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Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union memory book

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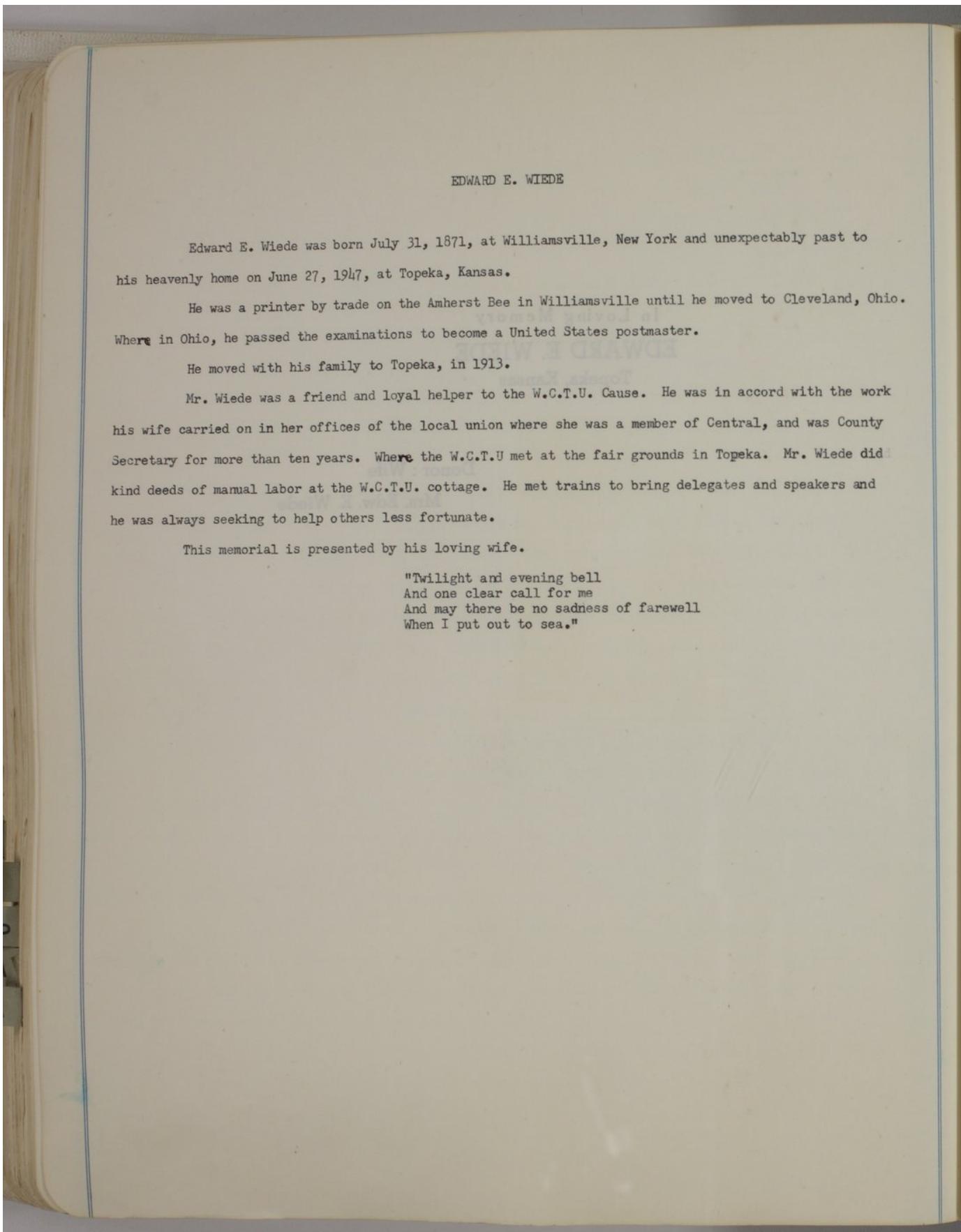
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EDWARD E. WIEDE

Edward E. Wiede was born July 31, 1871, at Williamsville, New York and unexpectedly past to his heavenly home on June 27, 1947, at Topeka, Kansas.

He was a printer by trade on the Amherst Bee in Williamsville until he moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Where in Ohio, he passed the examinations to become a United States postmaster.

He moved with his family to Topeka, in 1913.

Mr. Wiede was a friend and loyal helper to the W.C.T.U. Cause. He was in accord with the work his wife carried on in her offices of the local union where she was a member of Central, and was County Secretary for more than ten years. Where the W.C.T.U met at the fair grounds in Topeka. Mr. Wiede did kind deeds of manual labor at the W.C.T.U. cottage. He met trains to bring delegates and speakers and he was always seeking to help others less fortunate.

This memorial is presented by his loving wife.

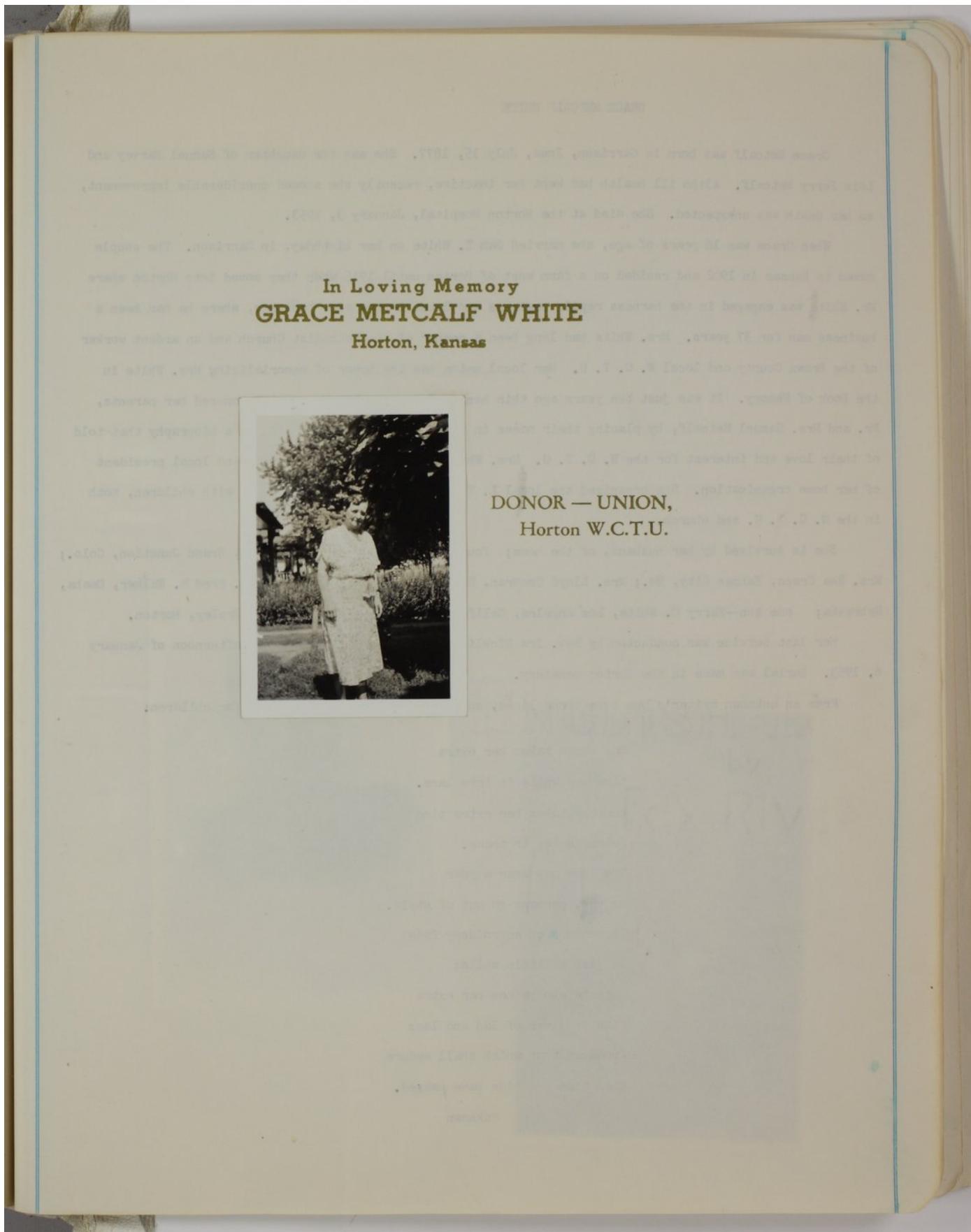
"Twilight and evening bell
And one clear call for me
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I put out to sea."

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GRACE METCALF WHITE

Grace Metcalf was born in Garrison, Iowa, July 15, 1877. She was the daughter of Samuel Harvey and Lois Perry Metcalf. Altho ill health had kept her inactive, recently she showed considerable improvement, so her death was unexpected. She died at the Horton Hospital, January 3, 1953.

When Grace was 16 years of age, she married Sam T. White on her birthday, in Garrison. The couple moved to Kansas in 1902 and resided on a farm west of Horton until 1915 when they moved into Horton where Mr. White was engaged in the harness repair business and later in the shoe business, where he has been a business man for 37 years. Mrs. White had long been a member of the Methodist Church and an ardent worker of the Brown County and local W. C. T. U. Her local union has the honor of memorializing Mrs. White in the Book of Memory. It was just ten years ago this month of August when Mrs. White honored her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Metcalf, by placing their names in the lovely Book of Memory with a biography that told of their love and interest for the W. C. T. U. Mrs. White had served both as County and local president of her home organization. She organized the local L. T. L. and was a splendid worker with children, both in the W. C. T. U. and church.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; four daughters: Mrs. R. A. Bolen, Grand Junction, Colo.; Mrs. Rea Creps, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Lloyd Cochran, Riverside, California; and Mrs. Fred R. Walker, Omaha, Nebraska; one son--Harry O. White, Los Angeles, California, and a sister, Mrs. Roy Braley, Horton.

Her last service was conducted by Rev. Ira Nicklin at the Rake Mortuary on the afternoon of January 6, 1953. Burial was made in the Horton cemetery.

From an unknown writer's pen come these lines, so typical of Mrs. White's love for children:

One woman takes her extra
time and knits it into lace.

Another takes her extra time
embroideries to trace.

