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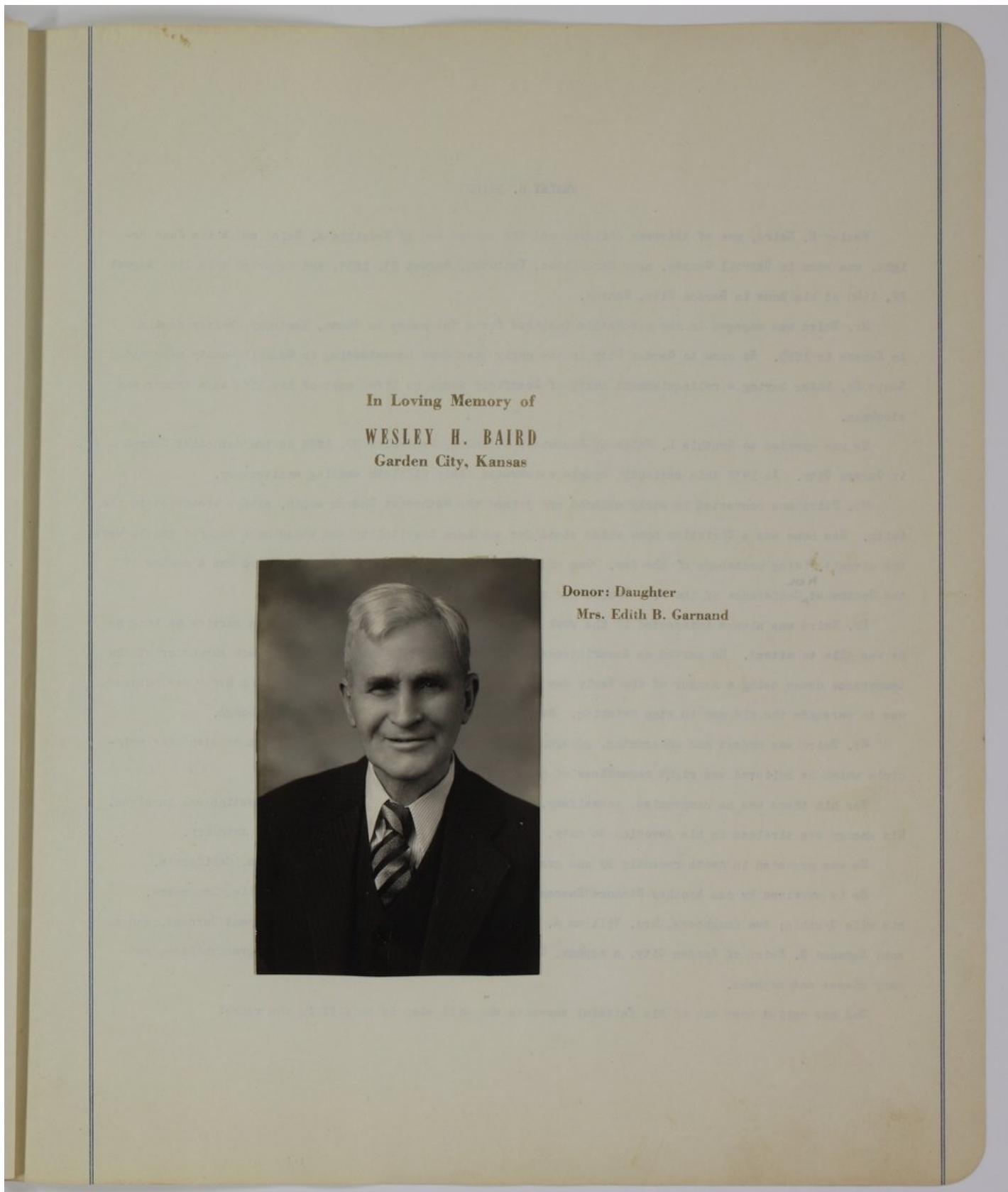
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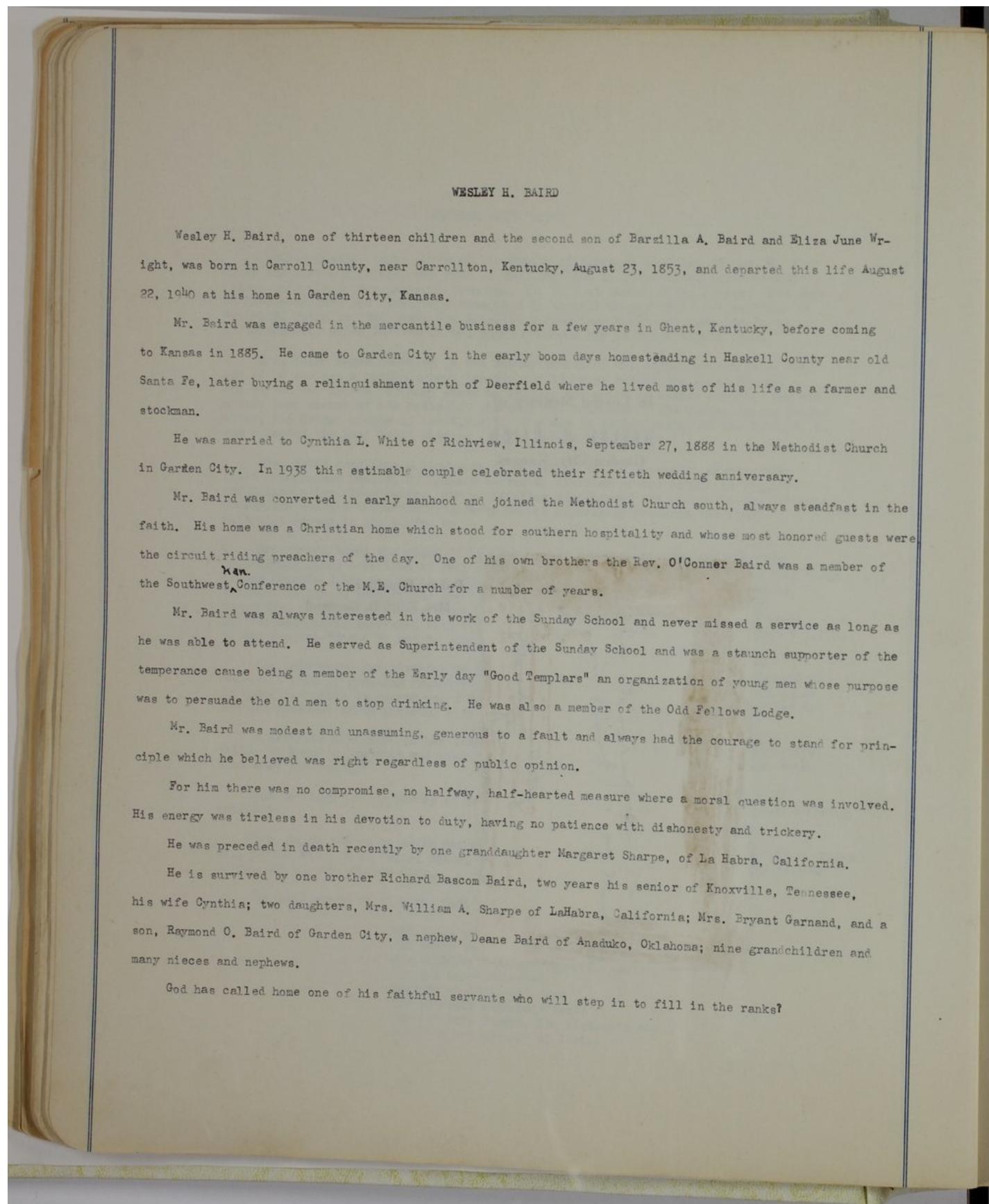
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### WESLEY H. BAIRD

Wesley H. Baird, one of thirteen children and the second son of Barzilla A. Baird and Eliza June Wright, was born in Carroll County, near Carrollton, Kentucky, August 23, 1853, and departed this life August 22, 1940 at his home in Garden City, Kansas.

Mr. Baird was engaged in the mercantile business for a few years in Ghent, Kentucky, before coming to Kansas in 1885. He came to Garden City in the early boom days homesteading in Haskell County near old Santa Fe, later buying a relinquishment north of Deerfield where he lived most of his life as a farmer and stockman.

He was married to Cynthia L. White of Richview, Illinois, September 27, 1888 in the Methodist Church in Garden City. In 1938 this estimable couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Baird was converted in early manhood and joined the Methodist Church south, always steadfast in the faith. His home was a Christian home which stood for southern hospitality and whose most honored guests were the circuit riding preachers of the day. One of his own brothers the Rev. O'Conner Baird was a member of the Southwest <sup>Man.</sup> Conference of the M.E. Church for a number of years.

Mr. Baird was always interested in the work of the Sunday School and never missed a service as long as he was able to attend. He served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and was a staunch supporter of the temperance cause being a member of the Early day "Good Templars" an organization of young men whose purpose was to persuade the old men to stop drinking. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Mr. Baird was modest and unassuming, generous to a fault and always had the courage to stand for principle which he believed was right regardless of public opinion.

For him there was no compromise, no halfway, half-hearted measure where a moral question was involved. His energy was tireless in his devotion to duty, having no patience with dishonesty and trickery.

He was preceded in death recently by one granddaughter Margaret Sharpe, of La Habra, California.

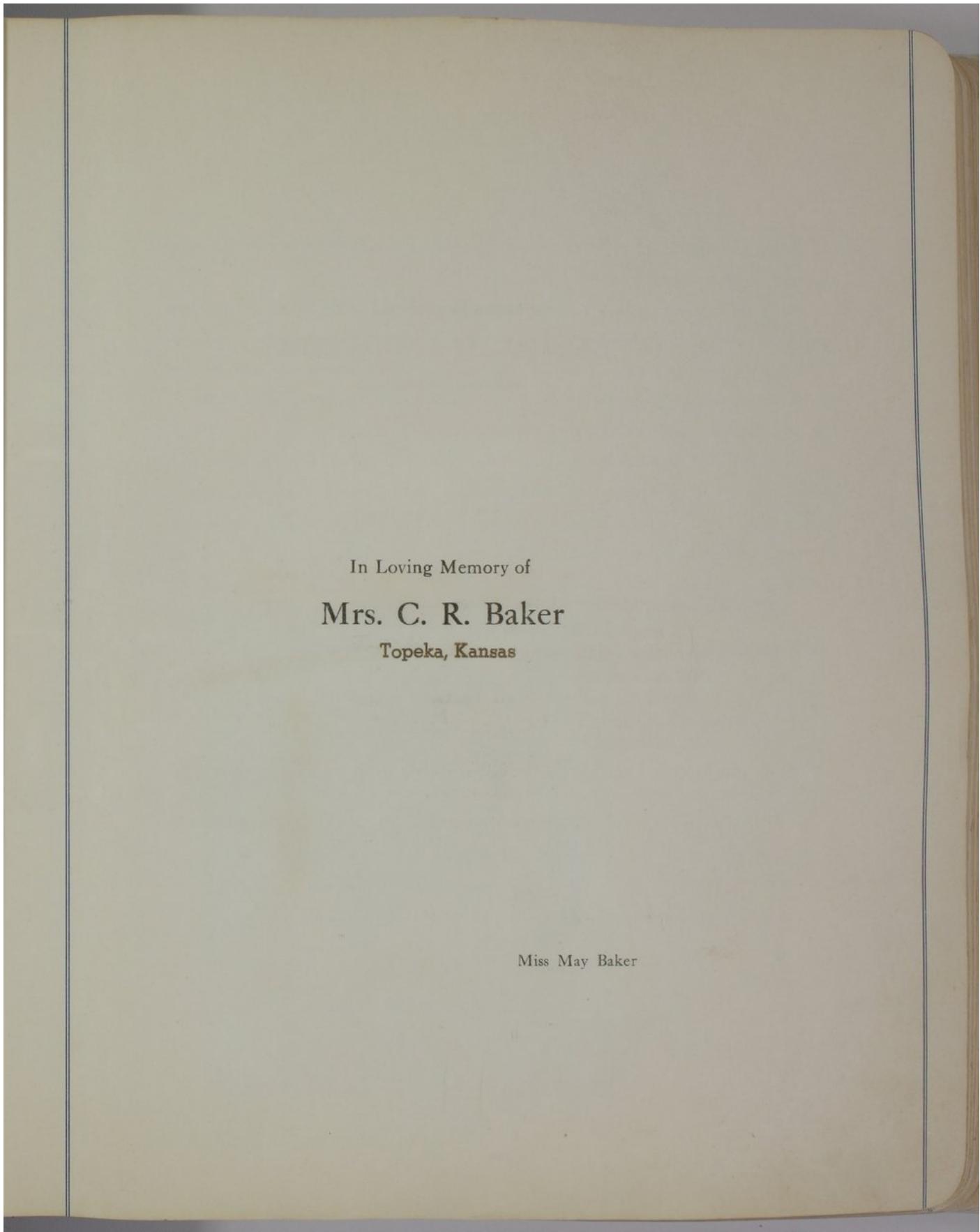
He is survived by one brother Richard Bascom Baird, two years his senior of Knoxville, Tennessee, his wife Cynthia; two daughters, Mrs. William A. Sharpe of LaHabra, California; Mrs. Bryant Garnand, and a son, Raymond O. Baird of Garden City, a nephew, Deane Baird of Anaduko, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

God has called home one of his faithful servants who will step in to fill in the ranks?

