

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

Lot Number: 90 Space: B

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Walking Tour # 22

Find A Grave # 7367727

Name: **Terry, Gov. Charles Laymen Jr.**

Birth date: Sept. 17, 1900 Death date: Feb. 6, 1970 Burial Date: Feb. 9, 1970 Age: 69
b. Camden, DE

Spouse: Jessica Irby Terry (1900-1989), m. June 30, 1924, Beaumont Ward 2, Jefferson, TX

Children: Charles Laymen Terry III (b. abt. 1932)

Parents: Charles Lamen Terry Sr. (1863-1939) and Elizabeth "Lizzie" L. Maxson Terry (1872-1953)

Siblings: Nathan Maxson Terry (1904-1979)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page

Service/occupation information: Governor of Delaware 1965-1969

Officiate:

Lot Owner: N. Maxson Terry, A – H, Perpetual care, Oct. 27, 1966

Inscription:

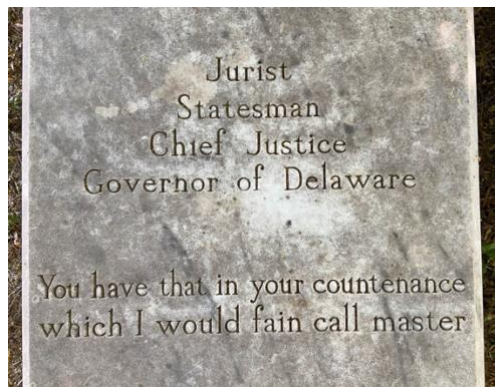
In memory of
Charles Laymen Terry Junior
September 17, 1900
February 6, 1970
Son of
Charles Laymen and
Elizabeth Maxson Terry
Husband of
Jessica Irby Terry
Jurist
Stateman
Chief Justice
Governor of Delaware
You have that in your countenance
which I would fain call master

DIMENSIONS: H 70" x W 33" x D 11"

STYLE: ledger

Repairs needed: cleaning

Inventory date: March 22, 2020 Recorder: Ted George



Birth Certificate retrieved from ancestry.com, Nov. 1, 2020 Tampa Tribune, Saturday, February 2, 1970

Terry, Charles L.

STATE OF DELAWARE

Certificate of a Birth.

In the town of Caudin, Kent County.

Full name of Child Charles L. Terry

Sex Male Color White

Date of Birth September 17, 1900

Place of Birth Caudin, Del.

Father's name Charles L. Terry

Age 38 Occupation Commissioner

Nativity Delaware

Maiden name of Mother Loggie B. Marison

Age of Mother 27

Nativity Del.

Child's number in this family one

Child's number by this mother one

Name of Midwife upon whose information this birth is reported.....

I hereby certify, having been present at the birth, (or, having attended the case of the mother during lying-in period, or, on the information of the midwife above named) that the foregoing statements are true, according to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand this 17th day of Sept. 1970

Signature E. O. Cooper M. D.

Residence Caudin

To the Recorder of Deeds of Kent County.

The News Journal, Saturday, February 7, 1970

Tampa Trib. Sat. 2-7-1970

Ex-Governor Of Delaware Dead At 69

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Charles L. Terry Jr. former governor and former chief justice of the Delaware Supreme Court, died yesterday at a Dover hospital.

Terry, 69, was admitted to Kent General Hospital Thursday afternoon suffering with severe pains. Hospitals later announced he had passed a kidney stone.

M. W. J. Abraham, executive director of the hospital, said the cause of death was not immediately available.

TERRY WAS elected governor in 1964 on the Democratic ticket. He was defeated in 1968 for re-election by Republican Russell W. Peterson.

During the 1968 campaign, Terry suffered a major heart attack which most political observers felt was a factor in his defeat. He had previously suffered a heart attack in 1959.

Terry became an associate justice of the state supreme court in 1938 and was later elevated to chief justice. He was secretary of state 1937-38.

Funeral on Monday

News Journal, Sat. Feb. 7, 1970

State Mourns Terry, Heart Attack Victim

The blue field and buff diamond on Delaware flags fluttered at half staff today as the state began 30 days of mourning for former Gov. Charles Laymen Terry, 69.