The lace may wear a year
or two, perhaps go out of style.

The colors of embroidery fade
in just a little while;

But she who twines her extra
time in lives of lad and lass
Produces that which shall endure
When time and tide have passed.

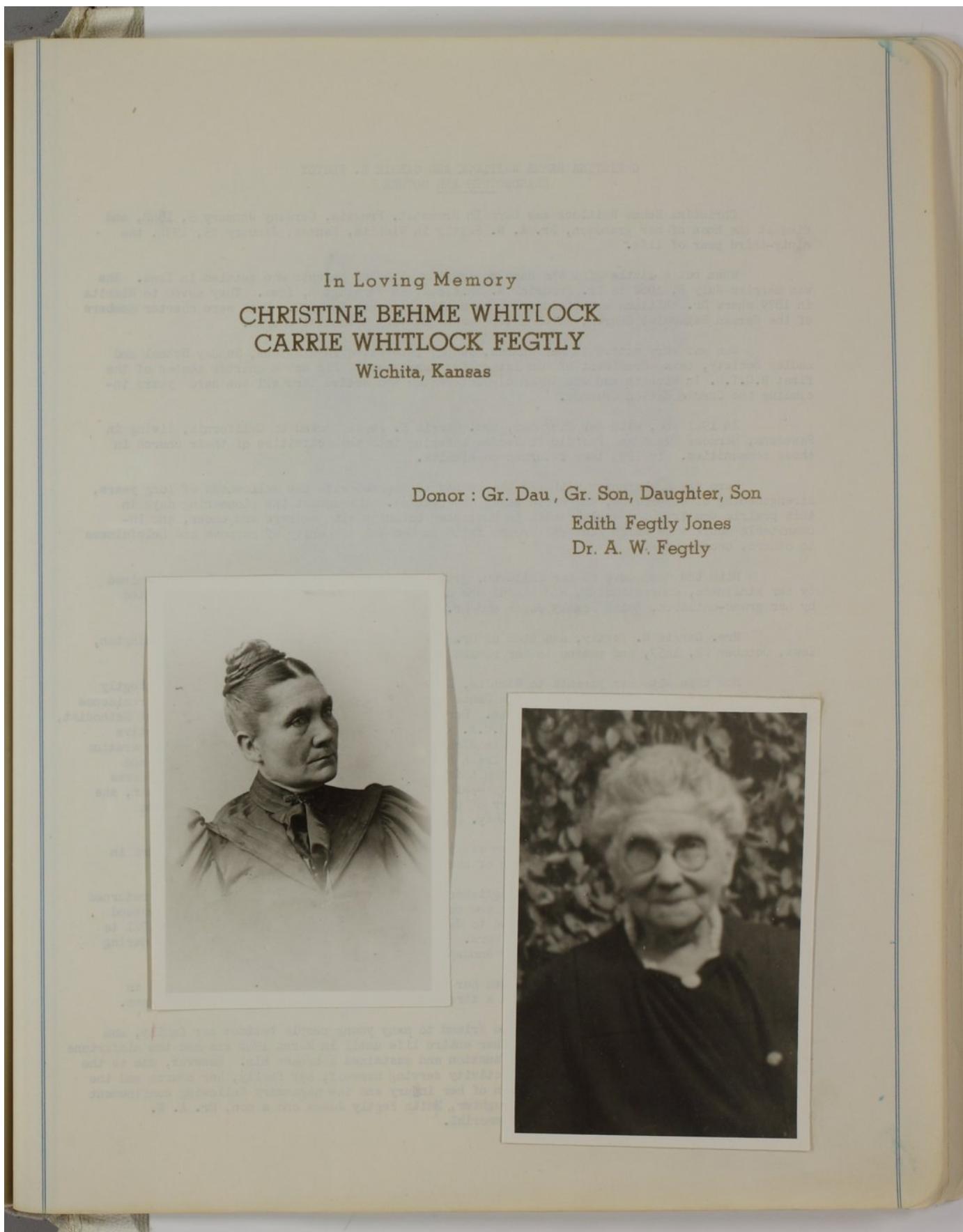
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MEMORIAL PAGE OF CHRISTINE BEHME WHITLOCK
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In Loving Memory

CHRISTINE BEHME WHITLOCK
CARRIE WHITLOCK FEGLEY

Wichita, Kansas

Donor : Gr. Dau, Gr. Son, Daughter, Son

Edith Fegley Jones

Dr. A. W. Fegley



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CHRISTINA BEHME WHITLOCK AND CARRIE E. FEGTLY
GRANDMOTHER AND MOTHER

Christina Behme Whitlock was born in Braustat, Prussia, Germany January 5, 1842, and died at the home of her grandson, Dr. A. W. Fegly in Wichita, Kansas, January 25, 1934, the ninety-third year of life.

When but a little girl she came to America with her parents who settled in Iowa. She was married July 5, 1862 to Dr. Fredrick W. Whitlock, in Farmington, Iowa. They moved to Wichita in 1879 where Dr. Whitlock practiced medicine until his death in 1902. Both were charter members of the German Methodist Church, which later became Calvary Methodist Church.

She was very active in her church, deeply interested in Missions, Sunday School and Ladies Society, being President of the latter for many years. She was a charter member of the first W.C.T.U. in Wichita and was intensely interested and active thru all the hard years including the Carrie Nation Crusade.

In 1921 she, with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie E. Fegly moved to California, living in Pasadena, Hermosa Beach and Pacific Palisades entering into the activities of their church in those communities. In 1933 they returned to Wichita.

Hers was a character with all the beauty that comes with the mellowness of long years, strengthening of experience, and enrichening observation. Throughout the pioneering days in this prairie country, the wealth which is character building with courage and cheer, and indomitable confidence which flowers through faith in God and sincerity of purpose and helpfulness to others, became hers.

With the deep love of her children, grand children and great grand-children inspired by her kindness, understanding, and useful and unselfish service this Memorial is presented by her grand-children, Edith Fegly Jones and Dr. A. W. Fegly.

Mrs. Carrie E. Fegly, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Whitlock was born in Farmington, Iowa, October 22, 1859, and passed to her reward in Wichita, Kansas May 7, 1946.

She came with her parents to Wichita, Kansas in 1879. Her marriage to John J. Fegly occurred Sept. 12, 1881. After a year residence in Eagleville, California and two years residence in Milan, Missouri they returned to Wichita. During these years both were active in First Methodist, and Emporia Avenue Methodist churches, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. work. Mrs. Fegly was an active member of the first W.C.T.U. organization in Wichita, which was financed largely by the operation of the Women's Exchange where needlework, fresh home made bread, cakes, pies, etc. made and donated by members were sold. It was during this time that the prolonged fight to make Kansas "Dry" was made. As a charter member of Ivy Leaf Chapter, No. 75, Order of the Eastern Star, she ultimately became the last surviving member of that organization, and was also a life time member of the Sedgwick County Pioneer Society.

Having a lovely soprano voice she was in frequent demand for solo and chorus work in temperance rallies, and was a choir member of churches her entire active life.

After ten years residence in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, during 1892-1902, the family returned to Wichita and were again active in church and community work. After the death of her husband in 1918, she together with her mother moved to California. During the California stay, 1921 to 1933, Mrs. Fegly continued active church work. She was president of Ladies Aid Society during the building of a church, played piano for Sunday School and taught a class.

Returning to Wichita she continued her active work for organizations, was alert to all civic and national conditions, and was a tireless Red Cross worker during two World Wars.

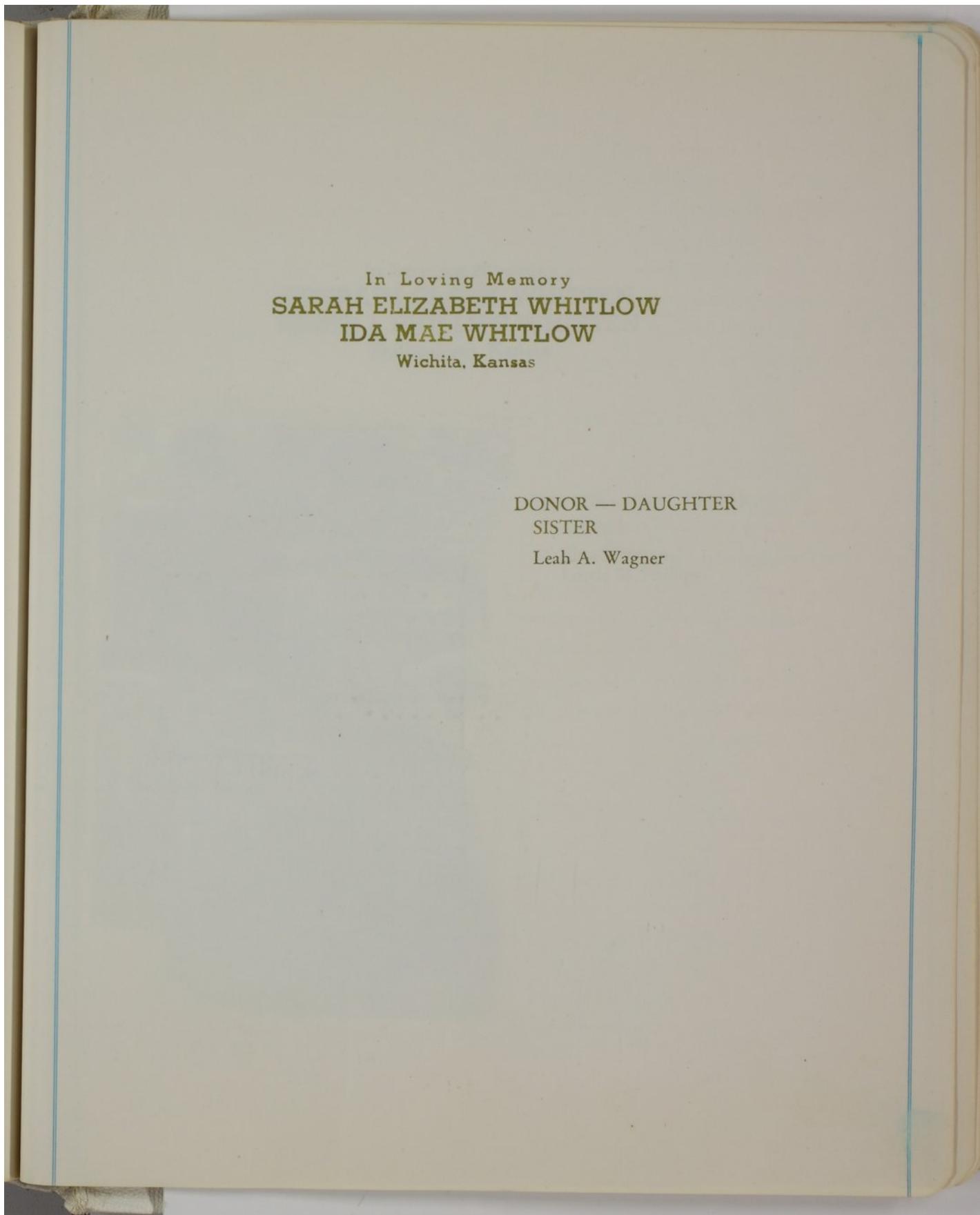
She was ever a wise counselor and friend to many young people besides her family, and enjoyed remarkably good health throughout her entire life until in March 1946 she had the misfortune to have a serious fall while at a church function and sustained a broken hip. However, due to the eighty-six and a half years of strenuous activity serving herself, her family, her church and the community together with the physical strain of her injury and the necessary following confinement her heart failed. She is survived by a daughter, Edith Fegly Jones and a son, Dr. A. W. Fegly, who honor their mother with this memorial.

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IDA MAE WHITLOW
Wichita, Kansas

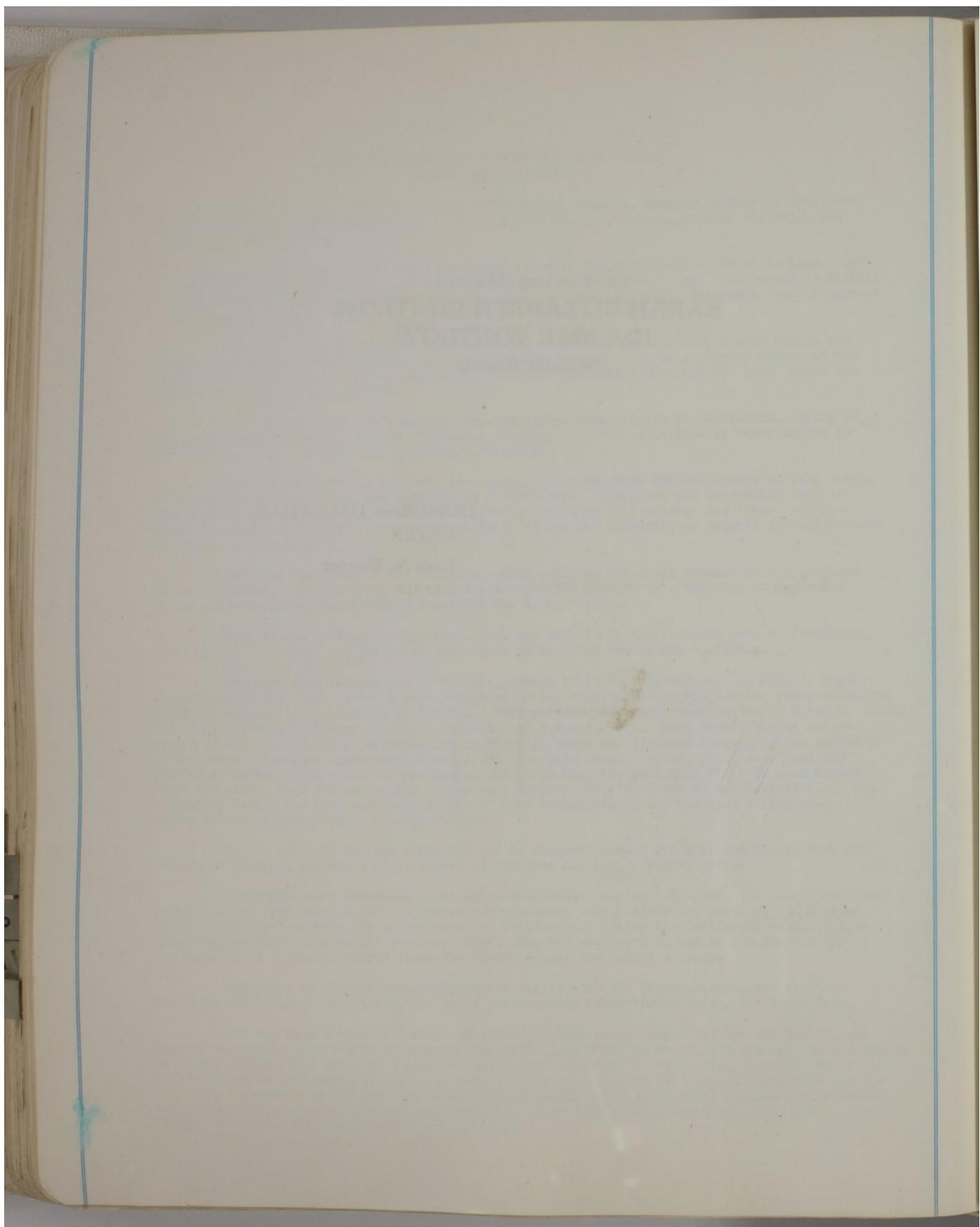
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SISTER
Leah A. Wagner

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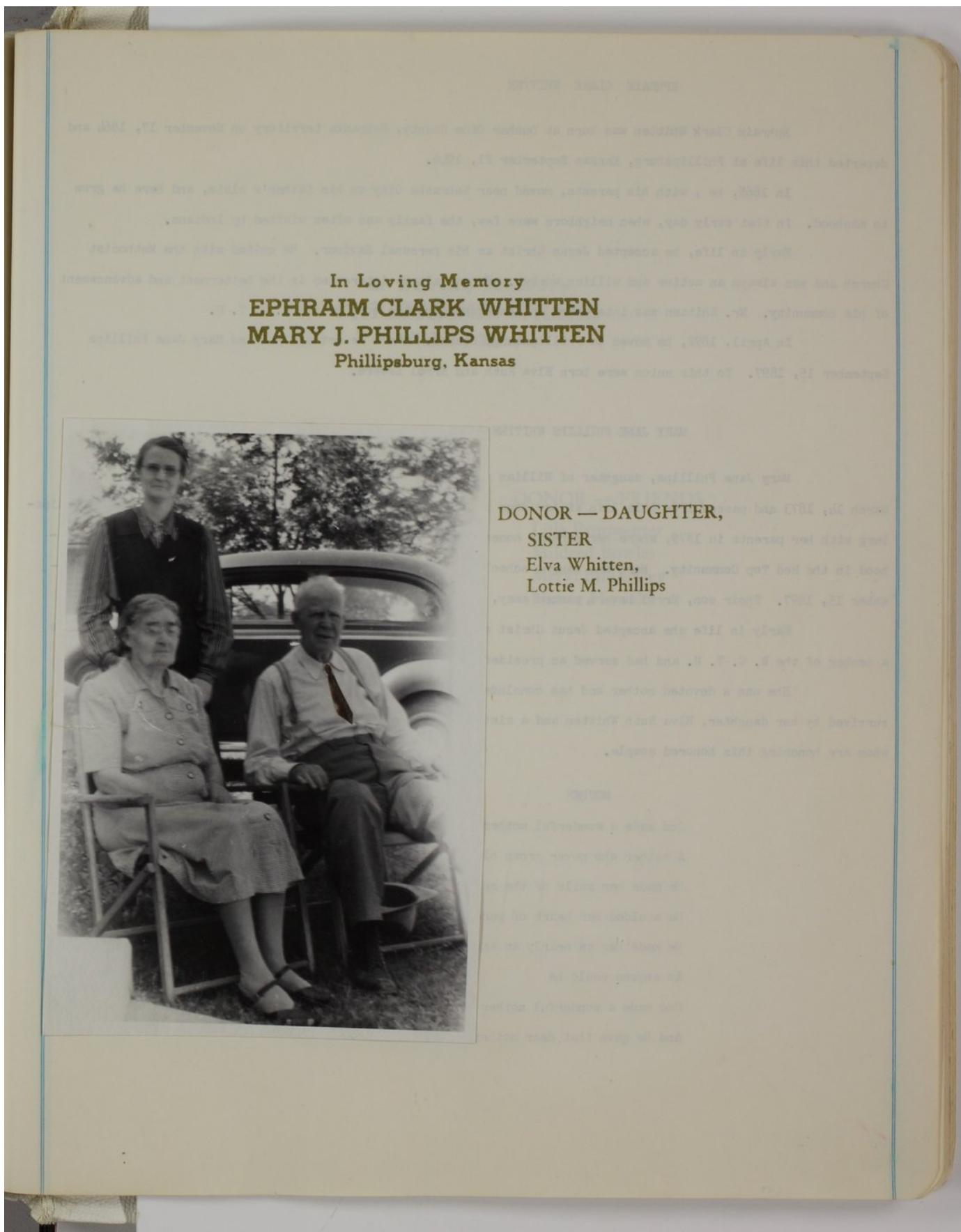


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EPHRAIM CLARK WHITTEN

Ephraim Clark Whitten was born at Dunbar Otoe County, Nebraska territory on November 17, 1864 and departed this life at Phillipsburg, Kansas September 21, 1946.

In 1865, he, with his parents, moved near Nebraska City on his father's claim, and here he grew to manhood. In that early day, when neighbors were few, the family was often visited by Indians.

Early in life, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He united with the Methodist Church and was always an active and willing worker. He was always interested in the betterment and advancement of his community. Mr. Whitten was interested in temperance and the work of the W. C. T. U.

In April, 1892, he moved to Phillipsburg, Kansas. There he met and married Mary Jane Phillips September 15, 1897. To this union were born Elva Ruth and Errol Levere.

MARY JANE PHILLIPS WHITTEN

Mary Jane Phillips, daughter of William and Rhoda Phillips, was born at Muncy, Pennsylvania on March 14, 1873 and passed from this life at her home in Phillipsburg, Kansas April 26, 1954. She came to Phillipsburg with her parents in 1879, where her parents homesteaded on a farm six miles north. Here she grew to womanhood in the Red Top Community. Here she taught school for 6 years. She married Ephraim Clark Whitten on September 15, 1897. Their son, Errol Levere, passed away, as did her husband.

Early in life she accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour, uniting with the Methodist Church. She was a member of the W. C. T. U. and had served as president of the Spring Creed Union.

She was a devoted mother and has concluded a life of usefulness and service to others. She is survived by her daughter, Elva Ruth Whitten and a sister, Lottie M. Phillips, Bakersfield, California, both of whom are honoring this honored couple.

MOTHER

God made a wonderful mother
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
He moulded her heart of pure gold;
He made her as nearly an angel
As anyone could be
God made a wonderful mother
And He gave that dear mother to me.

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CHRISTIANA WILKIE
Wichita, Kansas

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Lula Pammenter
Mildred Bowles
Meryl Billingsley
Hattie Howald

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CHRISTIANA WILKIE

The Stevens Union will miss the lovely voice of one of its
beloved members--Mrs. Christiana Wilkie, Wichita, who passed to her
heavenly home on the last day of the W. C. T. U. year, August 31,

1954.

Mrs. A. M. Pammenter, Wichita; her two daughters, Mildred
Bowles and Meryl Billingsley; and Mrs. A. W. Howald, Wichita, are
paying tribute to their good friend and co-worker in the Book of
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In Loving Memory
ALTA SKINNER WILLIAMS
Emporia, Kansas

DONOR — HUSBAND,
W.C.T.U.
John R. Williams
Official Board of Kansas
W.C.T.U.
Emporia W.C.T.U.

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ALTA S. SKINNER WILLIAMS

Alta S. Skinner, daughter of the late Arthur W. and Anna E. Skinner Williams, was called to her heavenly home December 6, 1954 in the Newman Memorial Hospital, Emporia, Kansas. She was a native of Harper, Kansas, born February 9, 1887, and shortly after her birth, her father met accidental death.

After acquiring her education, graduating from the Kansas State Normal at Emporia, she taught school in Harper, Stafford, and Washington, Kansas.

On June 16, 1916 in the Hutchinson First Christian Church, she was married to John R. Williams. The Rev. Lee Sorrey, who had been their pastor in student days in Emporia, officiated at the ceremony. In 1922, Mr. and Mrs. Williams moved to Emporia where they were active in the life of the church, the community, and the school. For 32 years, Mrs. Williams taught the Beginners department of the First Christian church and for 7 years in the week-day religious education program carried on in the public school as the love and esteem in which Mrs. Williams was held by so many of the parents and young people of the church, are being proved by them in the Memorial Fund established to honor her. Already \$300. have been given to buy Sunday School equipment for the Kindergarten department in the new church building. Mrs. Williams' rich influence was felt as she presided as president of the Emporia Woman's Christian Temperance Union and as the state director of Scientific Temperance Instruction of the Kansas W.C.T.U. Her place will be hard to fill. Mrs. Williams was also a member of the Faculty Wives Club of Emporia City Schools and the Forrest Hill Home Demonstration Unit.

From the many expressions of sympathy and devotion, one was outstanding; an editorial said, "Emporia has lost one of its finest Christian women who loved everyone, but especially her little kindergartners and they loved her". Mrs. Williams is survived by her companion of 38 years, John R. Williams; one son, Wendell W. Williams, Bloomington, Indiana; a sister, Mrs. Lucile Shafer of Hugoton, Kansas; and a host of friends and co-workers who loved and appreciated her sweet spirit, her unassuming ways and her capable worthwhile works. Truly she hath done what she could and surely many shall rise up to call her blessed. The funeral services were held in her home church, the Rev. Le Roy Hay, pastor conducted the last rites. Groups attending the services were members of the W.C.T.U., the teachers of the Emporia schools and the High School Faculty Wives Club. She was laid to rest in Maplewood Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. She lived quietly and wished no recognition for her good works. In death she passed in victory and her spirit will live forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

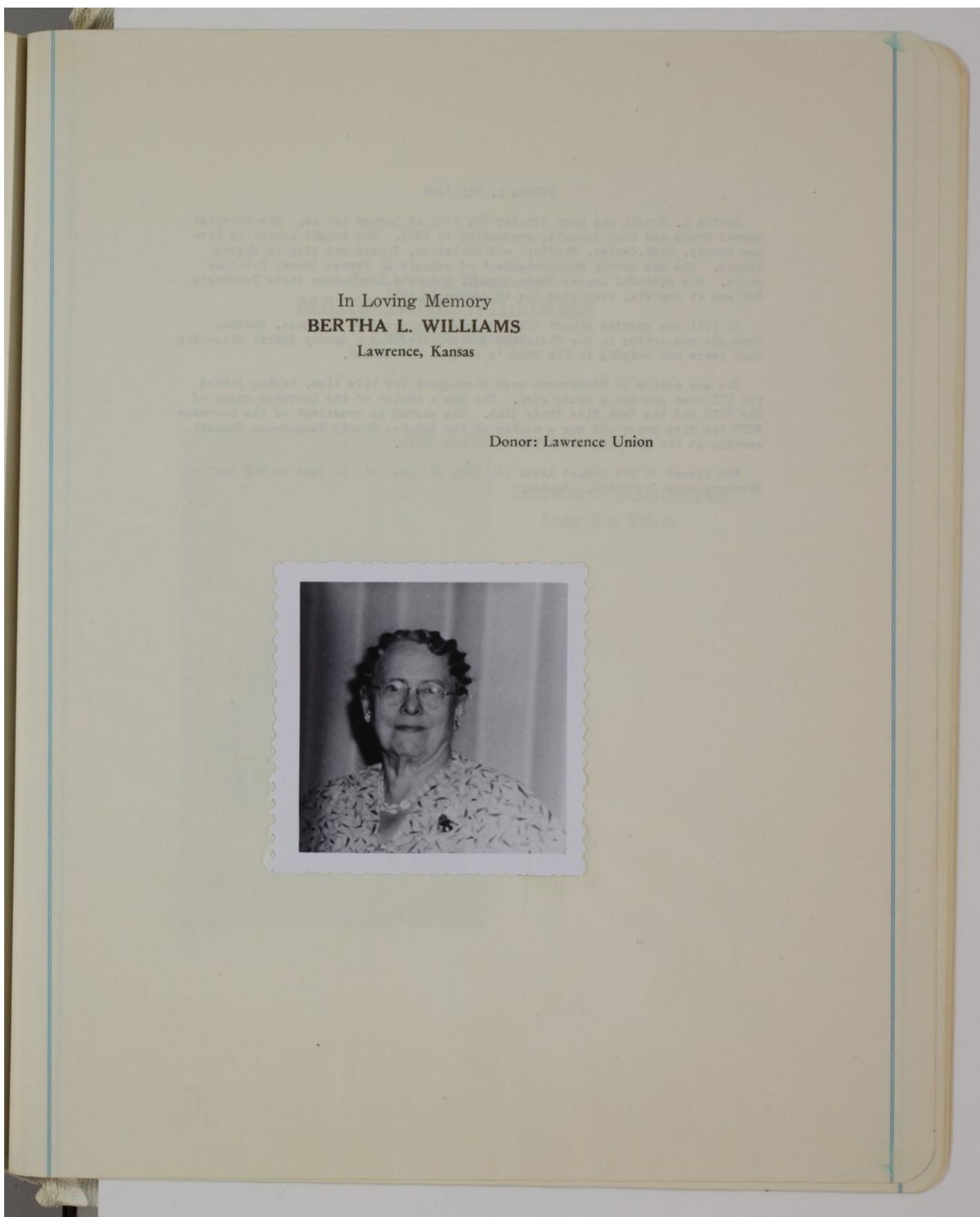
This beautiful memorial dedicated to her memory in this sacred Book of Memory is presented by her beloved husband and the official family of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the state of Kansas.

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BERTHA L. WILLIAMS

Bertha L. Fruett was born October 24, 1881 at Larned Kan as. She attended Larned Grade and High Schools, graduating in 1901. She taught school in Pawnee County, Rush, Center, Stafford and Hillsboro, Kansas and also in Eugene, Oregon. She was county superintendent of schools in Pawnee County for four years. She attended Kansas State Normal, which is now Kansas State Teacher's College at Emporia, receiving her AB degree in 1911.

In 1911 she married Albert Williams and they moved to Lawrence, Kansas. Here she was active in the Christian Church, teaching a Sunday School class for many years and helping in the Woman's work of the church.

She was active in Temperance work throughout her life time, having joined the IWL when she was a young girl. She was a member of the Lawrence union of the WCTU and the West Side Study Club. She served as president of the Lawrence WCTU for five years and was a member of the Douglas County Temperance Council serving on the planning committee until her death.

She passed to her reward April 16, 1959 and was laid to rest in the Darlow Cemetery near Castleton, Kansas.

