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## Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union Frances Willard memorials

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This material relates to memorials for Frances Willard, an American reformer for temperance and women's suffrage. She became president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in 1879 and held the position until her death in 1898. The collection includes printed materials relating to the Frances Willard Memorial Fund, Frances Willard Day (September 28th) Citizenship Programs, correspondence of Mary Evelyn Dobbs and Alice K. McFarland, and surveys detailing visits made by Frances Willard to local unions across Kansas. There are several other groups of official Kansas WCTU records on Kansas Memory. They can be found by selecting Collections - Manuscript - KWCTU/Mary Evelyn Dobbs.

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Miss McFarland:

Bendena, Ks, 4-7-38

Thru the S. T. I. department, as awards for the room or schools efforts to cooperate with this dept., the Troy - and now it is Bendena, union placed <sup>a</sup>framed pictures of Frances Willard in five of our schools, namely the Troy Grades, Denton Upper Grades, Bendena Upper Grades, Troy Colored, and Dist. 72 - a rural school. All seem to be appreciated.

Very truly (Miss) Ruth Walter,

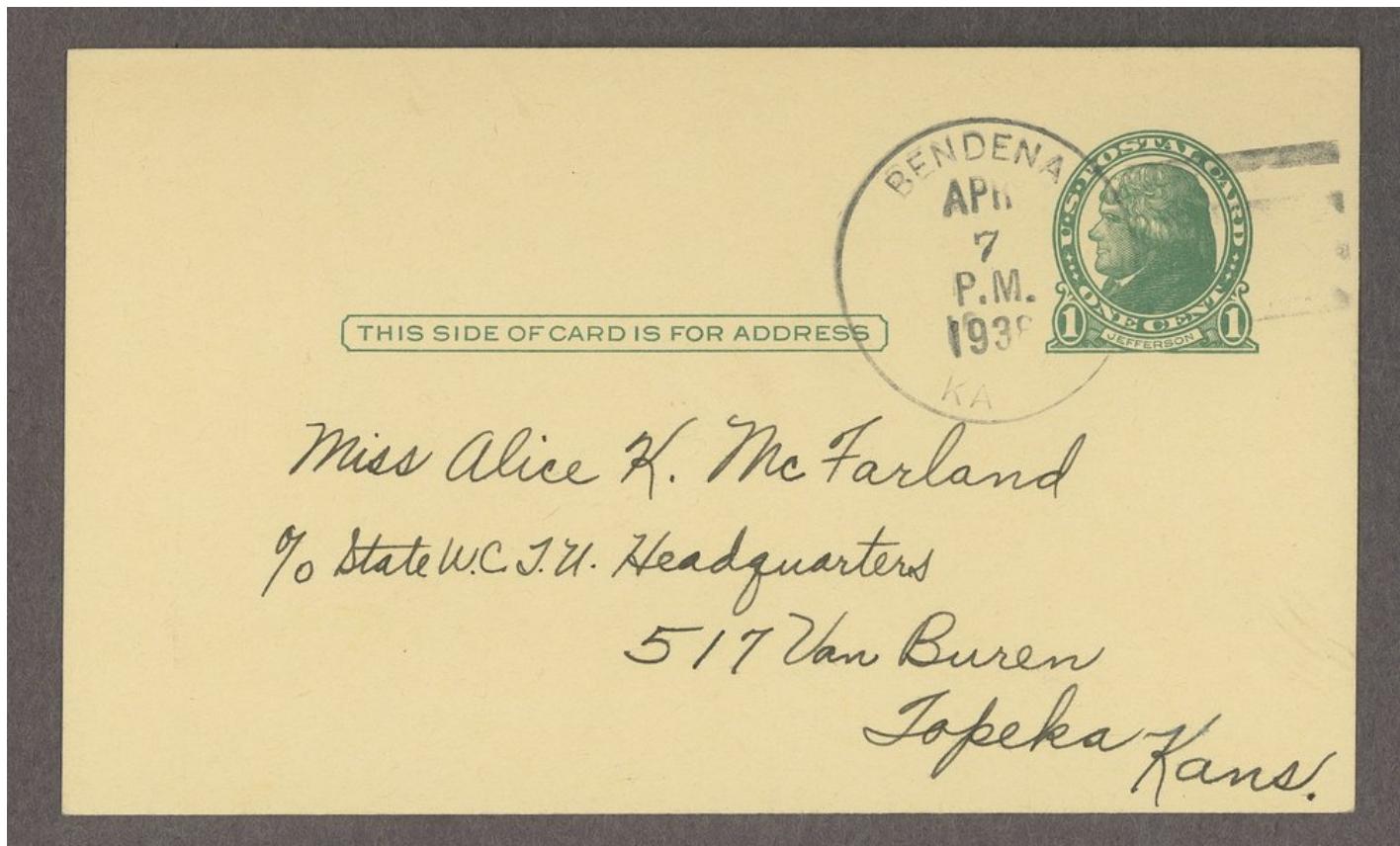
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Topeka, Kansas, April 16, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Prather:

Thank you for forwarding the letter from Mrs. Dougherty of Independence giving the information about the Willard School in Independence. I have not heard from the local presidents and wrote to Mrs. Dougherty asking her to get in touch with them and urge them to get a picture of the school to us very soon.

I am sending to you a partial list of memorials which have been reported although the information is very incomplete in some cases. We have the pictures of the stained glass window at Garden City, the school at Wichita and have been promised the pictures of the bronze tablets, the Russian olive tree and that of Willard Hall very soon. We hope that we can make a good showing for Kansas.

The report on pictures is very incomplete as Miss Dobbs knows that she has placed many more through the state office. There is confusion in the classification between city grade schools and rural schools as some were taken from old reports given by county presidents that do not distinguish between city and rural schools. However, we have so far a report of 75 in schools, 4 in libraries, 2 in court houses, 4 in churches and 1 in a local union.

We will try to have something in the Messenger to hurry them up as they have the date April 30th in mind and we must have the material before that date.

I will appreciate your sending any reports you may receive.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice K. McFarland

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Topeka, Kansas, April 16, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Dougherty:

Mrs. Prather of the Messenger sent your letter to me with the information that there is a Willard school in Independence. I wrote to the local presidents, Mrs. Roy Kreinhagen, Mrs. Pearl Brown and the "Irving" Y. T. C. president, Thelma Lattin. You might get in touch with the president of your union and see if she knows of the school or any other memorial you may know about in Independence.

We are very anxious to have pictures of the memorials as quickly as possible. The final date at Chicago is April 30th but you can see that we must have the material earlier to send in time.

Thank you so much for reporting to Mrs. Prather and I am sure the Independence unions will report their memorials and send a picture of the school building very soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice K. McFarland

Mrs. L. D. Dougherty,  
719 N. 10th St.,  
Independence, Kansas.

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*Rejoice and Go Forward. The Battle is the Lord's. He will Give us the Victory.*

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HUTCHINSON

WINFIELD, KANSAS, 4/ 15/ '38

Dear Mrs. McFarland:

I don't know why this came to me but am sending it on to you since you are the proper person to receive it. I shall probably get some more of them unless I can make it clear that they go to you. Anyway I am glad to send this communication to where it belongs.

Yours most sincerely,

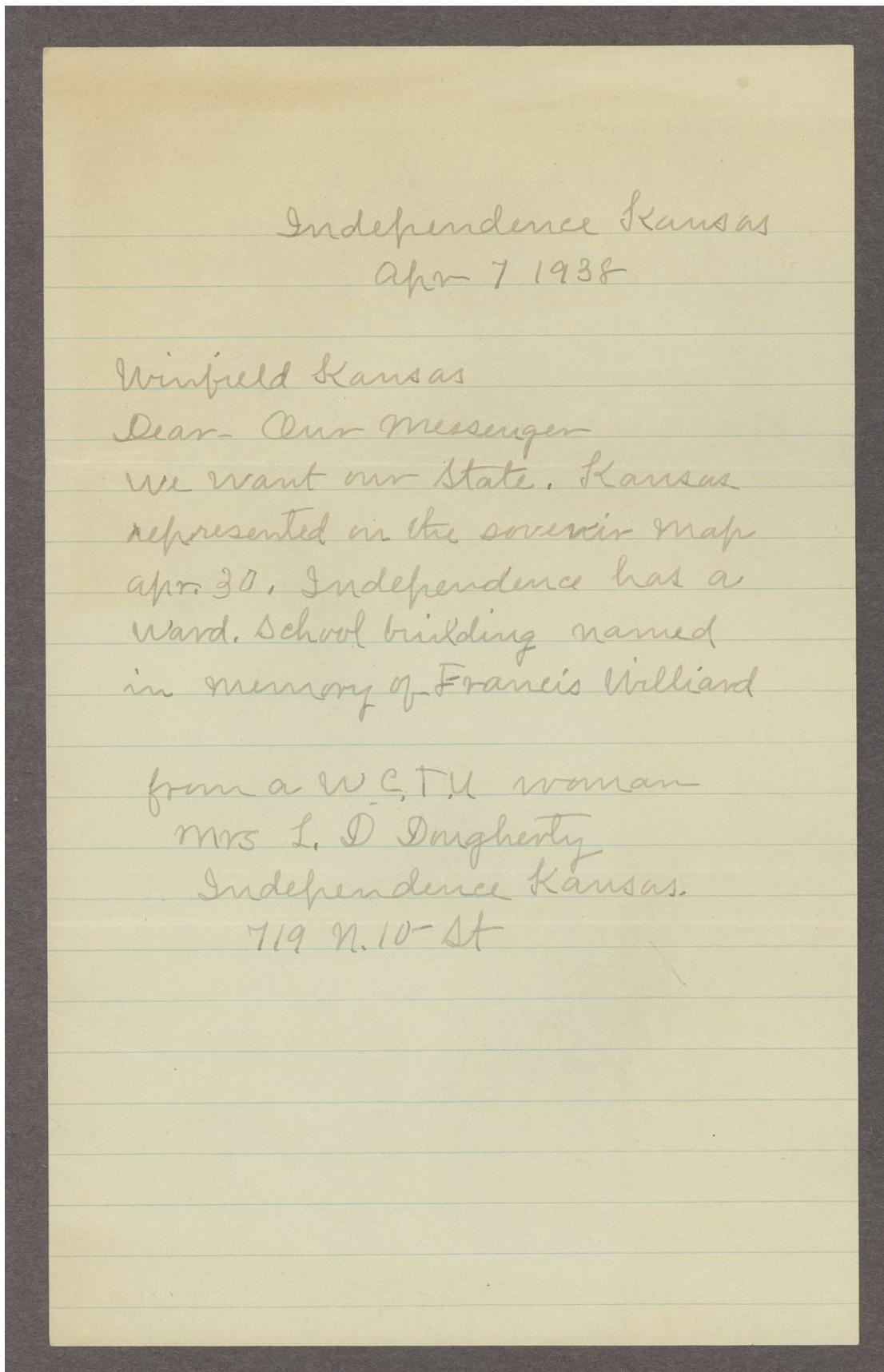
*Grace B. Prather.*

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Topeka, Kansas, April 16, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Coover:

In an old report on memorials to Frances Willard, I notice that you reported 2 trees on the school grounds in Sedan. Are the trees still living, that is, have they survived these dry years? We would like very much to have a picture of them for the memorial report and this should be in as soon as possible. If the trees would look prettier a week later we might wait until that time. However, our report must be sent to the National so it will reach them by April 30<sup>th</sup> and as you see we must have the material complete with pictures a few days before that date.

If you can have some one take a good snap shot of the trees we would be so glad to have this from Sedan.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice K. McFarland.

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one day in particular I was sitting with my sister <sup>Martha</sup> and girls friends after she had opened the meeting. She said we will now be favored with a song by Miss Crawford, I couch down in my seat, she moved to the center of the platform, and pointed, I mean you Miss Crawford; Miss Anna Gordon (her boy) was at the organ, she asked me what

Mrs M. E Lousignot  
Dear Madam  
your letter recived  
I do not know as  
this will help you  
very much  
I met Francis Willard  
when I was taking  
music at the Conservatory  
of music in Evanston Ill  
I was just a little country  
girl, guess that's what  
made such an impression  
she invited me to her  
home which she called

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"Rest Cottage" the house is inviting it is a two story frame house and is set in one of those large lawns for which Evanston is famous, with great oaks and giant Elms.