He died yesterday at 12:45 p.m. in Dover after a heart attack. He had entered Kent General Hospital Thursday night for treatment of a kidney ailment.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Christ Episcopal Church in Dover. He will be buried in Christ Churchyard next to the church. There will be no viewing.

Gov. Terry had been a public servant under those flags most of his adult life, as a judge, then as chief justice of Dela-

ware's Supreme Court and last as the state's highest elected official.

His death brought to his home and to the public an outpouring of eulogies recounting that public service. His friend Lyndon B. Johnson sent a message to the widow. So did Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

Gov. Russell W. Peterson,

who learned of the former governor's death while en route from Philadelphia, immediately ordered all state offices to lower their flags to half-staff for a 30-day period of mourning.

PETERSON, who called Mrs. Terry yesterday afternoon to express his condolences, said all state offices and schools would be closed the day of the funeral.

New Castle County employees not needed on a vital job will not work Monday.

Ned Davis, Gov. Terry's former press secretary, said last night that Mrs. Terry had asked that friends not send flowers.

Mrs. Terry suggested instead that donations be forwarded to the Boys' Home of Delaware, the Heart Fund, Wesley College or the Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr. Psychiatric Center.

Gov. Terry was a heavy 6-footer, an imposing figure wherever he went with his wavy gray hair and gravel voice. At the end of his term, he was the oldest governor in the nation at 68.

He had a history of heart ailments and was hospitalized in October 1968, in the midst of his unsuccessful campaign for re-election, after suffering a mild heart attack. He also was stricken by a heart attack in 1959.

Since stepping down as governor after he lost to Republican Peterson in November 1968 by

A full page of pictures appears on page 9.



Staff Photo by Chuck McGowan

Rogers Opens Tour Of Africa

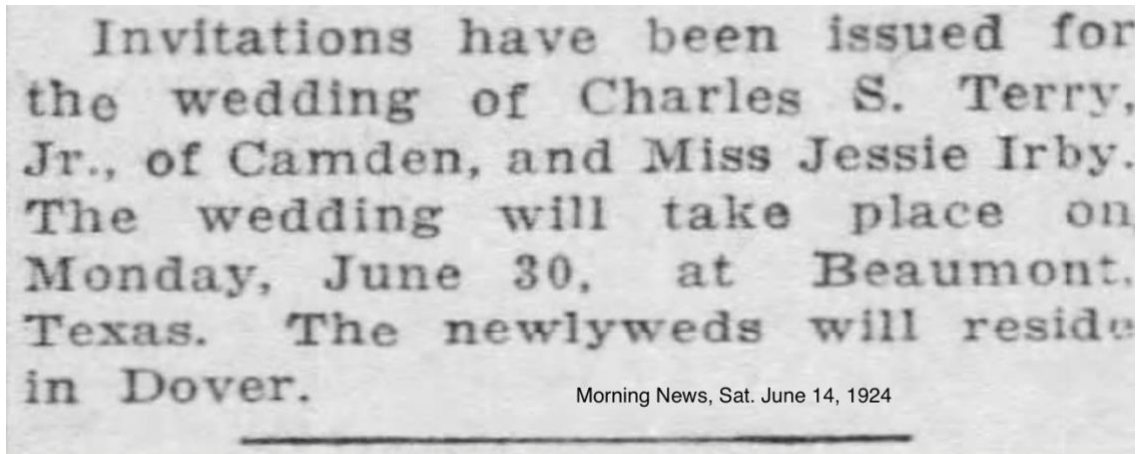
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State William P. Rogers flew to Morocco today for the beginning of a 10-nation African tour to gather information for a new Nixon Administration policy on Africa.

President Nixon said during a brief White House send-off ceremony that Rogers' visit, the



The Morning News, Wilmington, DE, Saturday, June 14, 1924

Retrieved from Find A Grave.com on April 11, 2023



Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Charles S. Terry, Jr., of Camden, and Miss Jessie Irby. The wedding will take place on Monday, June 30, at Beaumont, Texas. The newlyweds will reside in Dover.

Morning News, Sat. June 14, 1924

Delaware Governor. After attending Wesley College, he received a law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1923, was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1924 and practiced law in Dover, Delaware. Entering politics, he served as a member of the Delaware General Assembly and was an attorney for the Kent County Levy Court. He also served as Delaware State Secretary, (1937-38), a superior court judge, (1938-57), president judge of the Delaware Superior Court (1957-62) and as chief justice of the Delaware Superior Court (1963-64). In 1964, he was elected as a Democrat the 70th Governor of Delaware, serving until 1969. During his term in office, he chaired the Education Commission of the States and dealt with one of the most turbulent times in American history. The civil rights movement, the Vietnam conflict, social unrest and riots in Wilmington, Delaware, were issues he had to confront. After leaving office, he retired from politics and practiced law until his death.

Bio by: [John "J-Cat" Griffith](#)

2 Morning News, Wilmington, Del. Saturday, February 7, 1970

Events didn't forecast fatal heart attack

By PETE GAFFNEY
Capital Correspondent

DOVER — Events during the last few days in the life of former Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr., both political and personal, deepened the dismay at the news of his death yesterday.

Just three nights ago, in what now resembles a "Last Hours" situation, the aging party patriarch proved to his younger Democratic colleagues that his political power had not completely waned.

A LONG judicial and political career was pronounced official "end" at 11:45 p.m. "He seemed in fine spirits Thursday," a family member noted an upset which saw Vernon B. Dickinson, an attorney and former Kent County Democratic chairman, installed as state Democratic vice chairman Wednesday.

"He was all smiles and joking," recalled one Democrat. "He just wandered around the room chucking... he naturally looked 10 years younger."

The 68-year-old former State Supreme Court justice was apparently just as confident yesterday morning that his stay in Kent General Hospital would be short.

ALTHOUGH his bulky frame had been carried into the hospital the night before, because he had been suffering from sharp pain in the area of his kidneys.

Gov. Terry's personal physician

Gov. Terry's personal physician, Dr. Charles Allen, an internist, arranged for consultation with another Dover physician, Dr. Donald A. Zargaus, a specialist in urology.

ACCORDING to information released by the hospital, Gov. Terry underwent a "preliminary diagnosis" for a suspected kidney ailment. The tests, to find if he was suffering from a kidney stone, had not been completed, but he was listed in good condition.

The Terry family, his wife, Jennie, his brother, N. Mason Terry, and his only son, Charles L. Terry III, were totally unprepared for the mid-afternoon phone call from Kent General Hospital.

"It was very sudden," commented Mrs. Rebecca W. Terry, wife of the ex-governor's brother.

"We were not even sure he expressed otherwise," she said. "He had stopped smoking about a week ago... he just seemed fine."

HE had been watching a television program in his home when he was taken to the hospital. He was in the hospital in keeping the night party.

As of late last night, his immediate family and friends were clustered in Dover, where he was in the hospital.

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Victory smile—Charles L. Terry Jr., his wife Jennie, left, and other supporters beamed jubilant smiles on Election Night in 1964 on word came in of victory in the race for governor. Gov. Terry went on to serve for four eventful and times tumultuous years before losing bid for second term to Gov. Russell W. Peterson.

Ex-Gov. Terry dies of coronary at 69

Justice was Gov. Terry dictum

"A judge, in dealing with the liberties and rights of others, must think in terms of justice, which is often felt to be something that man knows little about. He may know something about charity, understanding and mercy, and he should cling to those as far as he can."

Charles L. Terry Jr., August 1958

He castigated the jury, saying that if he had tried the case without a jury he would have found her "not guilty."

His first political post was as attorney for the Kent County Levy Court, a job he held from 1928 to 1931 and 1933 to 1935.

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Mourning—

"His wife Jennie and I extend to Mrs. Terry and their son Charles our heartfelt sympathy for their loss of a husband and father and for Delaware's loss of an outstanding public servant and citizen."

Fellow governors also expressed their sympathy and shock yesterday when they were informed of Gov. Terry's death.

FROM the 121 Ranch in Texas, former President Lyndon B. Johnson sent Mrs. Terry a private telegram expressing his sympathy and sadness about the death.

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