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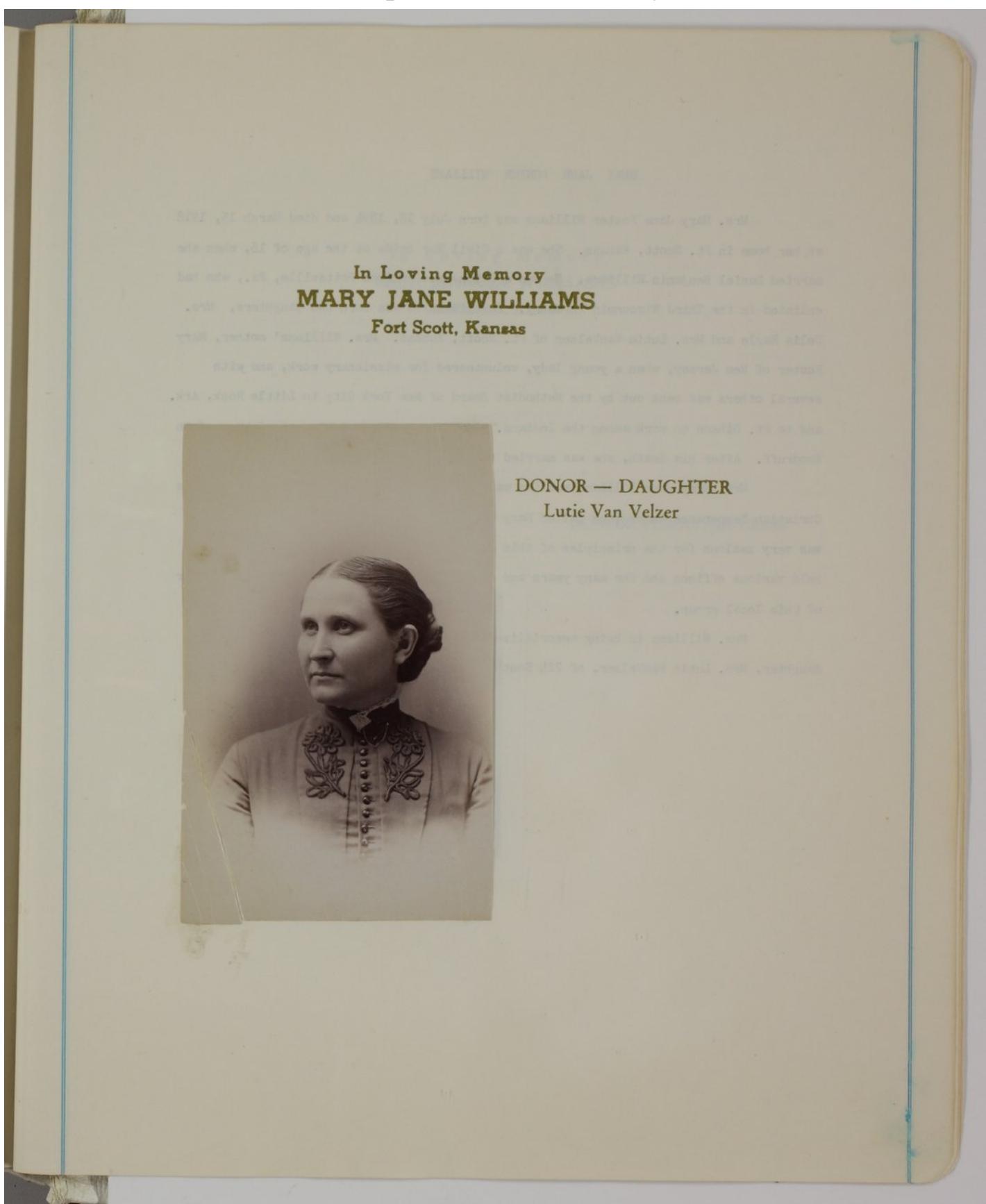
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MARY JANE FOSTER WILLIAMS

Mrs. Mary Jane Foster Williams was born July 18, 1894 and died March 15, 1918 at her home in Ft. Scott, Kansas. She was a Civil War bride at the age of 16, when she married Daniel Benjamin Williams. He was a Union soldier from Pottsville, Pa., who had enlisted in the Third Wisconsin Infantry. To this union was born two daughters, Mrs. Delia Ragle and Mrs. Lutie VanVelzer of Ft. Scott, Kansas. Mrs. Williams' mother, Mary Foster of New Jersey, when a young lady, volunteered for missionary work, and with several others was sent out by the Methodist Board of New York City to Little Rock, Ark. and to Ft. Gibson to work among the Indians. Here she married another missionary, John Woodruff. After his death, she was married to John Doherty.

Mrs. Mary Jane Williams was for many years a member of the South Side Woman's Christian Temperance Union (now called Mary Cissna Union) in Ft. Scott, Kansas. She was very zealous for the principles of this organization and an untiring worker. She held various offices and for many years and at the time of her death, she was Treasurer of this local group.

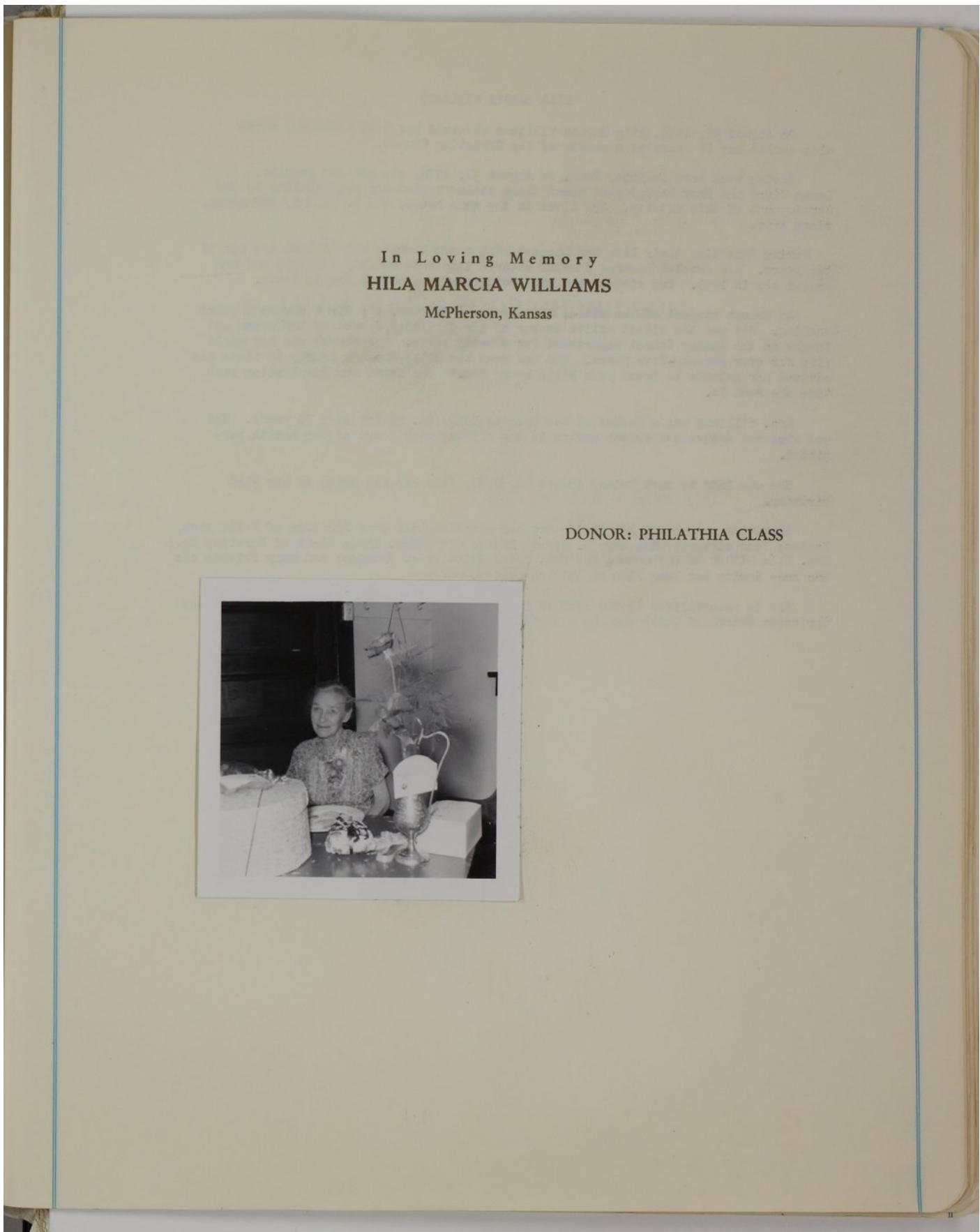
Mrs. Williams is being memorialized in the Kansas Book of Memory by her daughter, Mrs. Lutie VanVelzer, of 22½ South Main Street, Ft. Scott, Kansas.

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HILA MARCIA WILLIAMS

On August 31, 1956, Nila Marcia Williams observed her 90th birthday, which also marked her 74 years as a member of the Christian Church.

Having been born in Erie, Penn. on August 31, 1876, she and her parents, Leman Wiard and Mary Barber were among those stalwart pioneers contributing to the development of this country. She lived in the same house, 409 N. Walnut, McPherson, since 1899.

During this time their home was blessed with a son Charles who died at the age of two years. Her devoted husband Charles entered into rest on July 11, 1935 and her foster son in 1939. Two sisters and two brothers also preceded her in death.

An ardent student of the Bible, history and astronomy, she spent several years teaching. She was the oldest active member of the Christian Church of McPherson and taught in the Sunday School department for seventy years. Her church was her whole life for over seventy-five years. She had read the Bible through nearly 60 times and advised her friends to "read your Bible every day." She found new inspiration each time she read it.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Rebecca lodge No. 86 for over 70 years. She was also an active and ardent worker in the WCTU as many years as her health permitted.

She was laid to rest Friday August 30, 1957, just one day prior to her 91st birthday.

Surviving members of her family are her granddaughter June Eldridge of Wellington, Kansas; four sisters, Miss Maye D. Wiard, Kansas City, Mrs. Rhoda Clark of Horatio, Mo.; Mrs. Ella Miller of McPherson, and Mrs. Mabel Spittler of Geneseo; and many friends she has made during her long life in this community.

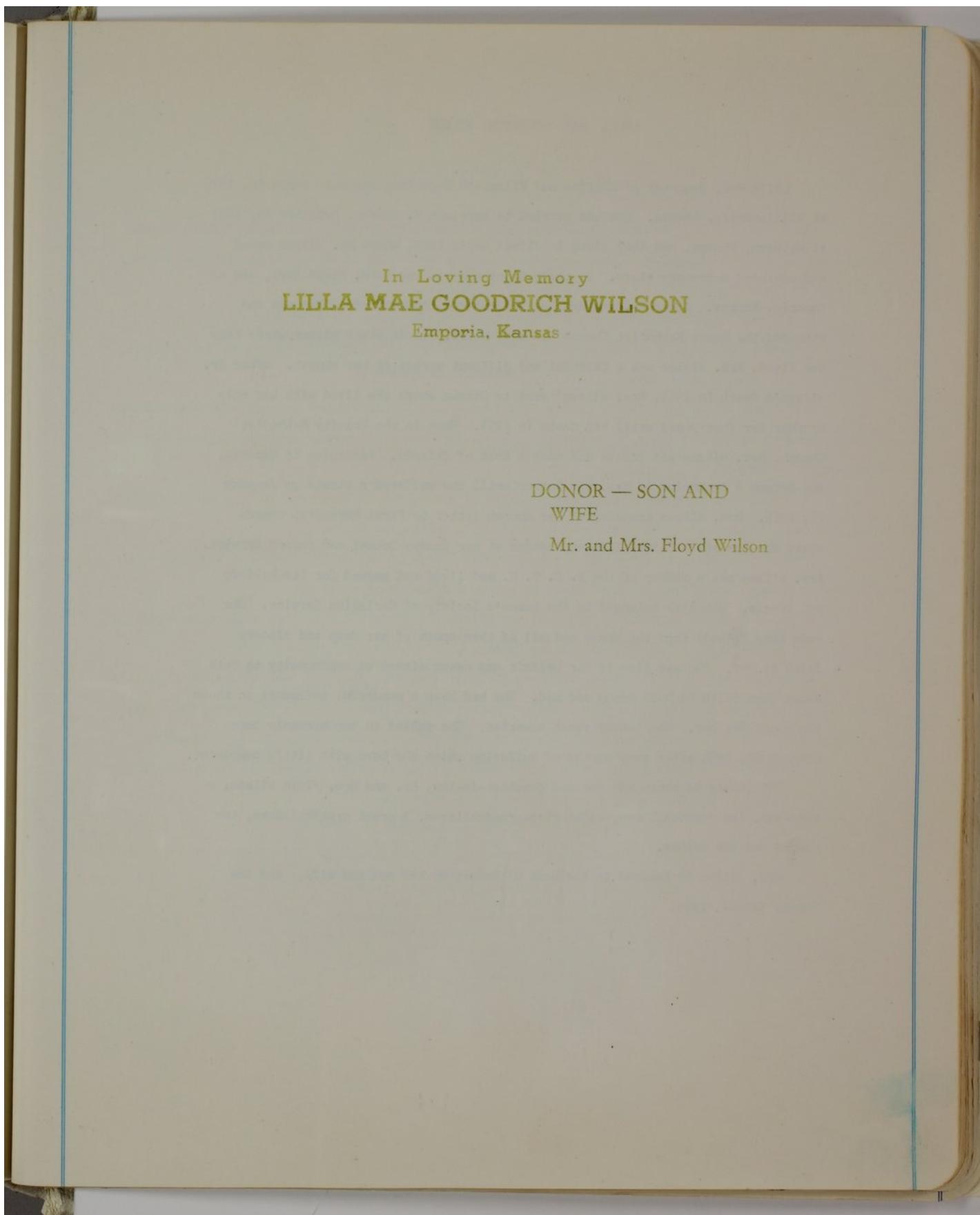
She is memorialized in the Book of Memory by the Philathia Class of the McPherson Christian Church of which she was a member

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LILLA MAE GOODRICH WILSON

Lilla Mae, daughter of William and Elizabeth Goodrich, was born March 28, 1875 at Williamsburg, Kansas. She was married to Harrison F. Wilson, December 14, 1899 at Melvern, Kansas, and they lived in Olivet until 1919, where Mr. Wilson owned and operated a grocery store. To their union one son was born, Floyd Earl, now of Emporia, Kansas. After Mr. and Mrs. Wilson retired, they moved to Emporia and attended the Grace Methodist Church for many years. As in other places where they had lived, Mrs. Wilson was a faithful and diligent worker in her church. After Mr. Wilson's death in 1944, Mrs. Wilson went to Ottawa where she lived with her only brother for four years until his death in 1953. Here in the Trinity Methodist Church, Mrs. Wilson was active and made a host of friends. Returning to Emporia, she became a companion to Mrs. Ben Turner until she suffered a stroke on January 25, 1954. Mrs. Wilson transferred her church letter to First Methodist church where she was still faithful in attendance at her Sunday School and church service. Mrs. Wilson was a member of the W. C. T. U. and lived and worked for its beliefs and ideals. She also belonged to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She made many friends thru the years and all of them speak of her deep and sincere faith in God. She was firm in her beliefs and never missed an opportunity to talk about that faith to both young and old. She had been a wonderful influence on those who mourn for her. She leaves sweet memories. She passed to her heavenly home October 20, 1954 after many months of suffering which she bore with little complaint.

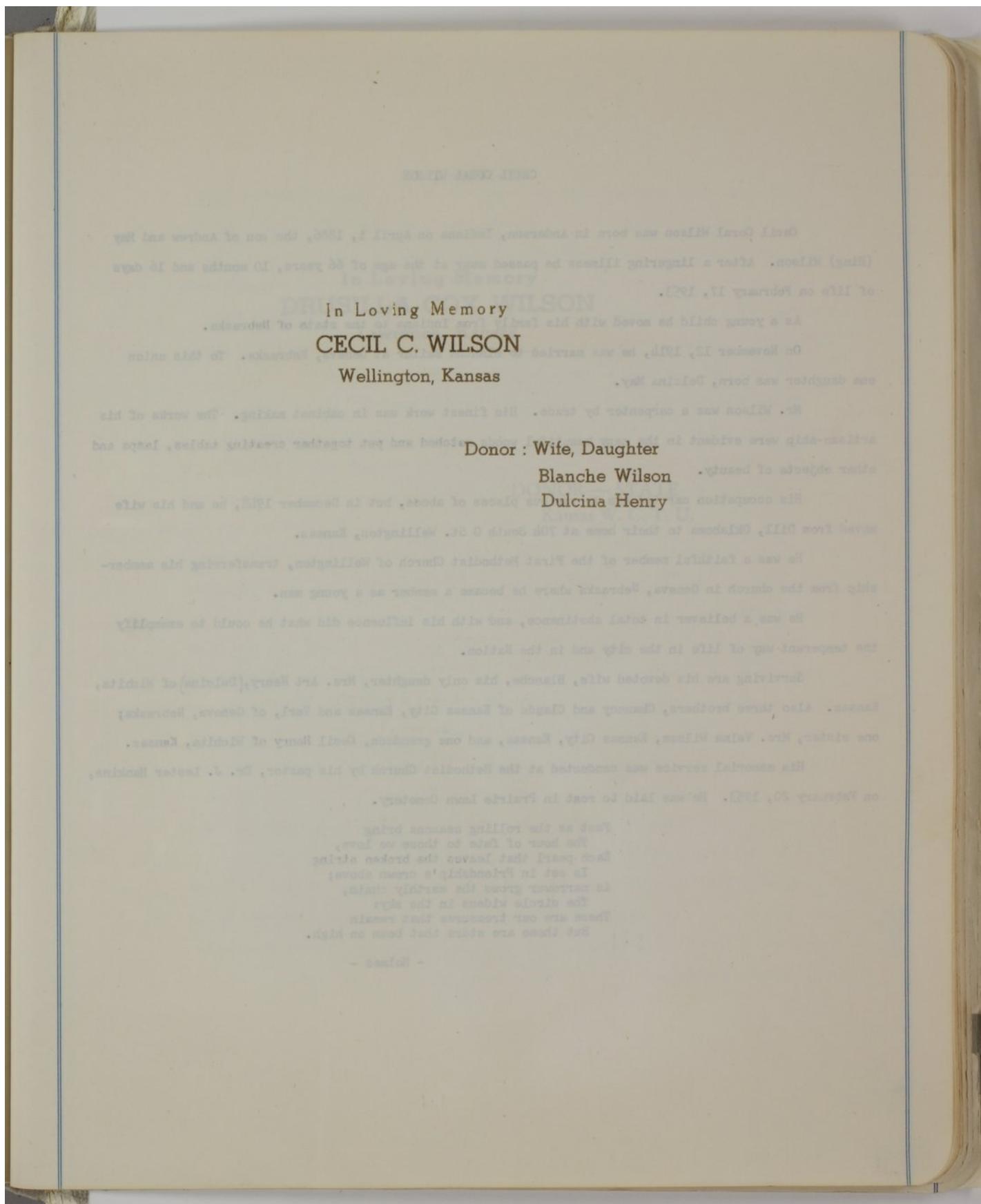
She leaves to mourn her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson; a step-son, two grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew.

Mrs. Wilson is honored in the Book of Memory by her son and wife, and the Sunday School class.

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CECIL CORAL WILSON

Cecil Coral Wilson was born in Anderson, Indiana on April 1, 1886, the son of Andrew and May (Ring) Wilson. After a lingering illness he passed away at the age of 66 years, 10 months and 16 days of life on February 17, 1953.

As a young child he moved with his family from Indiana to the state of Nebraska.

On November 12, 1914, he was married to Blanche Bailor at Geneva, Nebraska. To this union one daughter was born, Delcina May.

Mr. Wilson was a carpenter by trade. His finest work was in cabinet making. The works of his artisan-ship were evident in the many beautiful woods matched and put together creating tables, lamps and other objects of beauty.

His occupation carried him to various places of abode, but in December 1948, he and his wife moved from Dill, Oklahoma to their home at 704 South G St. Wellington, Kansas.

He was a faithful member of the First Methodist Church of Wellington, transferring his membership from the church in Geneva, Nebraska where he became a member as a young man.

He was a believer in total abstinence, and with his influence did what he could to exemplify the temperant way of life in the city and in the Nation.

Surviving are his devoted wife, Blanche, his only daughter, Mrs. Art Henry, (Delcina) of Wichita, Kansas. Also three brothers, Chauncy and Claude of Kansas City, Kansas and Verl, of Geneva, Nebraska; one sister, Mrs. Velma Wilson, Kansas City, Kansas, and one grandson, Cecil Henry of Wichita, Kansas.

His memorial service was conducted at the Methodist Church by his pastor, Dr. J. Lester Hankins, on February 20, 1953. He was laid to rest in Prairie Lawn Cemetery.

Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the broken string
Is set in Friendship's crown above;
As narrower grows the earthly chain,
The circle widens in the sky:
These are our treasures that remain
But those are stars that beam on high.

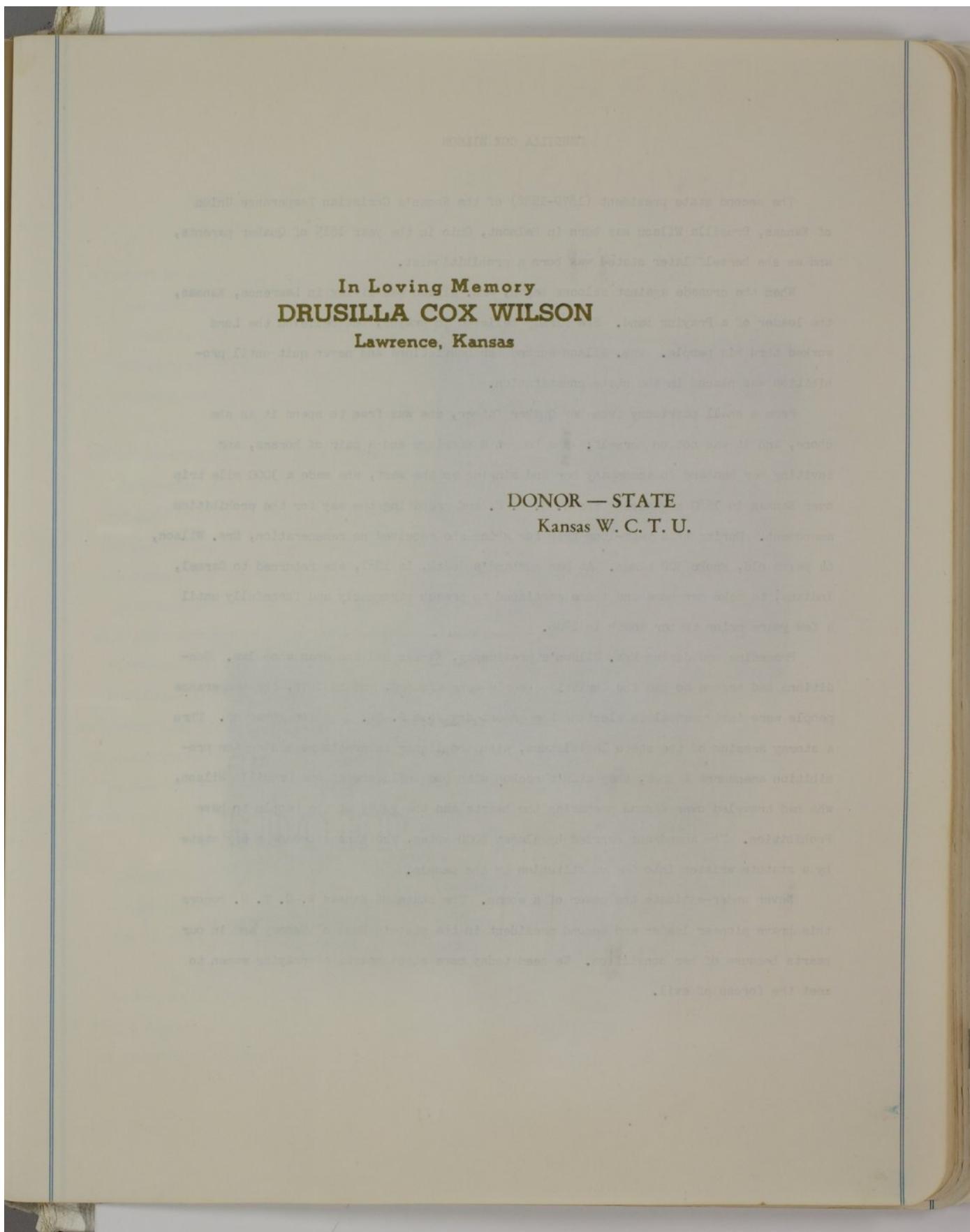
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LOVING AND ALMIGHTY

God who art in the hearts of all His people, we thank Thee for the life and labor of our beloved friend, Dr. DRUSILLA COX WILSON, who has now gone to rest in the home of the Lord.

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DRUSILLA COX WILSON

Lawrence, Kansas

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DRUSILLA COX WILSON

The second state president (1879-1882) of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kansas, Drusilla Wilson was born in Belmont, Ohio in the year 1815 of Quaker parents, and as she herself later stated was born a prohibitionist.

When the crusade against saloons began, Mrs. Wilson was living in Lawrence, Kansas, the leader of a Praying Band. She firmly believed in prayer, but believed the Lord worked thru his people. Mrs. Wilson worked her convictions and never quit until prohibition was placed in the state constitution.

From a small patrimony from her Quaker father, she was free to spend it as she chose, and it was not on herself; she bought a carriage and a pair of horses, and inviting her husband to accompany her and singing as she went, she made a 3000 mile trip over Kansas in 1880 organizing the W. C. T. U. and preparing the way for the prohibition amendment. During this year-long trip for which she received no remuneration, Mrs. Wilson, 64 years old, spoke 300 times. At her husband's death, in 1887, she returned to Carmel, Indiana, to make her home and there continued to preach vigorously and forcefully until a few years prior to her death in 1908.

Preceding and during Mrs. Wilson's presidency, Kansas had the dram shop law. Conditions had become so bad the Christian people were aroused, and in 1878, the temperance people were instrumental in electing the ardent dry John P. St. John for governor. Thru a stormy session of the state legislature, with the liquor interests regarding the prohibition amendment a joke, they didn't reckon with the influence of one Drusilla Wilson, who had traveled over Kansas preparing the hearts and the votes of the people to have Prohibition. The amendment carried by almost 8000 votes, and Kansas became a dry state by a statute written into the constitution by the people.

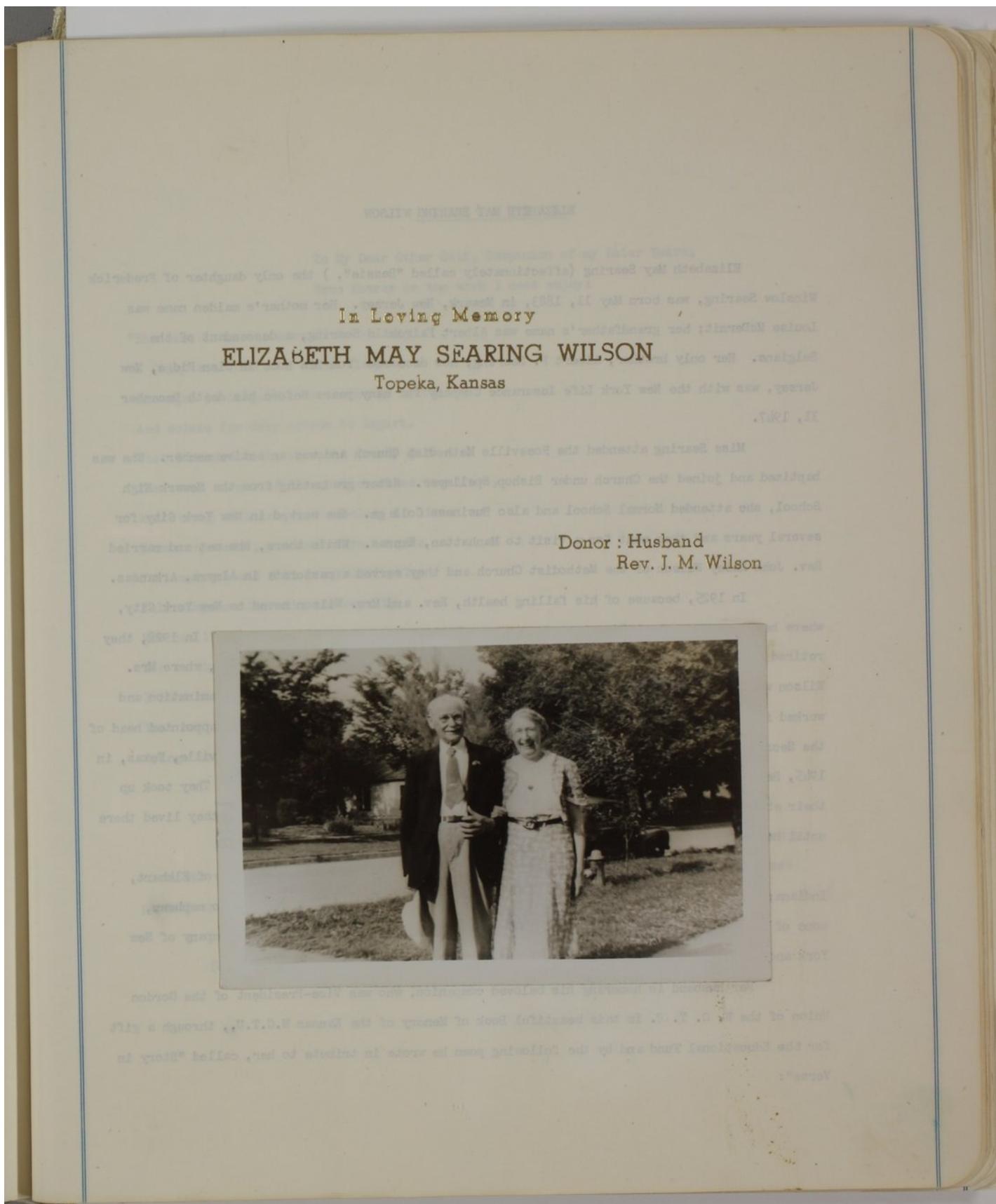
Never under-estimate the power of a woman. The state of Kansas W. C. T. U. honors this brave pioneer leader and second president in the state's Book of Memory and in our hearts because of her conviction. We need today more stout hearts of praying women to meet the forces of evil.

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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE

To my dear Sister wife, Companion of my later years,
Beloved to everyone who met her, "Mother" before "Grandmother" gained you friends
from every corner of the world. I much enjoyed
our time together at Union Hall, where we spent all day.

In Loving Memory

Will be remembered with love and admiration by all who knew her and attended school

ELIZABETH MAY SEARING WILSON

Topeka, Kansas

Donor : Husband Rev. J. M. Wilson



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ELIZABETH MAY SEARING WILSON

Elizabeth May Searing (affectionately called "Bessie",) the only daughter of Frederick Winslow Searing, was born May 11, 1883, in Newark, New Jersey. Her mother's maiden name was Louise McDermit; her grandfather's name was Albert Fairchild Searing, a descendant of the Belgians. Her only brother, Albert F. Searing, now deceased from his home in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, was with the New York Life Insurance Company for many years before his death December 31, 1947.

Miss Searing attended the Roseville Methodist Church and was an active member. She was baptized and joined the Church under Bishop Spellmyer. After graduating from the Newark High School, she attended Normal School and also Business College. She worked in New York City for several years and then went for a visit to Manhattan, Kansas. While there, she met and married Rev. John Maley Wilson of the Methodist Church and they served a pastorate in Almyra, Arkansas.

In 1925, because of his failing health, Rev. and Mrs. Wilson moved to New York City, where he became Assistant Superintendent of the Williamsburg Mission in Brooklyn. In 1928, they retired to a farm near Exeter, Missouri and later moved back to Manhattan, Kansas, where Mrs. Wilson was employed in the State College. In 1929, she took the Civil Service Examination and worked for several years at Fort Riley, Kansas, for the Cavalry School. She was appointed head of the Secretarial Staff at Fort Riley through World War II. After a move to Brownsville, Texas, in 1945, Rev. and Mrs. Wilson returned to Kansas because of failing health in 1948. They took up their abode at the Methodist Home for the Aged in Topeka, February 22, 1949, and they lived there until her death, March 9, 1951.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband and a son, Donald Eugene Wilson, of Elkhart, Indiana; a sister-in-law, Mrs. A. F. Searing of Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and two nephews, sons of her deceased brother, namely Arthur F. Searing with the Drexel Bonding Company of New York and Ralph Waldo Searing with New York Insurance Company.

Her husband is honoring his beloved companion, who was Vice-President of the Gordon Union of the W. C. T. U. in this beautiful Book of Memory of the Kansas W.C.T.U., through a gift for the Educational Fund and by the following poem he wrote in tribute to her, called "Story in Verse":

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DEDICATION

To My Dear Other Self, Companion of my Later Years,
True Sharer in the work I most enjoy:

"She came to me one morn from far away
A fairy comforter, or shall I say
An angel in disguise? To soothe my heart;
And solace for deep sorrow to impart.
What I needed most, she most freely gave--
The sweet caress of love, which makes one brave,
And strong of heart, and resolute to live
More purposeful, and in return to give
Full measure and full proof of loyalty
Full compensation with its royalty.
How can I more impressively express
Her worthy praise than just to truly say,
I find no words to tell the blessedness
That her companionship each passing day
Brings to me as we pass along life's way."

DONOR-DAUGHTER

Florence Wilson Sheets

In all those 29 beautiful years we walked along together, I have never known a woman who was so unselfish and so ready to help others. In all her sufferings, she was patient and cheerful to a wonderful degree.

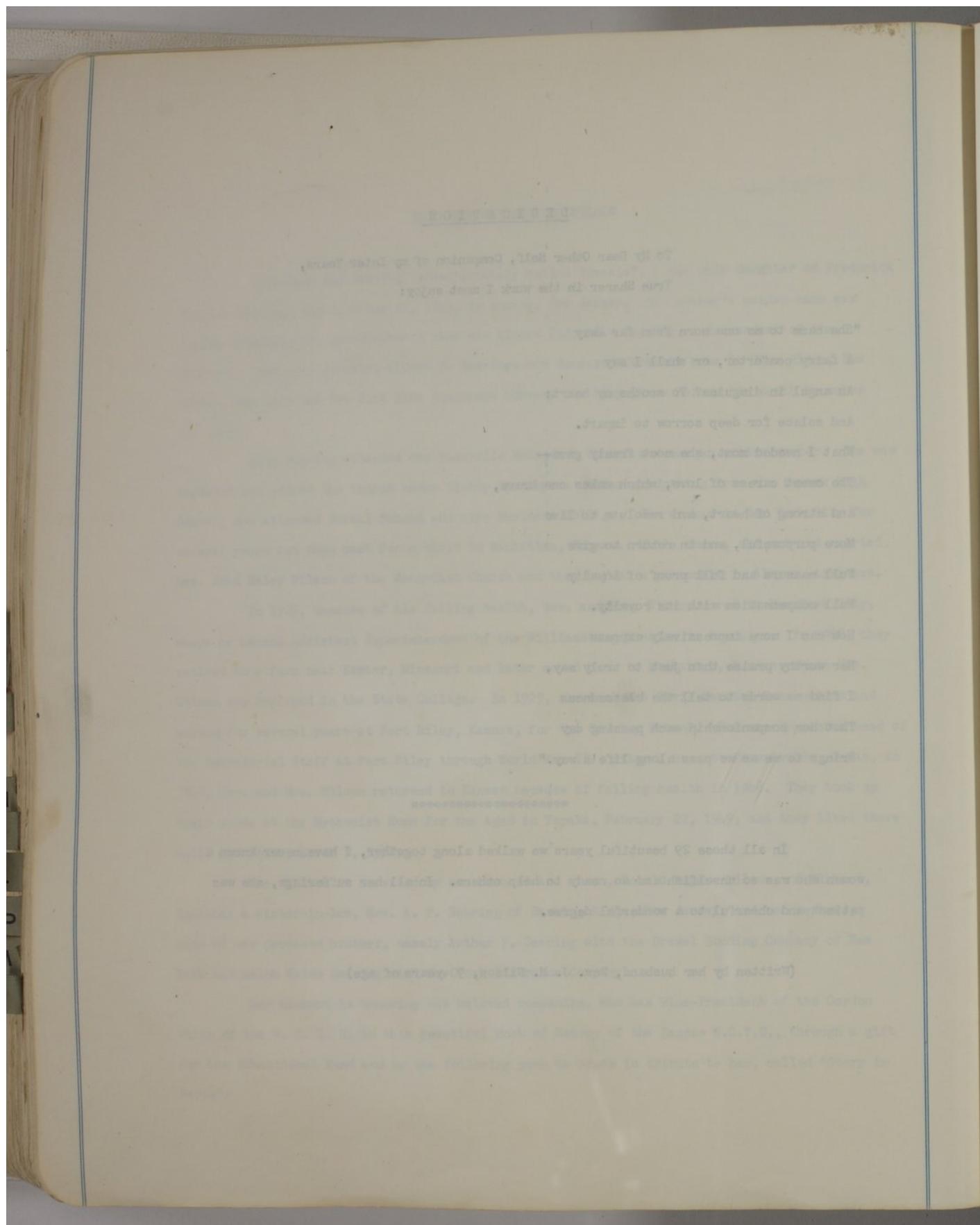
(Written by her husband, Rev. J. M. Wilson, 90 years of age)

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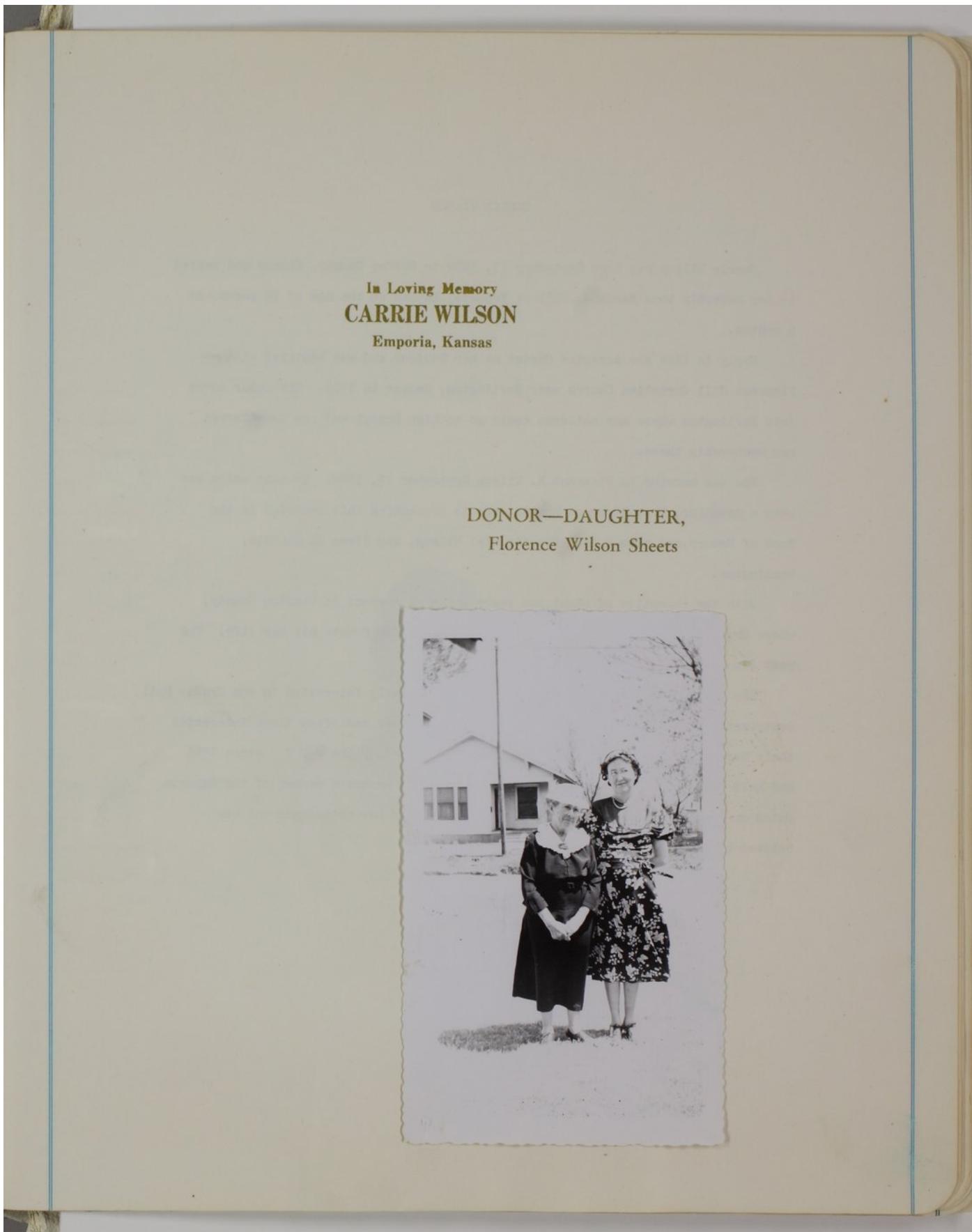


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Emporia, Kansas

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