Her home when you entered was rightly named as every thing was so restful! Frances Willard wore nose glasses, her hair parted in the middle with soft waves

I use to watch her as she sat in her pew in the First Methodist Church, I sat in the gallery she use to sit near the front, and she had her hands closed, one on top of the other would make the letter G. in the deaf and dumb language on Sunday afternoons at 3 P.M. she always had lectures in a Hall

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will it be? I said where  
ever the book opens up.  
It was "Tempted & Tried"  
Miss Gordon, came in  
on the Chours,  
as I started to go back  
to my seat, she said just  
be seated here in the  
choir,

Let me know if this  
will be of any help  
Let my sister Mrs  
Goodspeed read this  
and tell her, I'll write

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her soon, your  
letter was delayed  
as the address  
should be Mrs. Meda Youkers

4215 Dressell Ave  
St Louis, Mo

in place of  
Dressler Ave

April 18, 1938

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There is a picture of  
Frances E. Willard in Juniper  
High also one in New York  
School, Lawrence, Kansas.  
Do not believe Frances Willard  
spoke here.

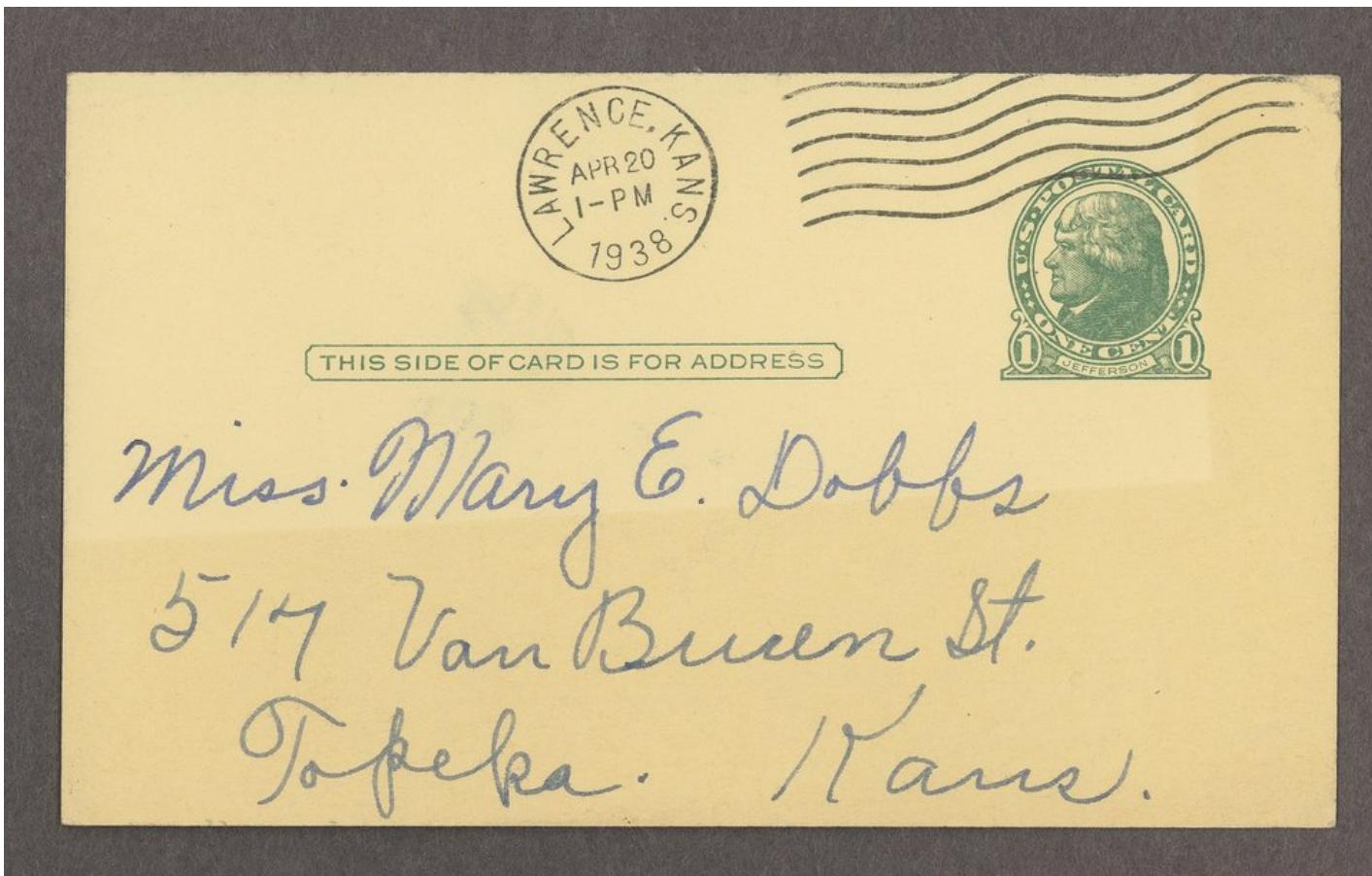
Tennie Weston  
Cor. Secy.

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Topeka, Kansas, April 21, 1938.

Mrs. Dwight McCarthy,  
420 South Jefferson,  
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. McCarthy:

Miss Dobbs suggested that I write to you about the Frances Willard memorial drinking fountain in Iola as she recalls that you were on the committee which secured the fountain for Iola and dedicated it to Miss Willard.

I have written to the local presidents and they may be working on the project, but Miss Dobbs felt that you might have some special information and would be particularly interested in gaining a place for your memorial on the Willard Memorial Map. It will be necessary to have all pictures of memorials in the National office by April 30th so we must have them in the State office as quickly as possible.

Would you be able to get in touch with the president of your local union and see if a picture of the fountain has been secured. Just a good, clear snap shot will serve the purpose. I would appreciate it very much if you could furnish us with two pictures so we could send one to National and retain one for the State as we want to have our own state map as well. If you should happen to have a school building named for Frances Willard, please report that also and send us the pictures very soon.

Any help you can give us in hurrying up the memorial information, will be appreciated. The other information can be sent in later, that is, information about people who knew Miss Willard.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice K. McFarland

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March 26, 1938.

Dear Mrs. DeClittlet:

We know that Iola has a drinking fountain which is a memorial to Miss Willard. We would like to have you cooperate with the "Topeka Atchison" union in reporting all the facts about the history of the fountain and also secure a picture of it. This would make a very interesting contribution to the memorial map for Kansas.

You may find other memorials in your community and we shall be happy to learn about them and I am sure your local papers will be glad to feature a story about them in connection with the research project which the state and national organizations are undertaking.

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice E. McFarland,  
State Chairman

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March 26, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Kester:

We know of the memorial fountain in Iola and would like to have you cooperate with Mrs. Doolittle in gaining all the facts you can about the history of this Frances Willard memorial. A very interesting story could be made of this in the local papers.

Iola may have other Willard memorials and as the inclosed letter and questionnaire indicates, we would like to have all the facts you can gain about all memorials to Miss Willard and pictures if possible.

It is important that we receive the information as soon as you can secure it as the National Secretary is anxious to get the lists soon for publicity.

We will appreciate your cooperation in Iola.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice K. McFarland,  
State Chairman

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Olathe, Kansas

Apr 23, 1938,

Mrs L. E. Hudson attended a State Convention held at Beloit in the year of 1889<sup>1889 59 years ago</sup> Frances Willard was the speaker. She urged a Campaign of Temperance Work over the State ~~from speaker~~  
~~of her~~ She told of her Dgauny-  
ing trip around the nation I had a large picture of her I donated to the Library hangs there among noted Temperance workers Ex Gov John P. St John & others. Frances Willard and Miss Anna Gordon traveled over the Nation stopping at all of the large Towns to speak was denied Churches to speak in,  
(Sketch by - Mrs L. E. Hudson)

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210 N. Lincoln Ave. Beloit Kansas April 23, '88

Miss Alice Mc Garland  
1352 Fillmore Street  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Miss Mc Garland:

I have tried to find Frances memorials in Mitchell Co. Up to date I have information about just one such object. If I hear from other sources in time I shall tell you about them.

Mrs. Frances Willard laid the corner stone of our State Girls Industrial School located just north of our city of Beloit. I have not been able to find the date. It was either late in 1889 or in 1890.

The information is secured from Mrs. H. J. Lutz of Beloit who was one of the women who started the Girls Industrial School first in a house in the east part of town, and then when they needed more room they moved into a house still standing known as the Freeman Building. In 1889 the state decided to take it over from the H. C. J. M. which up to date had been responsible for the school.

Mrs. Lutz remained as a teacher in the school for some time after the state had

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taken it over, so she was there and knew every town. She tells some interesting things about those early days which we expect her to give to our Daily Call for print some time in the near future when she can be called on by a representative of the paper. At that time we hope to print a picture of that first building dedicated by Miss Willard. She does not remember the date. Will it not be possible for you to get that from memorial records in Topeka?

Mrs. Lantz says that Miss Willard and Miss Gordon were here together for a day. A reception was given to them and about a hundred people were present. This reception was held in the Freeman Building.

About a picture: I have asked for such a picture, some time ago, but up to date it had not been looked up until today when I called again. All such pictures of that building are given away, so the school will have only taken today and they are to send it to you just as soon as it is ready.

If I secure information about anything else I shall inform you immediately. It is not probable that there is more to be reported in Mitchell County.

Very sincerely yours,  
Miss Winnie Lorenzen

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Dear Mrs Mc Farland.

Syracuse Kans.  
April 27- 1938.

There seven Schools in our Co. which  
has pictures of Francis Willard

Sincerely

P.S. we have only ten Rural Mrs Christina Lehman  
Schools operating in our Co.  
and three High Schools.

Hamilton Co.

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Humboldt, Kansas  
April 27- 1938

My dear Miss McFarland.

Mrs. H. D. Smith who is a member of our Union informed me that she had heard Miss Willard speak in Rockford, Monroe County, New York. Mrs. Mary Jane Holmes - authoress, was president of the Temperance League, as the W.C.T.U. was called there at that time. This was during the era of the Saloon Prayer Meeting sessions. Miss Willard's talk was most inspiring. They held their meeting in the office of a lawyer, who vacated for the afternoon to enable them to hold the meeting.

Mr. Smith was a pioneer newspaper editor of Kansas. having been engaged in that profession in Arkansas City, Kans

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during the days that Oklahoma was referred to as -the Indian Territory.

Mr. Smith printed newspapers for some of the Indian Territory towns, from his Arkansas City office.

Mrs. Smith is 92 years of age. She is very much interested in public affairs and keeps herself informed on all subjects.

I hope you can use this information.

Humboldt has three public schools. Each school has a picture of Frances Willard. She has not otherwise been honored in Humboldt.

Sincerely

Mrs. Jessie Van nice  
Pres. W.C.T.U.

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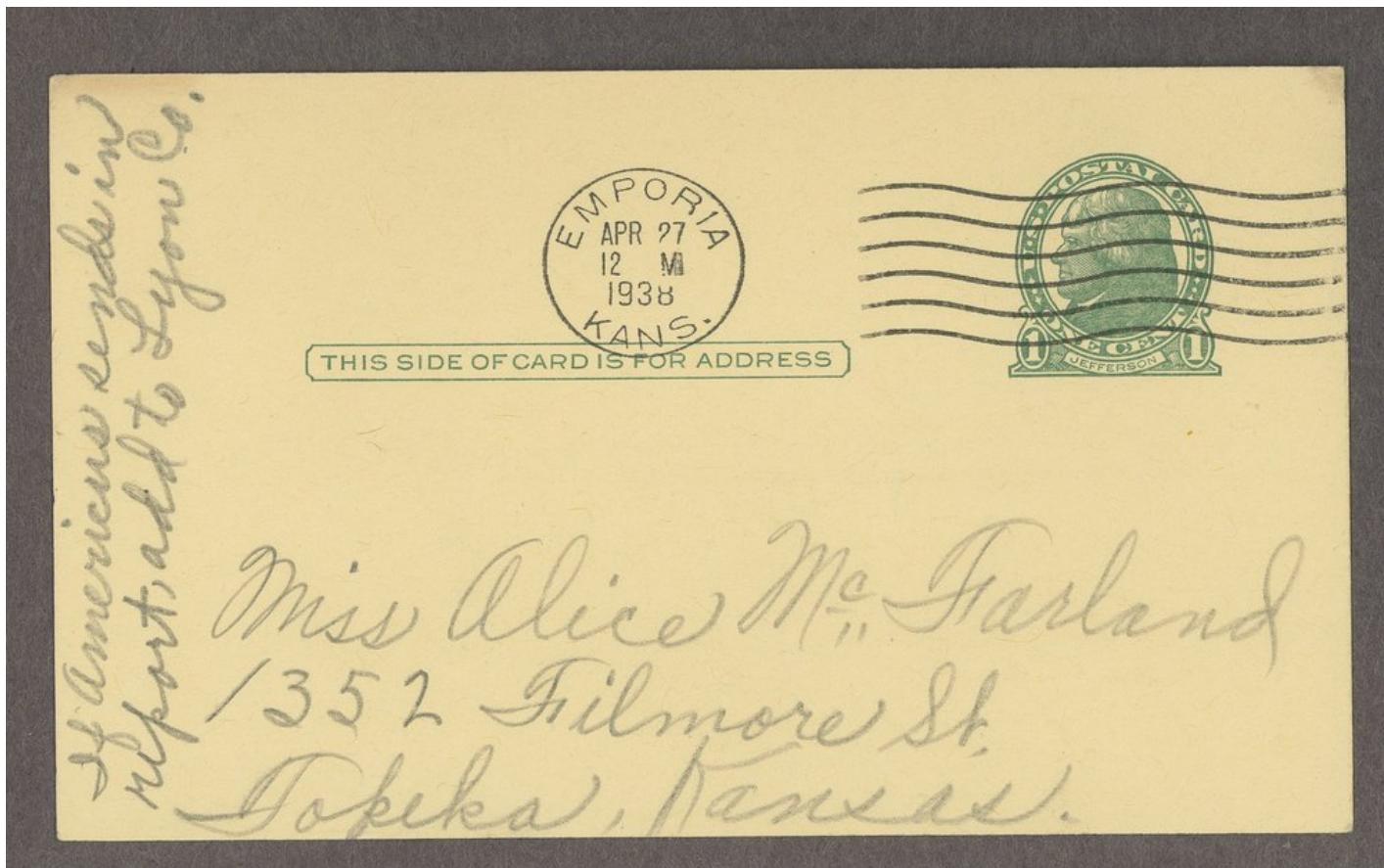
Lyon Co. 1602 m<sup>t</sup> Emporia  
There is a picture of  
Frances Willard  
in 40 Rural Schools.  
1 picture in the U.W.  
1 picture in Mex. Miss.  
1 picture in Senior H.S.  
Our Union is  
named the Francis  
Willard Union  
Mrs. Spellman and  
Mrs. Ely <sup>of</sup> Emporia  
in their report, please  
add above report to  
theirs, all from  
Lyon Co.  
Co. Pres. Mrs. J. L. Detrich

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Emporia, Kansas, April 27, 1938.

Miss Mary Dobbs,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Miss Dobbs: At the request of Mrs. Maddern and Mrs. Detrich, I am sending you the following item:

In 1889 while Miss Willard was in Beloit, Kansas laying the cornerstone for the Girls Industrial School, my father, Rev. J.L. King, at that time pastor of the First Methodist Church in Beloit, took my sister, now Mrs. Florence Pheasant, of Downs, Kansas, and myself to the Campbell home where Miss Willard and Miss Anna Gordon were guests. Mrs. Campbell introduced father to Miss Willard and he introduced us two small girls to Miss Willard who introduced us to Anna Gordon, saying, "Anna, take their names and send them 'Marching Songs,'" and the ceremony was over. In due time Florence and I received little blue back songs books, "Marching Songs," and I would give a great deal if I had valued them then as I would now.

Mrs. Edith Spellman

*Mrs. Edith Spellman.*

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Goodland, Kans.  
April 28, 1938.

Dear Miss McFarland: We have been trying to find out if there were any memorials to Francis Willard in this county. There is a fountain here and we thought perhaps that was, but the woman who was president of the W.C.T.U. at the time the L.T.L. puttin says it was dedicated to Goodland and it was never named. Could it be named yet and what would we have to do about it? The woman who was president of the W.C.T.U. at the time it was put in is Mrs. J. F. Kimmell Goodland Kans. There is a picture of Francis Willard in the Public Library but none in the schools so far as we have been able to find out. We inquired and had a notice in the paper. Yours truly  
Mrs Agnes Wells

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Atchison Kas.  
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Dear Miss Mc Farland  
I sent material to  
you, I trust you will get it.

The two ladies pictures  
we want & returned.  
And the picture of the  
hall belongs to the  
American Legion, so if  
you can return them  
when you are through  
we will appreciate it very  
much. Use what inform-  
ation you care to.

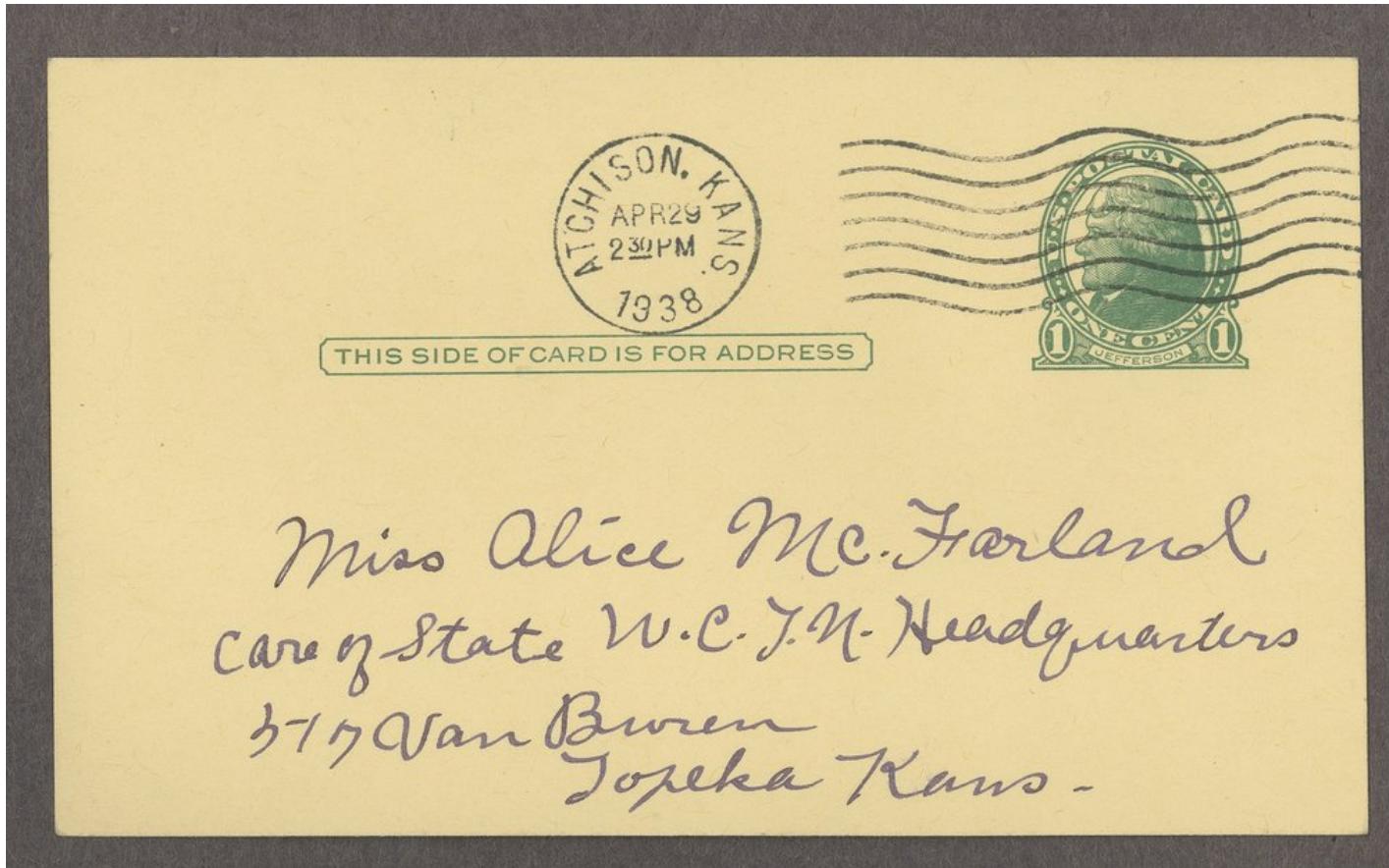
Mrs. J. M. Phillips

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Ark. City Ms. April 29-38

Dear Mrs. McFarland,

I am late but I am not  
the one to send this picture  
in but no one else did.

This is a school named  
after our gallant leader,  
Frances E. Willard.

I have found 3 ladies who  
heard her speak,

Her picture hangs in  
every school room in our  
city, we have 8 schools  
buildings here.

Yours lovingly

Mary Frazer