

H.B. Gilkeson, lawyer and attorney, was born at Moorefield, 1850 and died at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, September 29, 1921. He was the son of Robert W. and Sarah E. Gilkeson, of Scotch ancestry, and married in 1884, Mary D., daughter of J.J. and E. J. Paxton of Virginia.

His three children were Laura P. (Mrs. George Arnold), Robert W., and Henry B. Having served the people, first as a school teacher, then as county superintendent of Hampshire County, he then took up the study of law, and had the good fortune to acquire a substantial reputation, not only in his county but in state at large. He was secretary of the board of regents for several years before he was appointed the third Superintendent of the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, when Major J. C. Covell died June 4, 1887. He served in that capacity only one year with the understanding that the board should take this time in the selection of a suitable successor to Major Covell, and principally because he had a stronger liking for the law than anything else. He lived in Romney nearly all of his life. He was buried at Indian Mound Cemetery, October 2, 1921, that day being the third anniversary of the death of his son, Robert, at the Battle of the Argonne.