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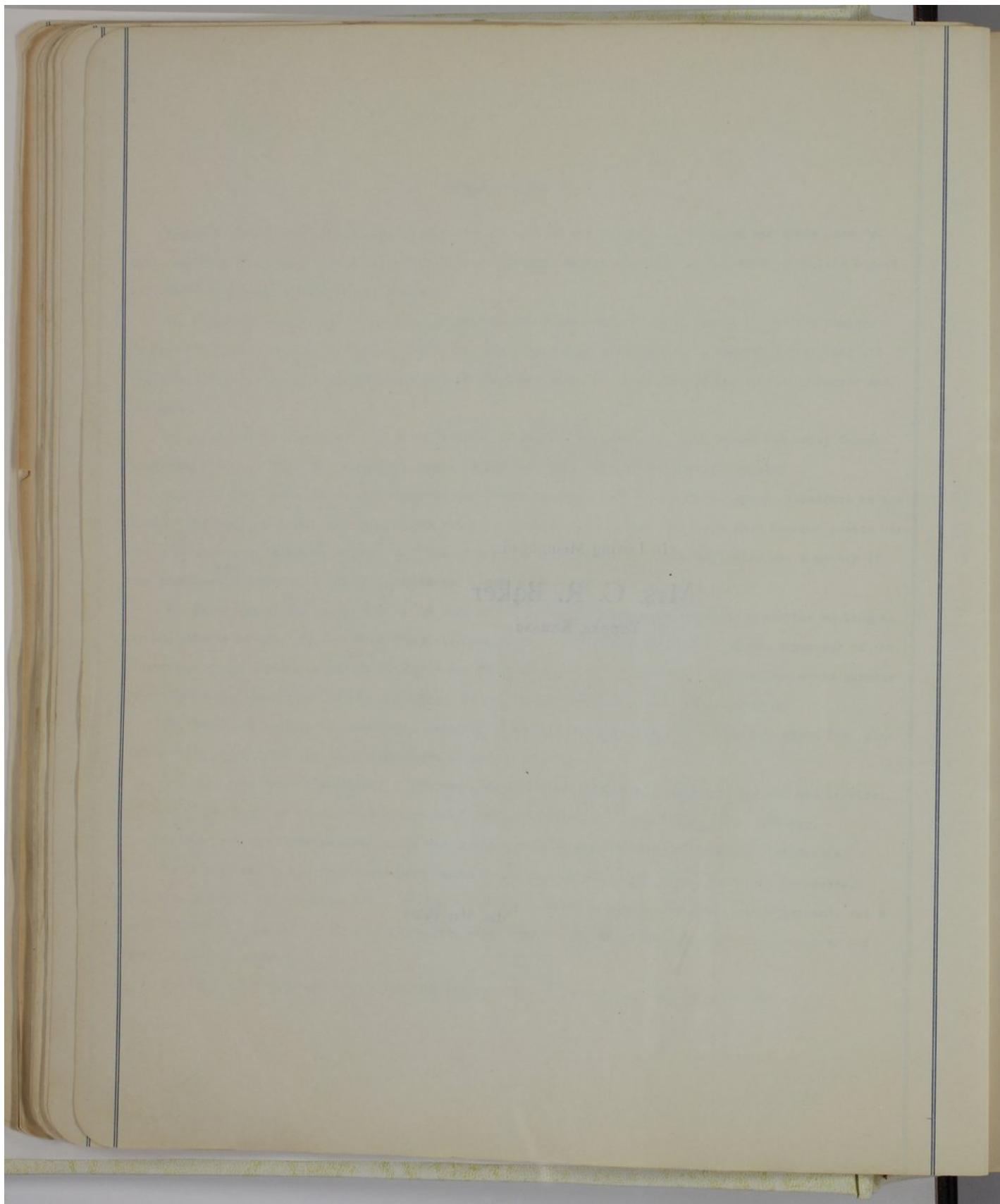
Topeka, Kansas

Miss May Baker

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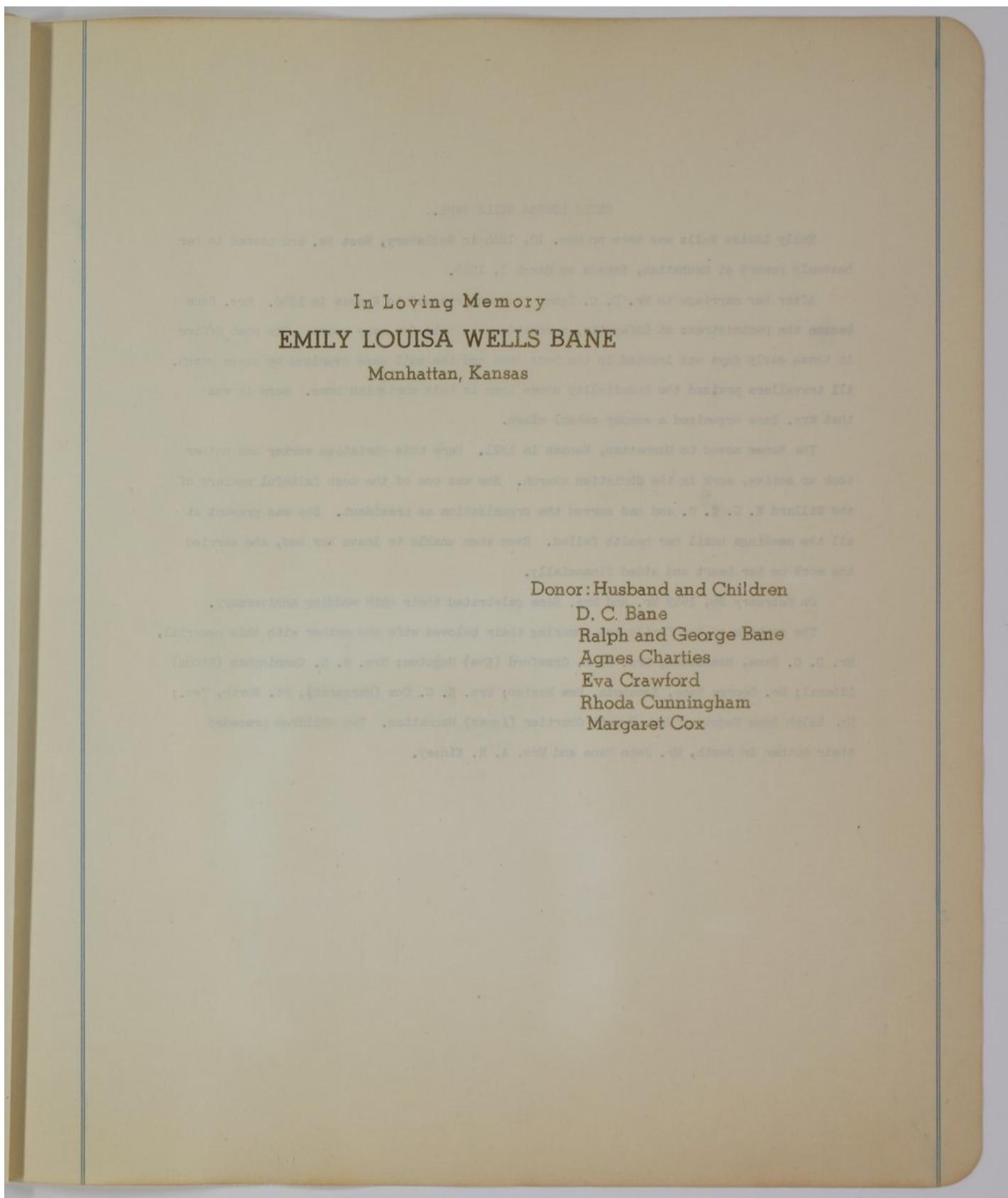
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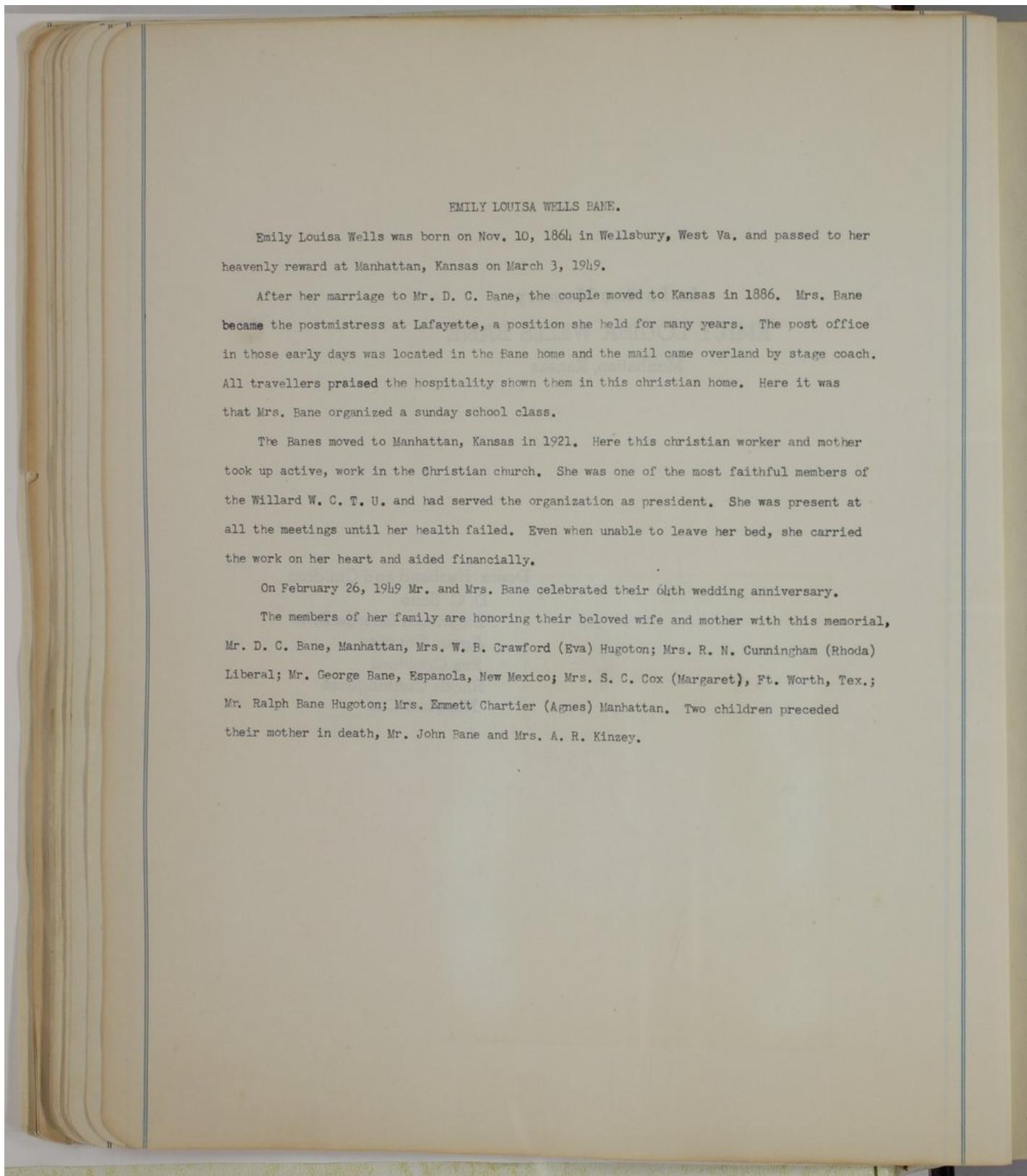


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### EMILY LOUISA WELLS BANE.

Emily Louisa Wells was born on Nov. 10, 1861 in Wellsbury, West Va. and passed to her heavenly reward at Manhattan, Kansas on March 3, 1949.

After her marriage to Mr. D. C. Bane, the couple moved to Kansas in 1886. Mrs. Bane became the postmistress at Lafayette, a position she held for many years. The post office in those early days was located in the Bane home and the mail came overland by stage coach. All travellers praised the hospitality shown them in this christian home. Here it was that Mrs. Bane organized a sunday school class.

The Banes moved to Manhattan, Kansas in 1921. Here this christian worker and mother took up active work in the Christian church. She was one of the most faithful members of the Willard W. C. T. U. and had served the organization as president. She was present at all the meetings until her health failed. Even when unable to leave her bed, she carried the work on her heart and aided financially.

On February 26, 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Bane celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

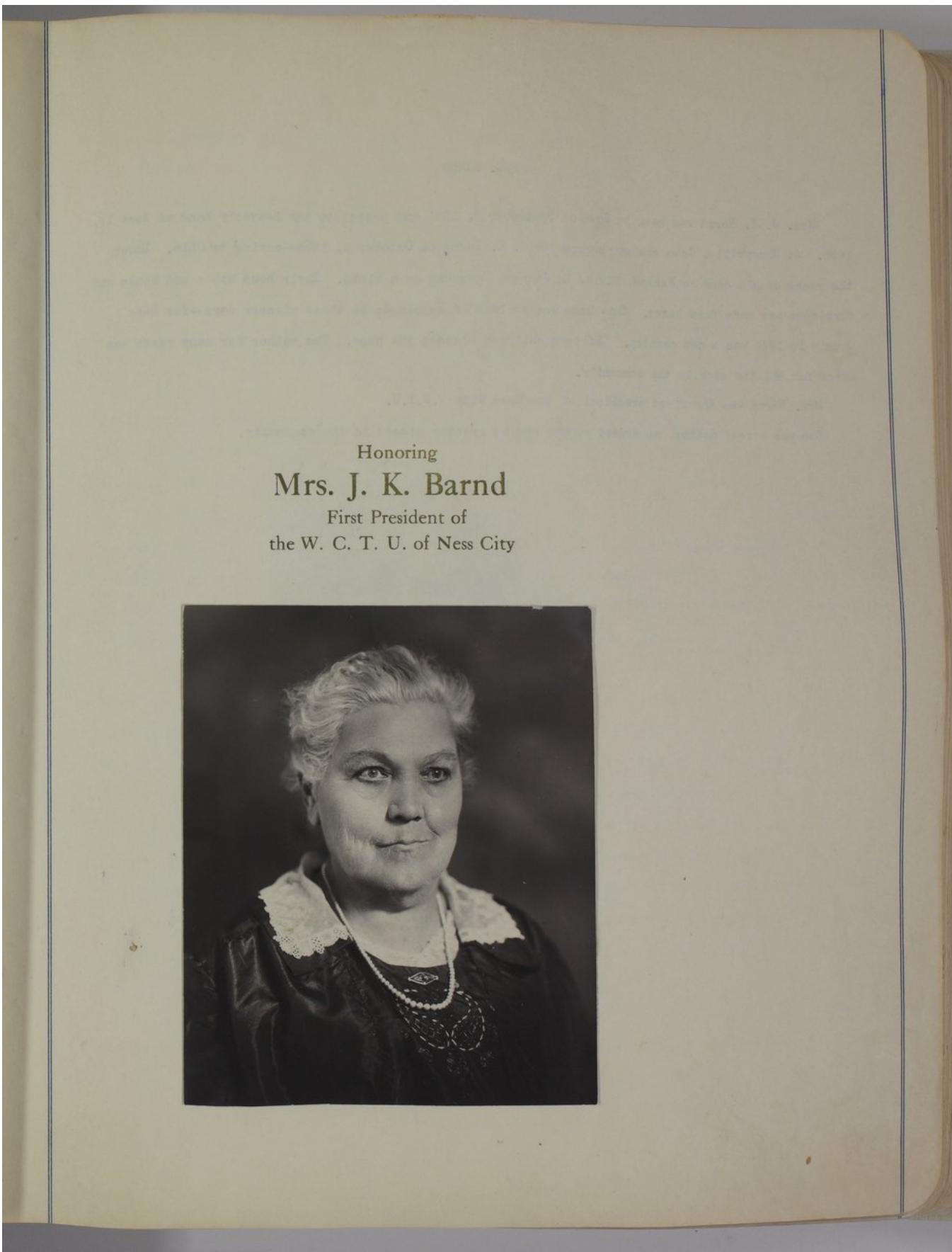
The members of her family are honoring their beloved wife and mother with this memorial, Mr. D. C. Bane, Manhattan, Mrs. W. B. Crawford (Eva) Hugoton; Mrs. R. N. Cunningham (Rhoda) Liberal; Mr. George Bane, Espanola, New Mexico; Mrs. S. C. Cox (Margaret), Ft. Worth, Tex.; Mr. Ralph Bane Hugoton; Mrs. Emmett Chartier (Agnes) Manhattan. Two children preceded their mother in death, Mr. John Bane and Mrs. A. R. Kinzey.

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Honoring

### Mrs. J. K. Barnd

First President of  
the W. C. T. U. of Ness City



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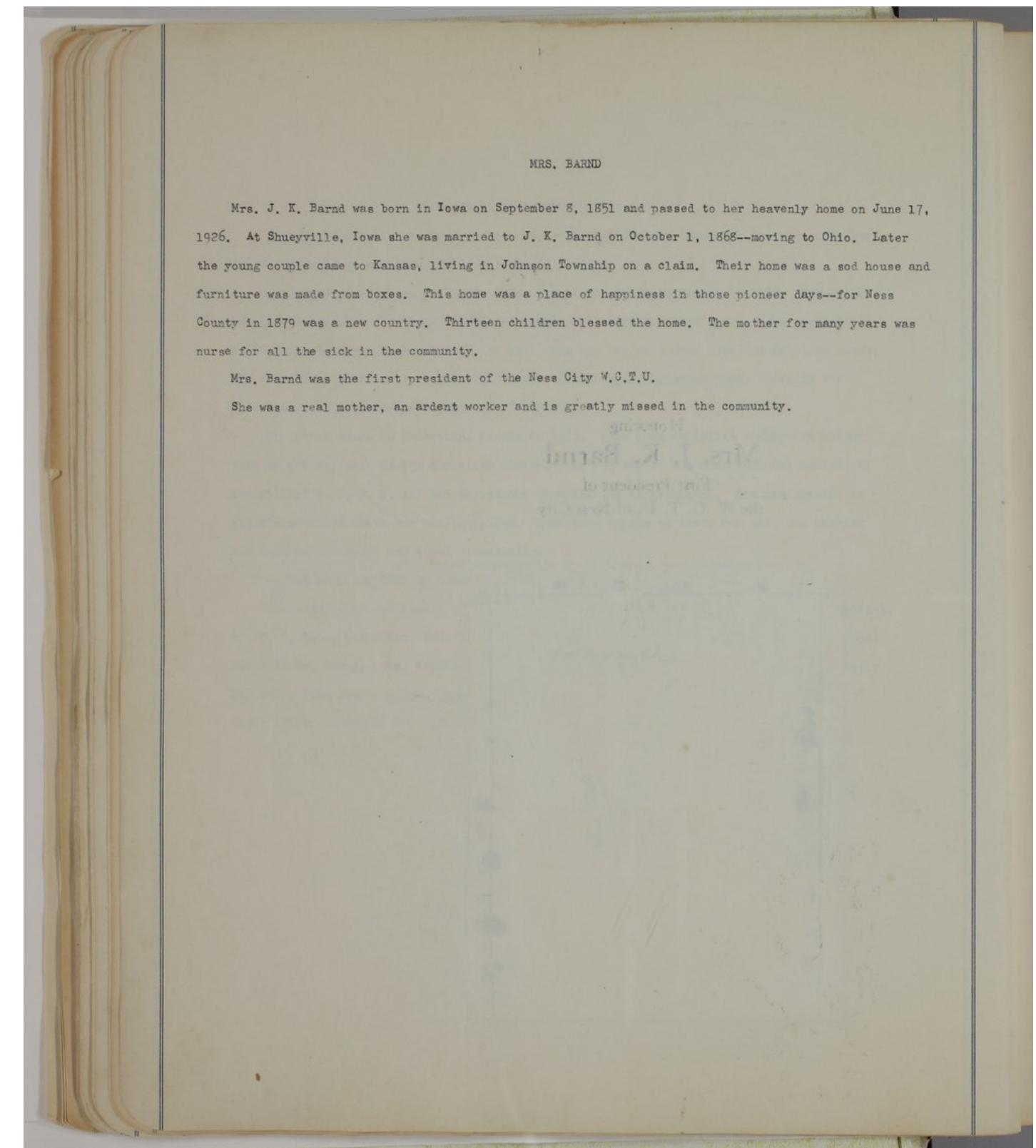
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### MRS. BARND

Mrs. J. K. Barnd was born in Iowa on September 8, 1851 and passed to her heavenly home on June 17, 1926. At Shueyville, Iowa she was married to J. K. Barnd on October 1, 1868--moving to Ohio. Later the young couple came to Kansas, living in Johnson Township on a claim. Their home was a sod house and furniture was made from boxes. This home was a place of happiness in those pioneer days--for Ness County in 1879 was a new country. Thirteen children blessed the home. The mother for many years was nurse for all the sick in the community.

Mrs. Barnd was the first president of the Ness City W.C.T.U.

She was a real mother, an ardent worker and is greatly missed in the community.

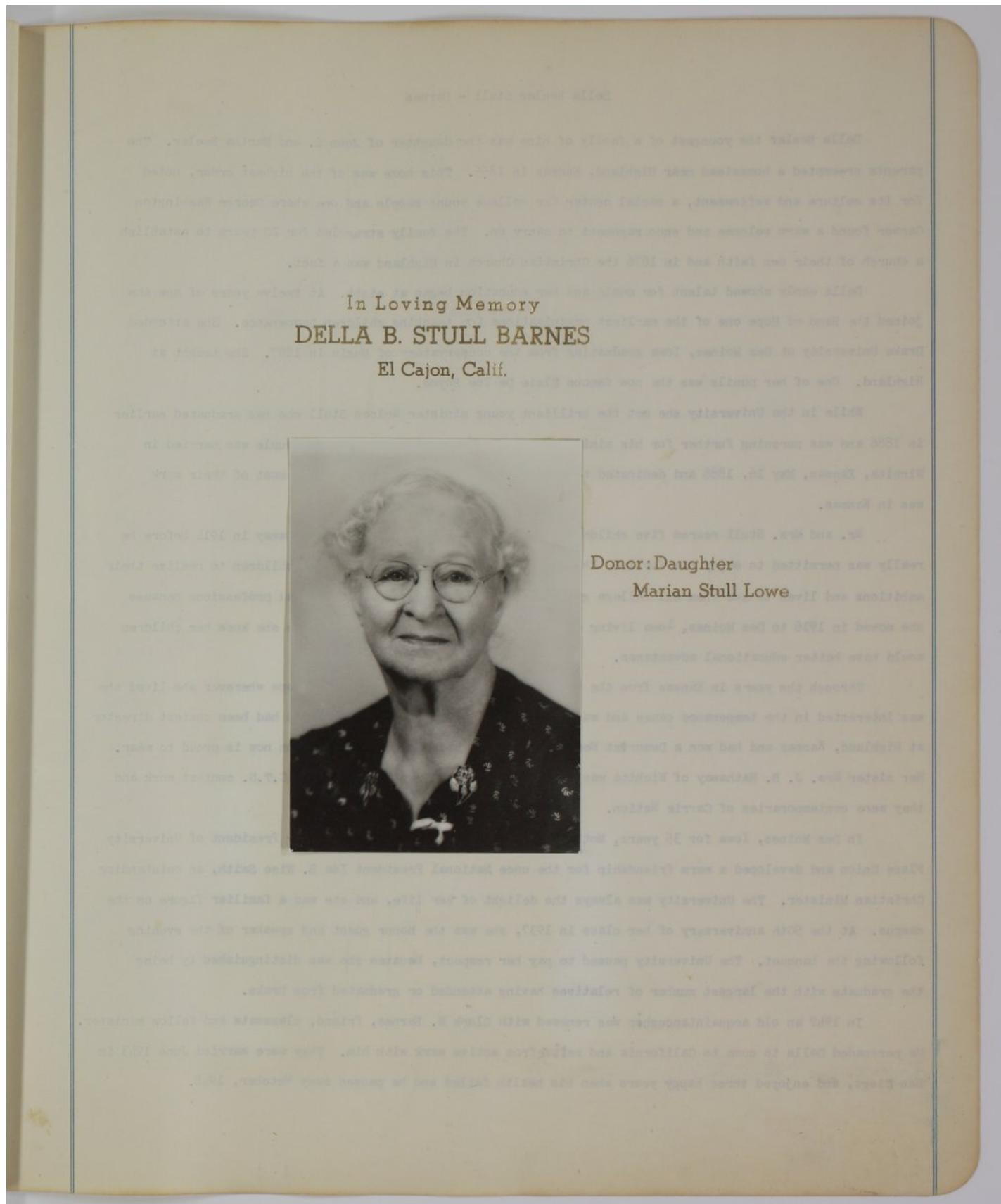


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**Marian Stull Lowe**



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Della Beeler Stull - Barnes

Della Beeler the youngest of a family of nine was the daughter of John S. and Martha Beeler. The parents preempted a homestead near Highland, Kansas in 1855. This home was of the highest order, noted for its culture and refinement, a social center for college young people and one where George Washington Carver found a warm welcome and encouragement to carry on. The family struggled for 20 years to establish a church of their own faith and in 1876 the Christian Church in Highland was a fact.

Della early showed talent for music and her education began at eight. At twelve years of age she joined the Band of Hope one of the earliest organizations for teaching children temperance. She attended Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa graduating from the conservatory of Music in 1887. She taught at Highland. One of her pupils was the now famous Elsie De Voe Boyce.

While in the University she met the brilliant young minister Nelson Stull who had graduated earlier in 1886 and was pursuing further for his ministerial degree. This talented young couple was married in Wichita, Kansas, May 16, 1888 and dedicated their lives to the work of the church - most of their work was in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stull reared five children to adulthood, but the father passed away in 1911 before he really was permitted to enjoy his family. The brave, courageous mother helped her children to realize their ambitions and lived to see them all college graduates and prospering in their several professions because she moved in 1916 to Des Moines, Iowa living at the corner of Drake University where she knew her children would have better educational advantages.

Through the years in Kansas from the time she was a member of the Band of Hope wherever she lived she was interested in the temperance cause and was an active member of the W.C.T.U. She had been contest director at Highland, Kansas and had won a Demost~~est~~ Medal in reading which her daughter Marion now is proud to wear. Her sister Mrs. J. B. Hathaway of Wichita was also active and co-operative in the W.C.T.U. contest work and they were contemporaries of Carrie Nation.

In Des Moines, Iowa for 35 years, Mother Stull, continued her interest being President of University Place Union and developed a warm friendship for the once National President Ida B. Wise Smith, an outstanding Christian Minister. The University was always the delight of her life, and she was a familiar figure on the campus. At the 50th anniversary of her class in 1937, she was the honor guest and speaker of the evening following the banquet. The University paused to pay her respect, because she was distinguished by being the graduate with the largest number of relatives having attended or graduated from Drake.

In 1942 an old acquaintanceship was renewed with Clark M. Barnes, friend, classmate and fellow minister. He persuaded Della to come to California and retire from active work with him. They were married June 1943 in San Diego, and enjoyed three happy years when his health failed and he passed away October, 1948.

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Altho Mrs. Barnes was retired, she saw the great and pressing need of the temperance work in California, so she continued to do her bit with the W.C.T.U. forces there.

In November 1948 she suffered a stroke and passed away in La Mesa hospital December 24, 1949 after her children were her constant helpers and companions.

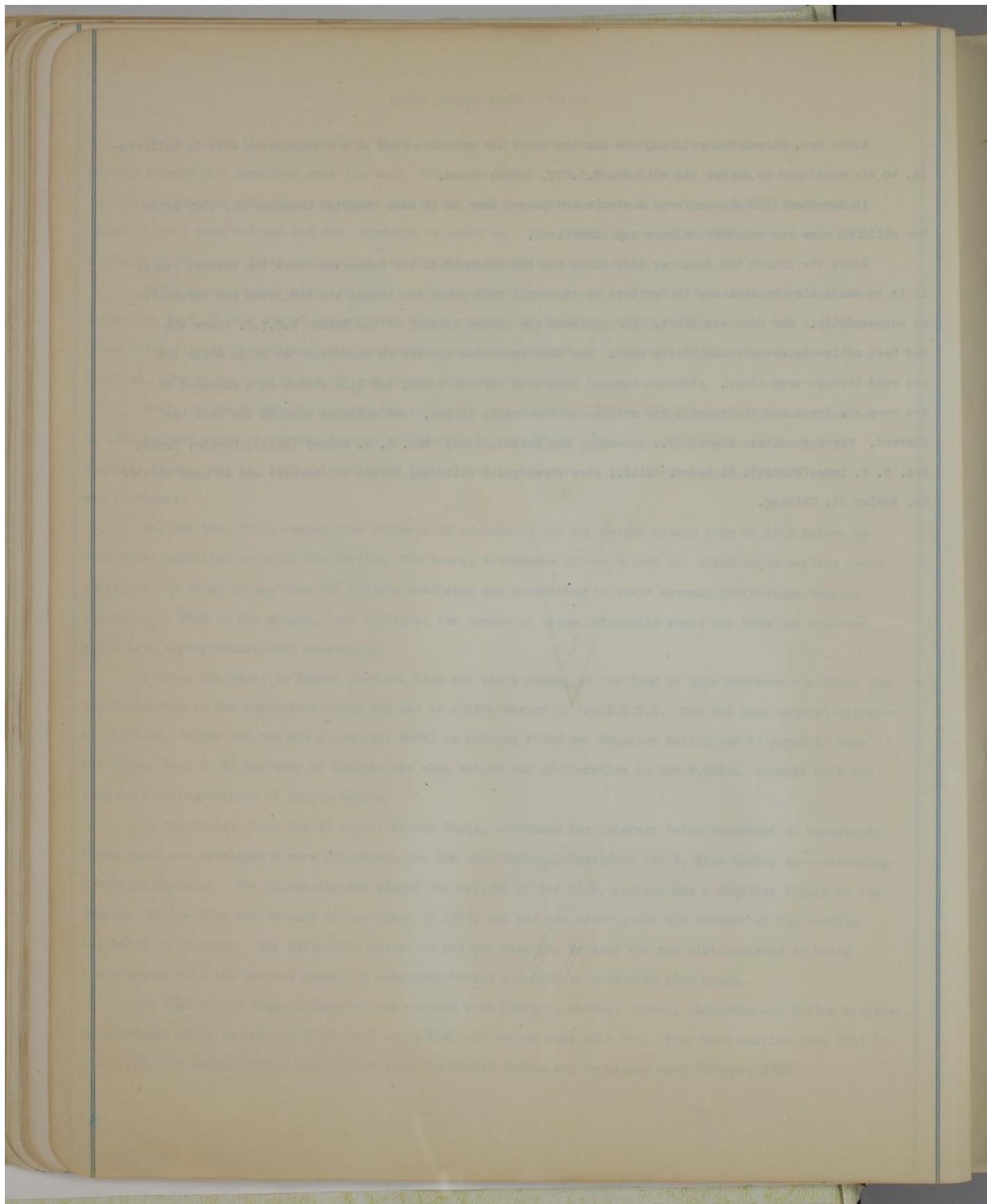
Since the church had been her life since she had belonged to the temperance work for seventy years, it is no small thought that she in her last weeks should talk about the things she had loved and worked for so successfully. Her mind was alert. She reviewed the entire history of the Kansas W.C.T.U. where she had been active in every phase of the work. Her last conscious act was to read from her Bible which she had read through many times. Although removed from this earthly scene, her life stands as a monument to the work she loved and the records are written on the hearts of men. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Three survive: Everett D., attorney, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. T. A. Motney (Beth), Devine, Texas; Mrs. S. W. Lowe (Marian), El Cajon, Calif., also three grand children, nieces and nephews and an aged brother Wm. Beeler 91, Chicago.

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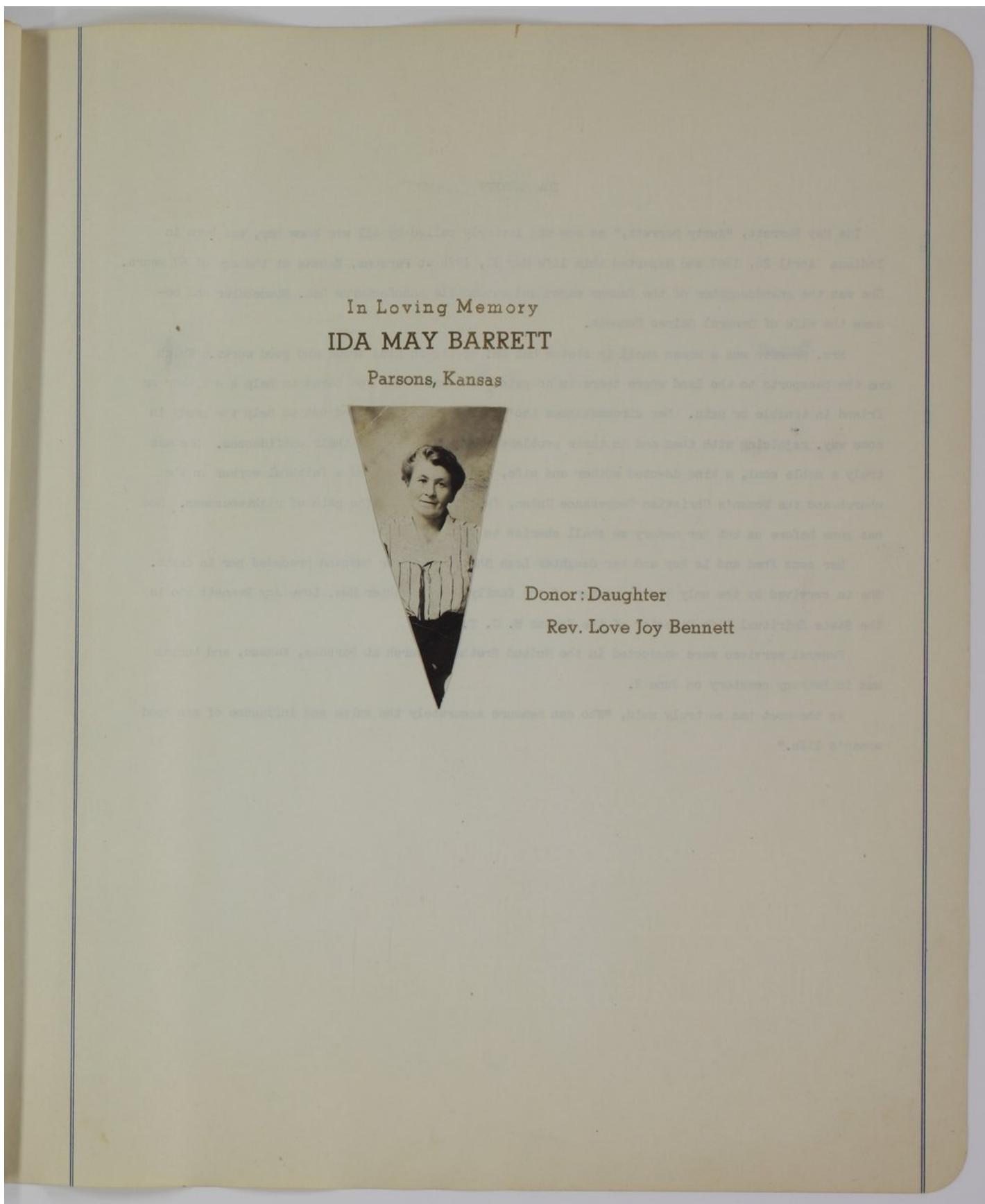


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IDA BARRETT

Ida May Barrett, "Aunty Barrett," as she was lovingly called by all who knew her, was born in Indiana April 26, 1867 and departed this life May 31, 1924 at Parsons, Kansas at the age of 57 years. She was the granddaughter of the famous wagon and automobile manufacturer Geo. Studebaker and became the wife of General Gaines Bennett.

Mrs. *Bennett* was a woman small in stature but Oh! so big in kind deeds and good works. Which are the passports to the land where there is no pain. She was never too tired to help a neighbor or friend in trouble or pain. Her circumstances tho' limited always reached out to help the needy in some way, rejoicing with them and in their problems she never betrayed their confidences. She was truly a noble soul, a kind devoted mother and wife, a good neighbor and a faithful worker in the church and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, following always the path of righteousness. She has gone before us but her memory we shall cherish to the end.

Her sons Fred and Le Roy and her daughter Loga Shannon and her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by the only living member of the family, her daughter Rev. Love Joy Bennett who is the State Spiritual Life Director of the Kansas W. C. T. U.

Funeral services were conducted in the United Brethren Church at Parsons, Kansas, and burial was in Bethany cemetery on June 2.

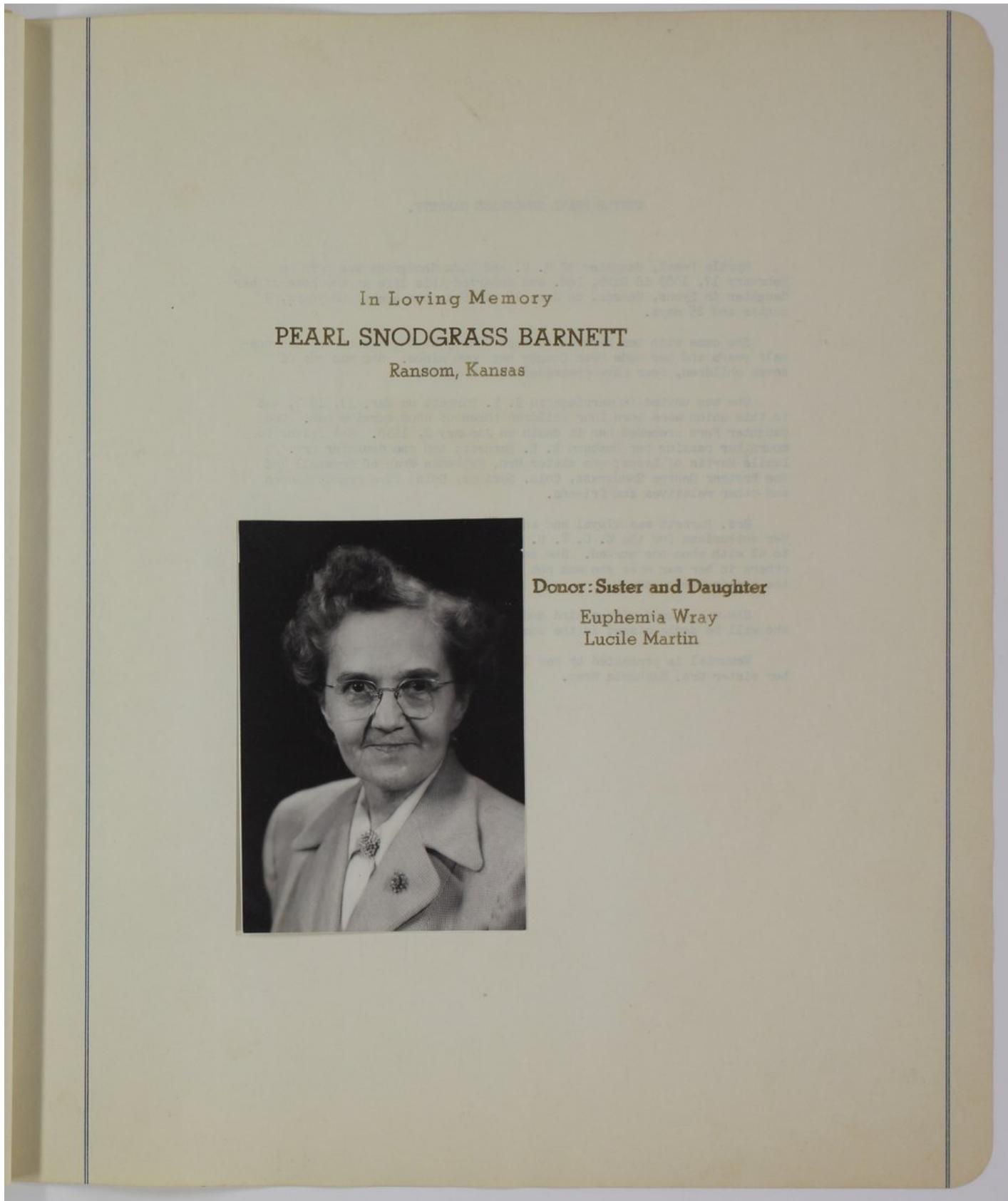
As the poet has so truly said, "Who can measure accurately the value and influence of one good woman's life."

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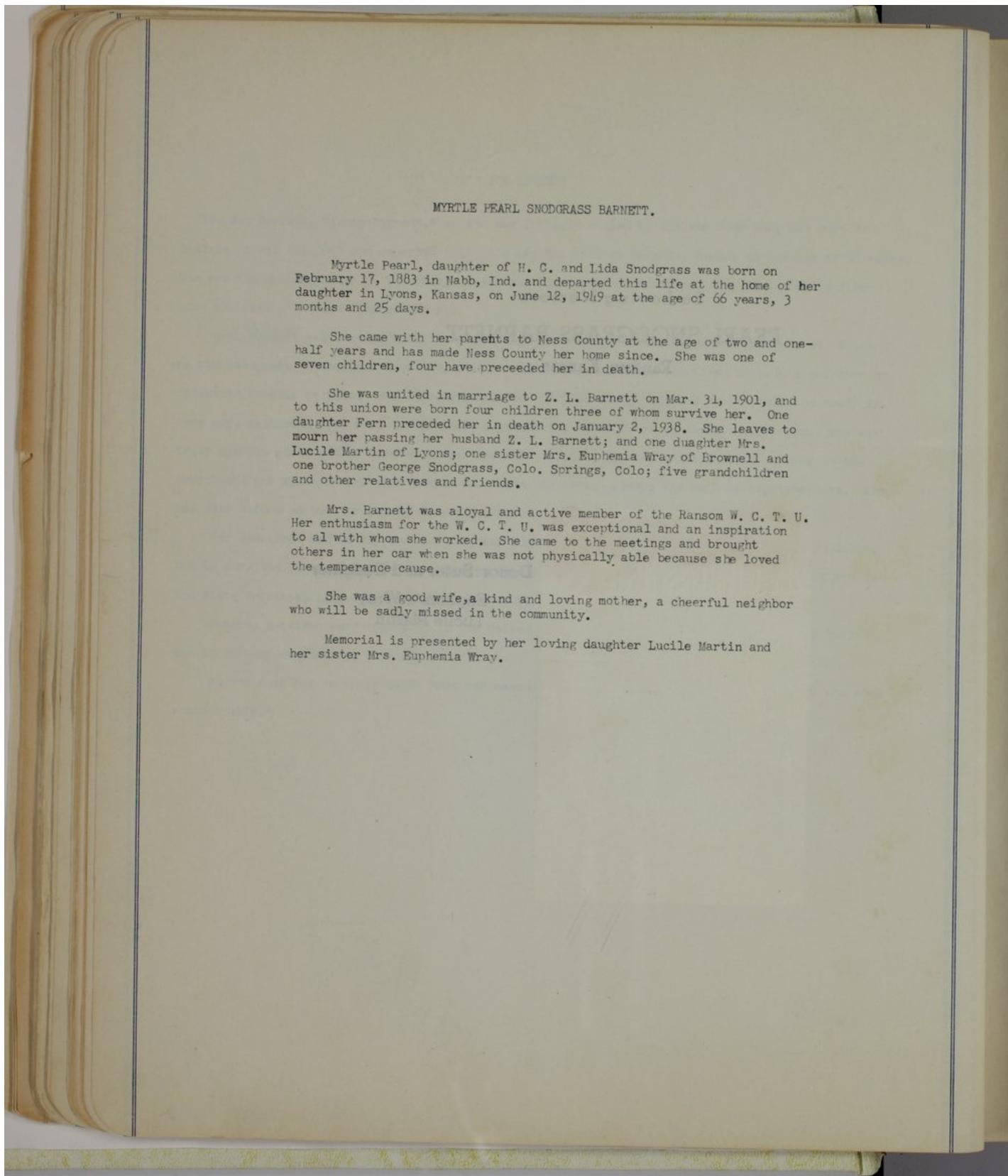


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### MYRTLE PEARL SNODGRASS BARNETT.

Myrtle Pearl, daughter of H. C. and Lida Snodgrass was born on February 17, 1883 in Nabb, Ind. and departed this life at the home of her daughter in Lyons, Kansas, on June 12, 1949 at the age of 66 years, 3 months and 25 days.

She came with her parents to Ness County at the age of two and one-half years and has made Ness County her home since. She was one of seven children, four have preceeded her in death.

She was united in marriage to Z. L. Barnett on Mar. 31, 1901, and to this union were born four children three of whom survive her. One daughter Fern preceded her in death on January 2, 1938. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Z. L. Barnett; and one daughter Mrs. Lucile Martin of Lyons; one sister Mrs. Eunhemia Wray of Brownell and one brother George Snodgrass, Colo. Springs, Colo; five grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Barnett was a loyal and active member of the Ransom W. C. T. U. Her enthusiasm for the W. C. T. U. was exceptional and an inspiration to all with whom she worked. She came to the meetings and brought others in her car when she was not physically able because she loved the temperance cause.

She was a good wife, a kind and loving mother, a cheerful neighbor who will be sadly missed in the community.

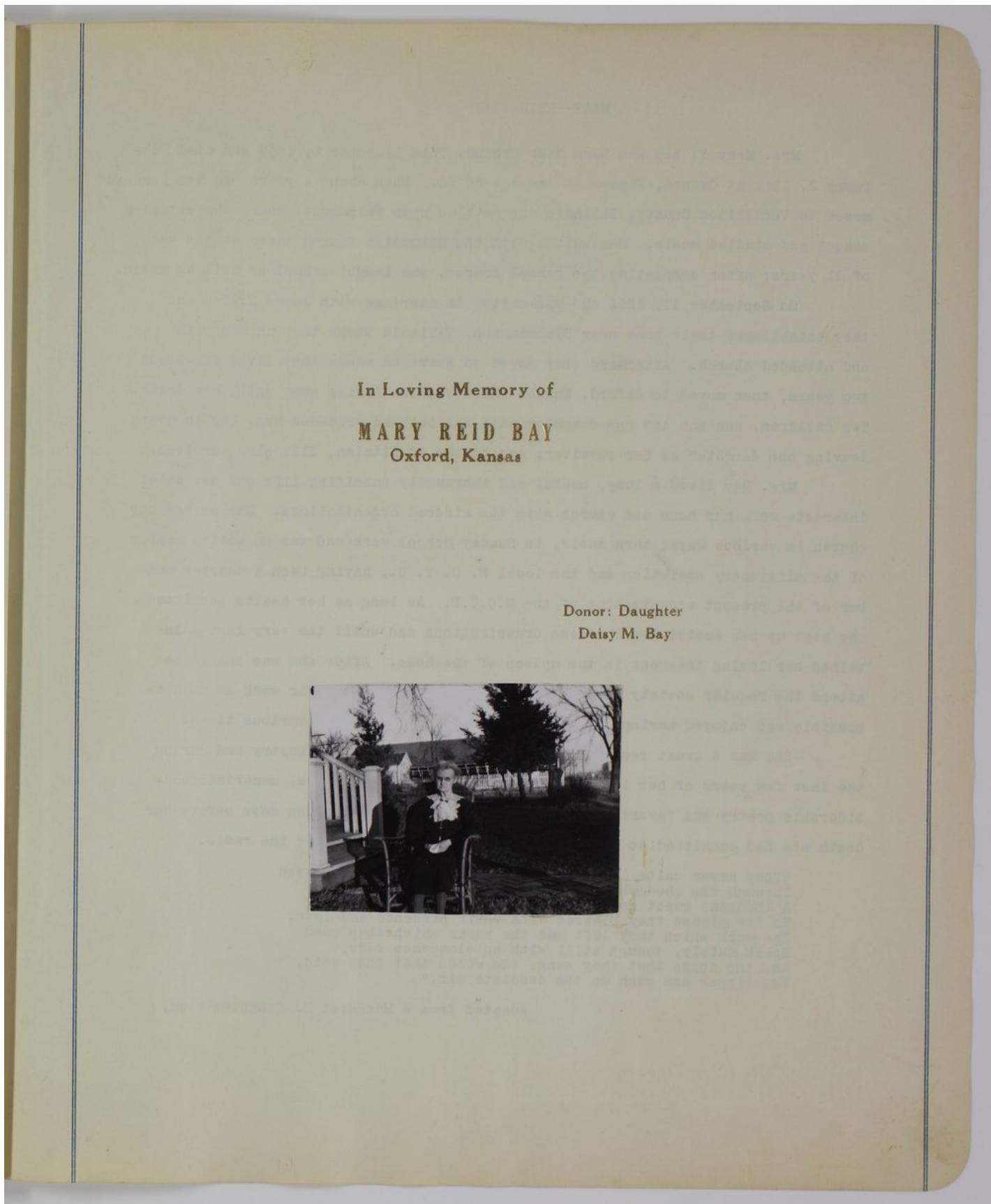
Memorial is presented by her loving daughter Lucile Martin and her sister Mrs. Euphemia Wray.

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MARY REID BAY

Mrs. Mary F. Bay was born near Urbana, Ohio December 6, 1859 and died February 2, 1944 at Oxford, Kansas at the age of 84. When about 4 years old her parents moved to Vermillion County, Illinois and settled near Fairmount, where she attended school and studied music. She united with the Methodist Church there at the age of 11 years; after completing the school course, she taught school as well as music.

On September 11, 1864 she was united in marriage with James S. Bay and they established their home near Bloomington, Illinois where they united with and attended church. Afterward they moved to Nebraska where they lived for about two years, then moved to Oxford, Kansas which was the family home until her death. Two children, one son and one daughter with the husband preceded Mrs. Bay in death leaving one daughter as her survivor; one sister of Fithian, Ill. also survives.

Mrs. Bay lived a long, useful and thoroughly unselfish life and her chief interests were her home and church with its kindred organizations. She served her church in various ways; thru music, in Sunday School work and was an active member of the missionary societies and the local W. C. T. U., having been a charter member of the present organization of the W.C.T.U. As long as her health permitted she kept up her activities in these organizations and until the very last maintained her loving interest in the upkeep of the home. After she was unable to attend the regular society meetings she kept in touch with their work as much as possible and enjoyed having them meet with her in her home at various times.

She was a great reader and was very fond of music and poetry and during the last few years of her life, after being unable to be active, memorized considerable poetry and favorite hymns and Bible verses; just a few days before her death she had committed to memory a new song she had heard over the radio.

"They never quite leave us, our dear ones who have passed  
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;  
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast  
To the places they blessed with their presence and love.  
The work which they left and the books which they read  
Speak mutely, though still with an eloquence rare,  
And the songs that they sang, the words that they said,  
Yet linger and sigh on the desolate air."

Adapted from a Margaret E. Sangster poem.

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In Loving Memory of

CYRUS M. BEACHY

Wichita, Kansas



Donor: Wife

Ann Lichty Beachy

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### CYRUS M. BEACHY

Cyrus M. Beachy was born on a farm in Somerset County, Pennsylvania the son of Daniel L. and Elizabeth Lichty Beachy in the year 1866.

He came to Kansas in the year of 1887 when 21 years of age and opened a small bank at Wilsey in Morris County. He was president, cashier, bookkeeper and janitor. After 3 years at Wilsey he went to Weirton, Kansas where in partnership with his brother-in-law, opened a larger banking business. In 1893 he sold his interest in the bank and moved to Wichita having accepted the presidency of the Steffen Ice and Dairy Co. remaining in that business until his decease, Febr. 19, 1945. He was active until 2 hours before he passed peacefully to the "Beautiful Beyond."

Mr. Beachy was educated at Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio; Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. He united with the church of the Brethren. He was married to Ann Lichty of Meyersdale, Pa. April 30. 1890. The one daughter Bernice that was born to this union Mrs. John D. McEwen of Wichita, Kans. died three weeks before her father. She had 2 children Owen and Ellen McEwen both residing in Wichita.

Mr. Beachy was an earnest advocate of total abstinence believing it to be a social and economic imperative. He was an honorary member of W.C.T.U. While serving in the Kansas legislature he was the chief worker for woman suffrage, having entered the legislature for that specific purpose.

He is survived by the 2 grandchildren and his estimable wife who is giving this honor to his memory.

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In Loving Memory of

**Annie A. Beardslee**

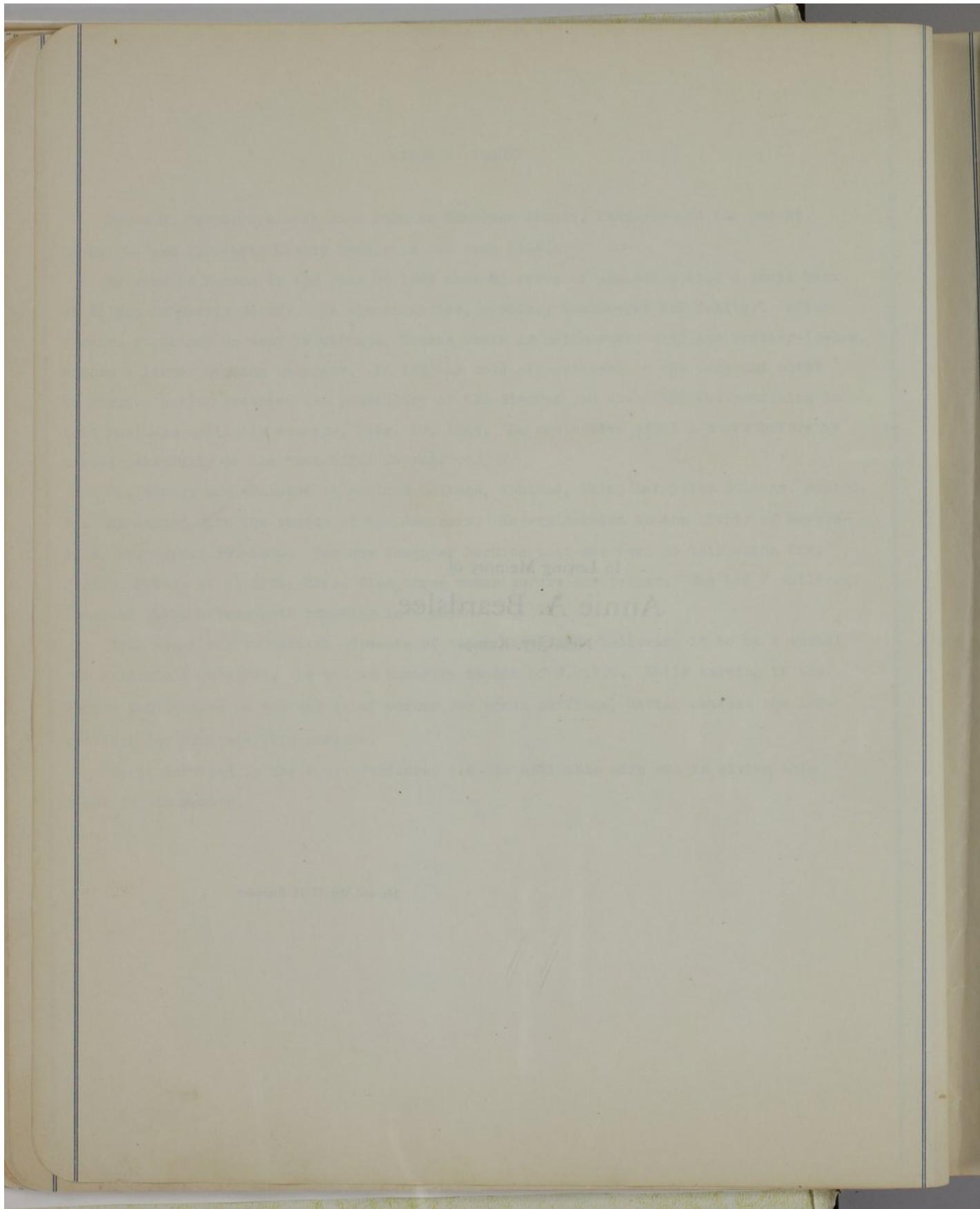
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Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beardslee

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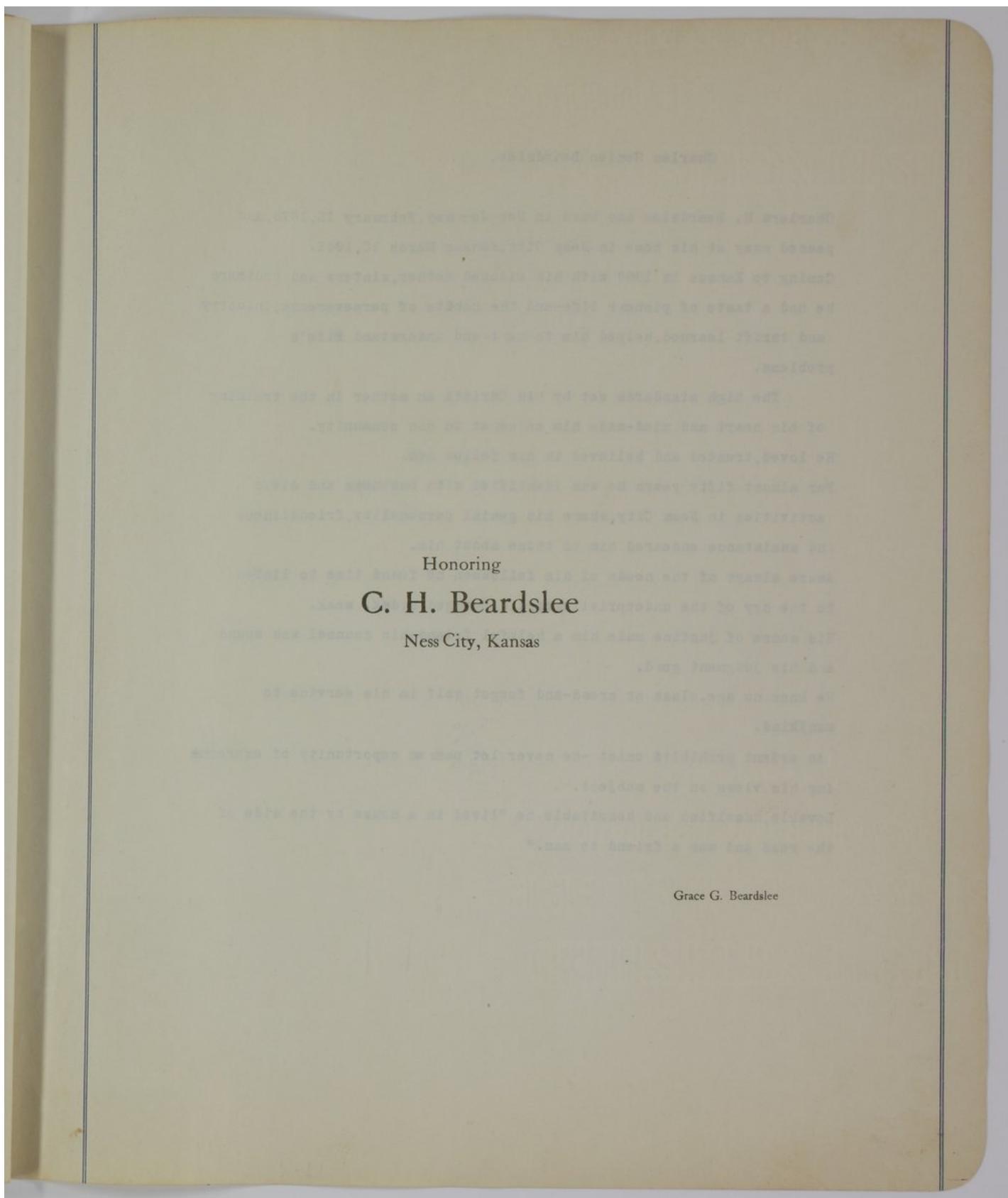


