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An important addition to the ranks of the medical profession of northern Kentucky was made when Captain William Homer Strahan located in Covington, for he is widely recognized as a physician and surgeon of great skill and ability, his splendid record in the public health service of the United States marking him as a man of distinctive attainments in his profession. Captain Strahan was born at Vaiden, Carroll county, Mississippi, on the 28th of September, 1885, and is a son of John Wesley and Hattie M. Brister Strahan, both of whom are still living at Vaiden, where the father is an extensive planter. The family has long been established in Mississippi and has been prominent in the public affairs of Carroll county.

William H. Strahan attended the public schools, graduating from the high school at Kosciusko, Mississippi, and then entered the Memphis College Hospital, where he studied for three years, completing his medical education in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Memphis in 1907. He then located in Poplar Creek, Mississippi, where he practiced his profession ten years. When the United States entered the World war the Doctor volunteered his services and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the medical corps, being assigned as assistant regimental surgeon of the Eleventh Cavalry Regiment at Chickamauga and Fort Myers. He was honorably discharged, with the rank of captain, March 11, 1919. He then took a six months' post-graduate course in obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia Hospital, Washington, D. C., intending to enter upon the general practice of his profession. However, he was appointed to the public health service, with a commission as past assistant surgeon on duty as United States referee in the Veterans Bureau at Washington, where he served from November 1, 1919, until 1925, when he resigned and, coming to Covington, engaged in the active practice of medicine. He has built up a large and remunerative practice and is regarded as one of the leaders in his profession in this state.

In April, 1907, Dr. Strahan was united in marriage to Miss Ida Bell Roach, of Memphis, Tennessee, who died November 1, 1913. To this union were born three children, William, Hazel Marie, and Thelma Elizabeth, who died when five years old. Captain Strahan is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has taken all the degrees of the York Rite; the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Woodmen of the World, while his religious affiliation is with the Baptist church. He is a member of the Kenton-Campbell Medical Society, the Kentucky State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Personally he is a man of marked individuality, though kindly and unassuming in manner, and since coming to Covington he has won a large circle of warm friends.