Leadbeater

Presbyterian Cemetery · Ivy Hill Cemetery · Buried elsewhere · Context, or burial not known

Presbyterian Cemetery and Ivy Hill Cemetery · John L. Leadbeater, Mary Pleasants Stabler and the family that carried the apothecary to its close

Family tree by Gravestone Stories · gravestonestories.com

From the Stabler tree: Mary was the eldest child of Edward Stabler II, founder of the apothecary, and his second wife, Mary Hartshorne. She was named for his first wife, Mary Pleasants. Her half-brother William ran the shop until 1852. → *see the Stabler tree*

John L. Leadbeater
(May 19, 1808 – Feb 9, 1860)
PROPRIETOR 1852–1860
Born in England; apothecary and dentist; bought the shop from William Stabler's widow and renamed it John Leadbeater
Buried Feb 12, 1860
Burial: *Ivy Hill, G-119-2*

m. June 25, 1835

Mary Pleasants Stabler Leadbeater
(Jan 30, 1809 – Aug 9, 1863)
Daughter of Edward Stabler II and Mary Hartshorne
Died when her youngest, Thomas, was 15
Burial: *Ivy Hill, G-119-3*

The end of the business: the Leadbeater Drug Corporation went bankrupt and closed in 1933, after 141 years. The Landmarks Society opened the shop as a museum in 1939 and gave it to the City of Alexandria in 2006. It has been a National Historic Landmark since January 13, 2021.

Dr. Edward Stabler Leadbeater
(Mar 31, 1836 – Oct 11, 1899)
PROPRIETOR FROM 1860
Born in Baltimore; took over the shop when his father died
m. Oct 10, 1861, Clara Lee Chandlee (Sept 4, 1841 – May 28, 1930)
Burial: *both Ivy Hill, G-121-6 and G-121-5*

their seven children

Lucy Leadbeater Speiden
(Dec 11, 1837 – June 25, 1917)
m. Edgar Speiden (1837 – 1905)
Long a resident of Washington; funeral at First Baptist Church
Burial: *Congressional Cemetery, Range 48, Site 214*

Mary Grace Leadbeater Boothe
(1839 – 1914)
Burial not yet looked up

Anna "Nannie" Leadbeater Slaymaker
(1842 – 1906)
m. c. 1866 Henry C. Slaymaker
Burial not yet looked up

Thomas Leadbeater
(July 25, 1848 – June 1, 1895)
Youngest child; druggist, partner in E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.
m. (1) Lizzie J. (Jan 14, 1850 – July 8, 1875), born in Lancaster Co., Pa.
m. (2) Jessie Boyd Gregory
Burial: *Presbyterian Cemetery, 41:25, with Lizzie*

Jessie Boyd Gregory Leadbeater
(May 4, 1852 – Apr 30, 1929)
Daughter of William Gregory and Mary Donaldson Long; "Janet" on the stone
→ *see the Gregory tree*
Burial: *Presbyterian Cemetery, 41:25*

The Leadbeater sons
William Gregory (Nov 25, 1882 – July 13, 1967), Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary
Burial: *Presbyterian Cemetery, 44:141, the Gregory lot*
Thomas Boyd (May 1895 – Sept 14, 1914), born weeks before his father died
Burial: *Presbyterian Cemetery, 41:25*

Mary P. Leadbeater Lloyd
(Apr 30, 1864 – July 25, 1950)
m. Oct 17, 1888, William Booth Lloyd
Burial: *Ivy Hill, G-120-5*

Clarence Chandlee Leadbeater
(Oct 9, 1865 – Sept 17, 1944)
m. Lillian Alexander
Burial: *Ivy Hill, G-121-2*

Edward Stabler Leadbeater Jr.
(1869 – May 15, 1933)
Burial: *Ivy Hill, G-121-4*

John Leadbeater Jr.
(Jan 7, 1872 – Jan 29, 1917)
Secretary and treasurer; Doctor of Pharmacy, 1895; city councilman
m. Mary Morrill; six children
Burial: *Ivy Hill, G-120-3*

Lucy Chandlee Leadbeater Stabler
(Jan 7, 1875 – May 31, 1937)
m. Nov 28, 1906, Laurence Stabler → *see the Stabler tree*
Burial: *Ivy Hill, A-32-5*

Speiden children
Dr. Edgar (1867 – 1936)
Albert (1868 – 1933)
Mariana (1882 – 1966)
Alice (? – 1887)
Lucy Speiden Culverwell,
Cuthbert and Thomas
Burials not yet looked up

Laurence C. and Arthur C. Leadbeater
Also their children; Laurence is said to have been Lucy's twin
Dates and burials not known

Cousins at the graveside: the pallbearers at John Jr.'s funeral in 1917 were named as his cousins: Gardner L. Boothe, Frank L. Slaymaker and William G. Slaymaker of Alexandria, Albert Speiden of Washington, and Edward Stabler and Richard Bentley of Sandy Spring, Md. The Boothe, Slaymaker and Speiden names match the three Leadbeater sisters above. Gardner L. Boothe and a John Leadbeater also carried Mary Ellicott Stabler in 1906.

Still to verify: Dr. Edward's memorial names seven children. Laurence C. and Arthur C. have no dates or burials yet, and the twins remark is Find a Grave's. Ivy Hill gives Lucy's birth as Jan 7, 1875; FamilySearch says 1874. Thomas Boyd's birthday is May 7 on Find a Grave and May 17 in Pippenger. Find a Grave puts a bankruptcy filing in 1916; other accounts give 1933.

The proprietors: Edward Stabler II, 1792–1831 · William Stabler, 1831–1852 · John L. Leadbeater, 1852–1860 · Dr. Edward S. Leadbeater, from 1860 · his three sons Clarence, Edward S. Jr. and John Jr., as the Leadbeater Drug Corporation · closed 1933. Thomas's son William Gregory Leadbeater is tied to the apothecary on the Gregory tree.

Sources: Jenkins, A Brief History of the Stabler Family (1994); Pippenger, Tombstone Inscriptions of Alexandria, Virginia; Ivy Hill Cemetery records; Find a Grave memorials; the FamilySearch family tree; Office of Historic Alexandria, "Out of the Attic" (Oct. 11, 2018); the Gregory family tree (Gravestone Stories); a history of the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary.