*\*Water, water, everywhere,  
And all the boards did shrink;  
Water, water, everywhere,  
Nor any drop to drink.  
Ancient Mariner*

*\*Tiger Tiger, burning bright,  
In the forests of the night;  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?*

*\*In what distant deeps or skies.  
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?  
On what wings dare he aspire?  
What the hand, dare seize the fire?  
William Blake*

*\*Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee;  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek and he is mild,  
He became a little child  
I a child and thou a lamb,  
We are called by His name,  
Little Lamb God bless thee,  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
William Blake*

*Little Lamb, who made thee  
Does thou know who made thee  
Gave thee life and bid thee feed.  
By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing woolly bright;*

*Gave thee such a tender voice.  
Making all the vales rejoice:  
Little Lamb who made thee  
Does thou know who made thee  
William Blake*

*So true:*

*"Although genetics plays a large role in the appearance and behavior of organisms, it is the combination of genetics with what an organism experiences that determines the ultimate outcome",*

*Thank you for setting up this memorial to Gerald Ramage.  
We hope that you find it a positive experience developing the site and that it becomes a place of comfort and inspiration for you to visit whenever you want or need to.  
Sent by MuchLoved on 15/05/2010*

*I am I and you are you, whatever we were to each other that we still are.  
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used.  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
Life means all that it ever meant; it is the same as it ever was.  
Extract from a poem by Henry Scott Holland*