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## Stroud's Early Water Supply

Yesterday (Thursday) was the anniversary of the death, in 1890, of Dr. W. H. Payne, of Corbett House, Stroud, a former Physician to the Dispensary, Casualty, and General Hospital of Stroud, and the owner of considerable property in the town, including Lansdown, the present Vicarage of Stroud Parish Church, and Kilminster Farm. He was, incidentally, associated with one of the earliest sources of public water supply as the owner of the Kilminster estate. Paul Hawkins Fisher tells us that

The Reservoir, and the water from Gainey's Well, with other water collected from various springs which rise in Kilminster's estate belonging to Dr. W. H. Paine, situated near the top of Stroud-hill, became the property of a Company in 1835, and by them both the upper and lower parts of the town were supplied with water; but in the year 1864 the whole concern passed by sale from the Water Company to the Local Board of Health, for the supply of the inhabitants and for general purposes.

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