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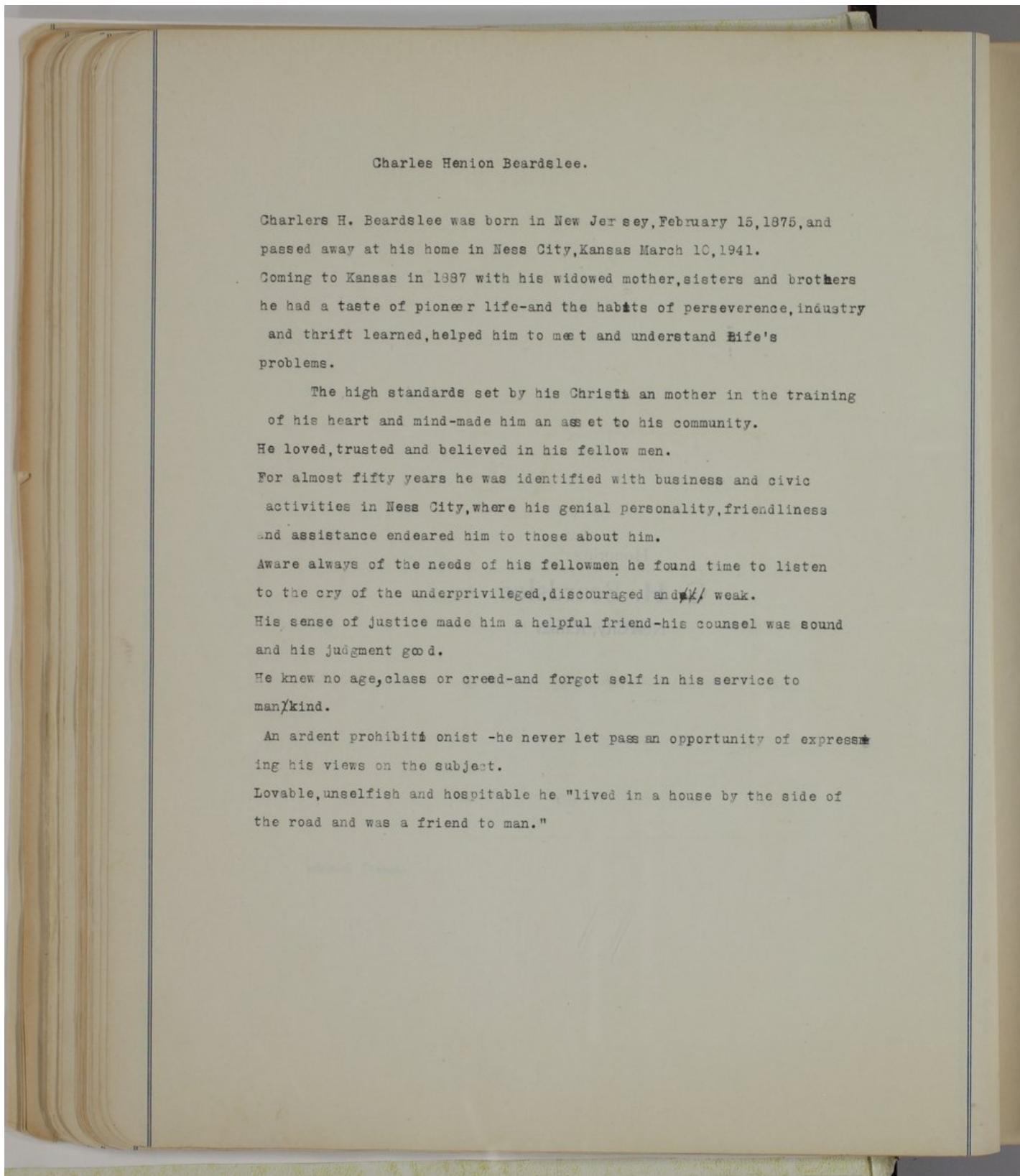


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### Charles Henion Beardslee.

Charles H. Beardslee was born in New Jersey, February 15, 1875, and passed away at his home in Ness City, Kansas March 10, 1941.

Coming to Kansas in 1887 with his widowed mother, sisters and brothers he had a taste of pioneer life-and the habits of perseverance, industry and thrift learned, helped him to meet and understand life's problems.

The high standards set by his Christian mother in the training of his heart and mind-made him an asset to his community.

He loved, trusted and believed in his fellow men.

For almost fifty years he was identified with business and civic activities in Ness City, where his genial personality, friendliness and assistance endeared him to those about him.

Aware always of the needs of his fellowmen he found time to listen to the cry of the underprivileged, discouraged and weak.

His sense of justice made him a helpful friend-his counsel was sound and his judgment good.

He knew no age, class or creed-and forgot self in his service to man/kind.

An ardent prohibitionist -he never let pass an opportunity of expressing his views on the subject.

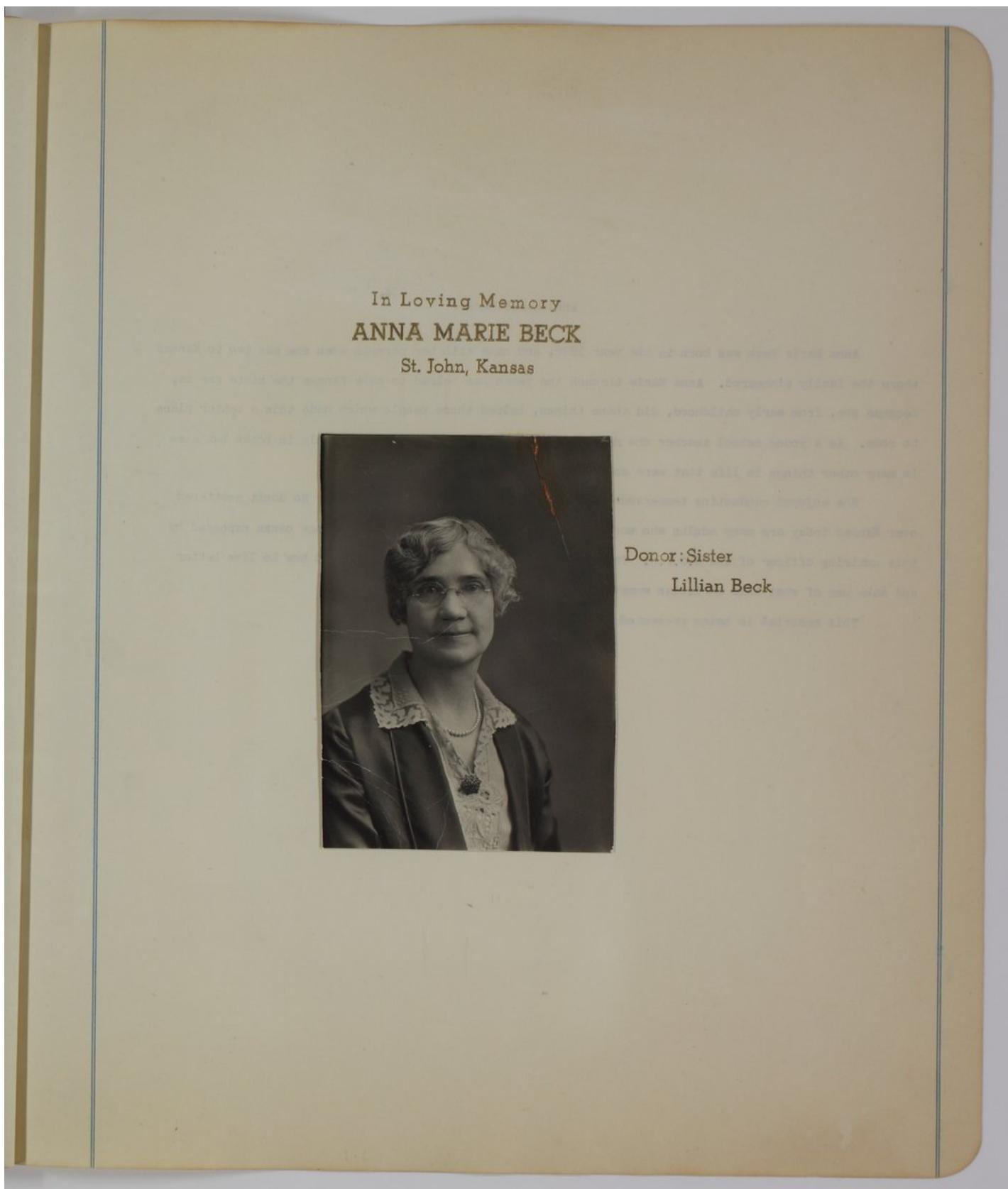
Lovely, unselfish and hospitable he "lived in a house by the side of the road and was a friend to man."

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Lillian Beck

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### Anna Marie Beck

Anna Marie Beck was born in the year 1878, and came with her parents when she was two to Kansas where the family pioneered. Anna Marie through the years has helped to make Kansas the state she is, because she, from early childhood, did those things, helped those people which made this a better place to come. As a young school teacher she delighted in instructing children, not only in books but also in many other things in life that were so worthwhile.

She enjoyed conducting temperance contests over the county for children. No doubt scattered over Kansas today are many adults who won medals in the contests for the temperance cause espoused by this untiring officer of the W.C.T.U. These not only won medals but they learned how to live better and make use of what this christian woman had taught them.

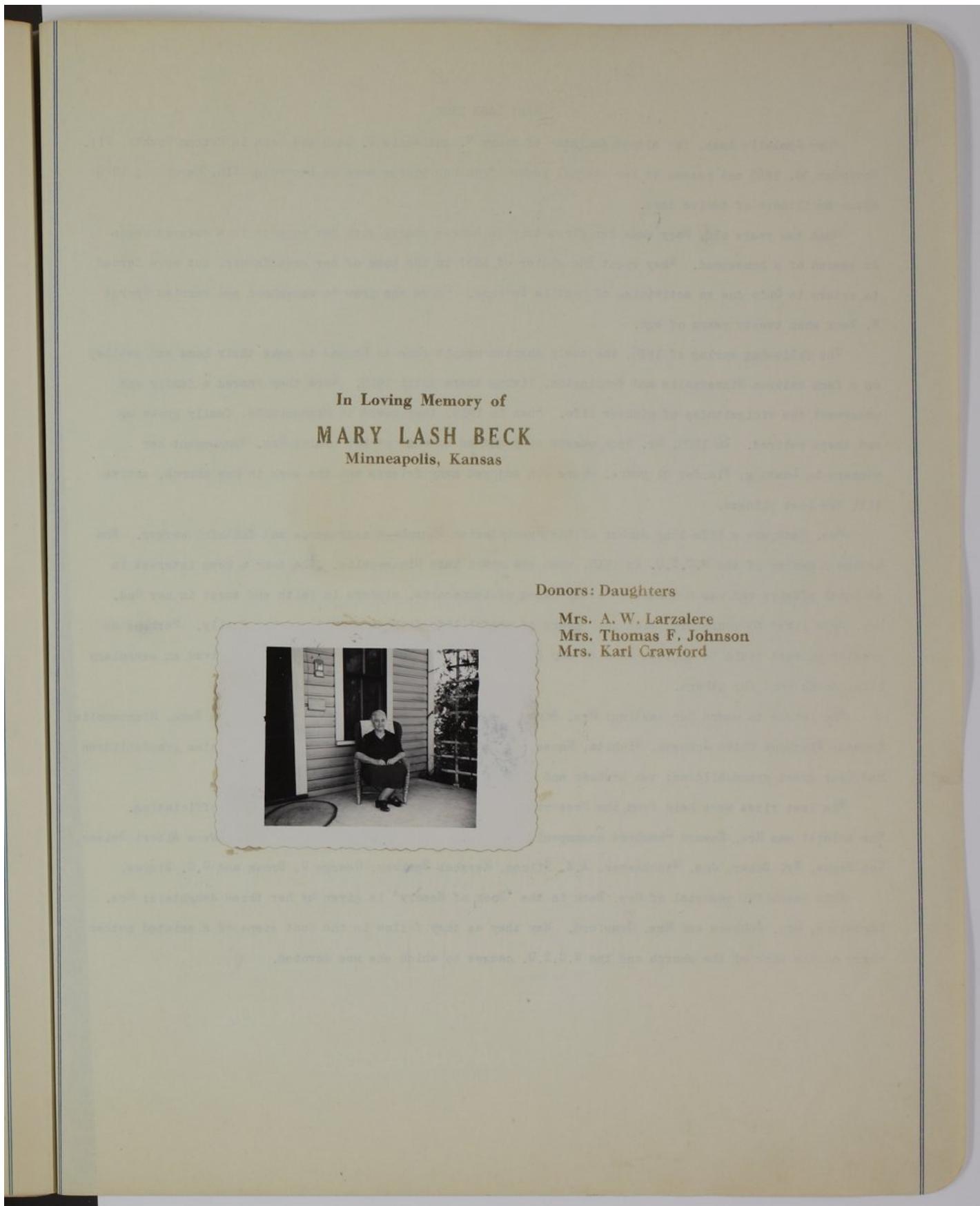
This memorial is being presented by her sister-in-law Mrs. Lillian Beck.

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### MARY LASH BECK

Mary Isabelle Lash, the eldest daughter of Henry W. and Annie E. Lash was born in Putnam County, Ill. November 30, 1865 and passed to her eternal reward from her winter home in Lusburg, Fla. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1946 after an illness of twelve days.

When two years old, Mary made her first trip to Kansas coming with her parents in a covered wagon in search of a homestead. They spent the winter of 1867 in the home of her grandfather, but were forced to return to Ohio due to activities of hostile Indians. There she grew to womanhood and married George W. Beck when twenty years of age.

The following spring of 1886, the newly married couple came to Kansas to make their home and settled on a farm between Minneapolis and Bennington, living there until 1915. Here they reared a family and underwent the vicissitudes of pioneer life. Then in 1915, they moved to Minneapolis, family grown up and there retired. In 1925, Mr. Beck passed away and on account of her health Mrs. Beck spent her winters in Lusburg, Fla. for 21 years, where she enjoyed many friends and the work in her church, active till her last illness.

Mrs. Beck was a life long member of the Presbyterian Church--a courageous and faithful worker. She became a member of the W.C.T.U. in 1915, when she moved into Minneapolis. She took a keen interest in national affairs and was a champion in the cause of temperance, sincere in faith and trust in her God. Mrs. Beck lived 80 years plus rich full years of useful life devoted to God and her family. Perhaps no greater epitaph could be written than to say she was a God fearing devoted mother who lived an exemplary life, doing good for others.

She leaves to mourn her passing; Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Crawford, Sharon, Pa.; Wm James Beck, Minneapolis, Kansas; Florence Olive Johnson, Wichita, Kansas; Myrtle Avis Larzalere of Hays, Kansas; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren; two brother and three sisters.

The last rites were held from the Presbyterian Church March 19, Rev Kenneth Hubler officiating. The soloist was Mrs. Howard Chambers accompanied by Mrs. R.G. Hemenway. Casket bearers were Albert Geisen, Tom Fogue, Erl Zuker, Jos. Winchester, A.E. Wilcox, Marshal Spravely, George C. Brown and C.O. Dingee.

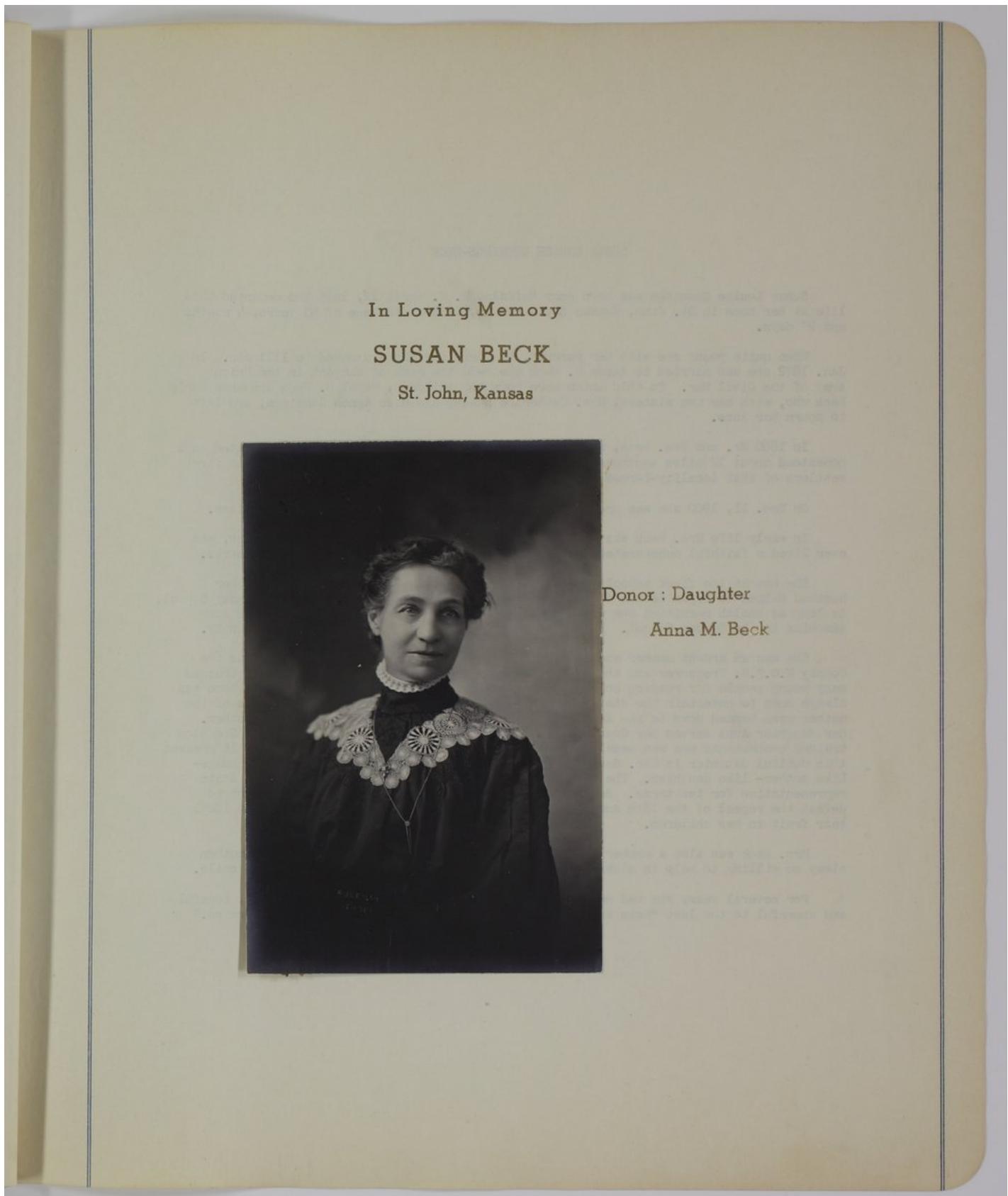
This beautiful memorial of Mrs. Beck in the "Book of Memory" is given by her three daughters; Mrs. Larzalere, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Crawford. May they as they follow in the foot steps of a sainted mother carry on the work of the church and the W.C.T.U. causes to which she was devoted.

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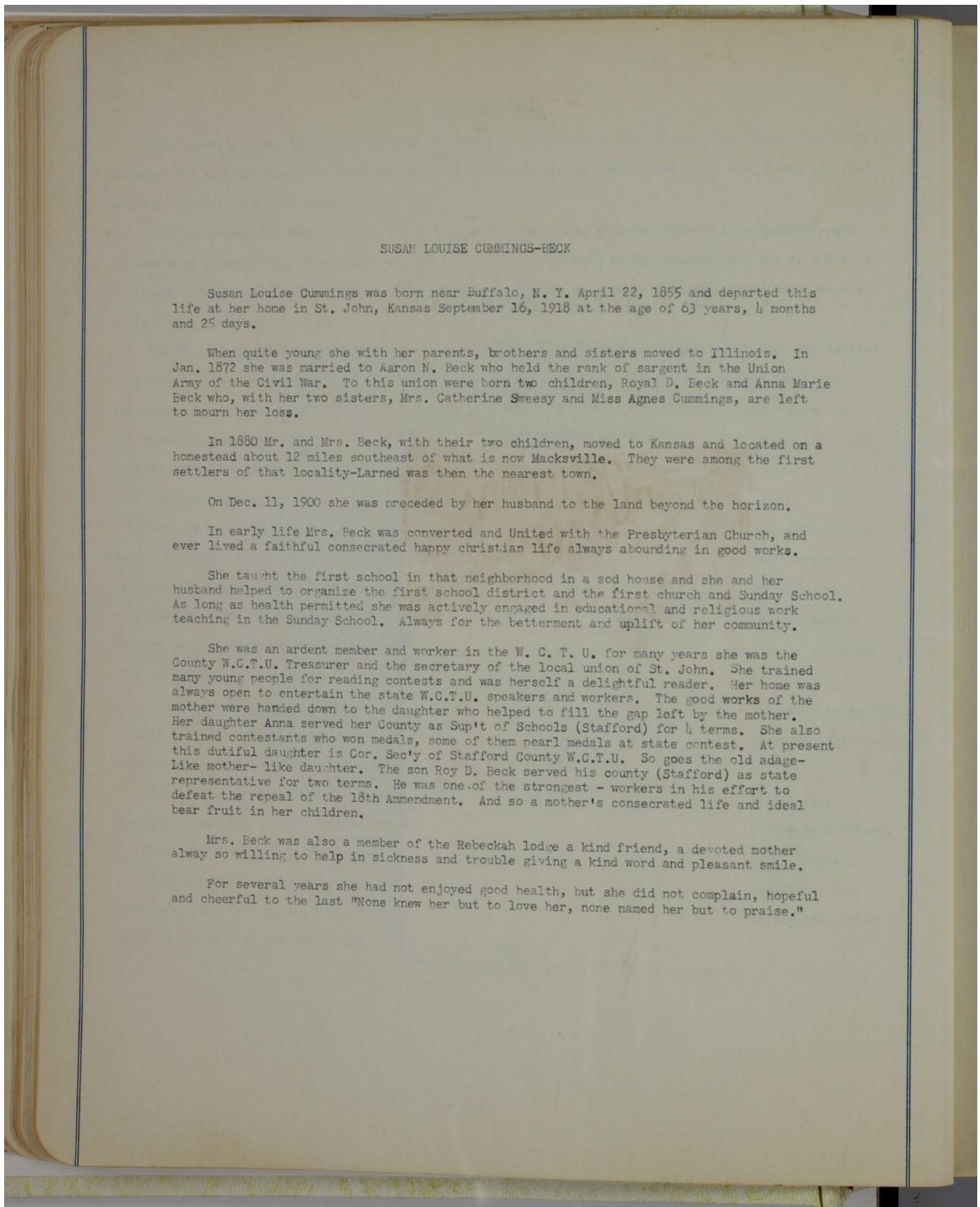
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### SUSAN LOUISE CUMMINGS-BECK

Susan Louise Cummings was born near Buffalo, N. Y. April 22, 1855 and departed this life at her home in St. John, Kansas September 16, 1918 at the age of 63 years, 4 months and 25 days.

When quite young she with her parents, brothers and sisters moved to Illinois. In Jan. 1872 she was married to Aaron N. Beck who held the rank of sargent in the Union Army of the Civil War. To this union were born two children, Royal D. Beck and Anna Marie Beck who, with her two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Sweesy and Miss Agnes Cummings, are left to mourn her loss.

In 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Beck, with their two children, moved to Kansas and located on a homestead about 12 miles southeast of what is now Macksville. They were among the first settlers of that locality-Larned was then the nearest town.

On Dec. 11, 1900 she was preceded by her husband to the land beyond the horizon.

In early life Mrs. Beck was converted and United with the Presbyterian Church, and ever lived a faithful consecrated happy christian life always abounding in good works.

She taught the first school in that neighborhood in a sod house and she and her husband helped to organize the first school district and the first church and Sunday School. As long as health permitted she was actively engaged in educational and religious work teaching in the Sunday School. Always for the betterment and uplift of her community.

She was an ardent member and worker in the W. C. T. U. for many years she was the County W.C.T.U. Treasurer and the secretary of the local union of St. John. She trained many young people for reading contests and was herself a delightful reader. Her home was always open to entertain the state W.C.T.U. speakers and workers. The good works of the mother were handed down to the daughter who helped to fill the gap left by the mother. Her daughter Anna served her County as Sup't of Schools (Stafford) for 4 terms. She also trained contestants who won medals, some of them pearl medals at state contest. At present this dutiful daughter is Cor. Sec'y of Stafford County W.C.T.U. So goes the old adage-Like mother-like daughter. The son Roy D. Beck served his county (Stafford) as state representative for two terms. He was one of the strongest - workers in his effort to defeat the repeal of the 18th Amendment. And so a mother's consecrated life and ideal bear fruit in her children.

Mrs. Beck was also a member of the Rebeckah lodge a kind friend, a devoted mother alway so willing to help in sickness and trouble giving a kind word and pleasant smile.

For several years she had not enjoyed good health, but she did not complain, hopeful and cheerful to the last "None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise."