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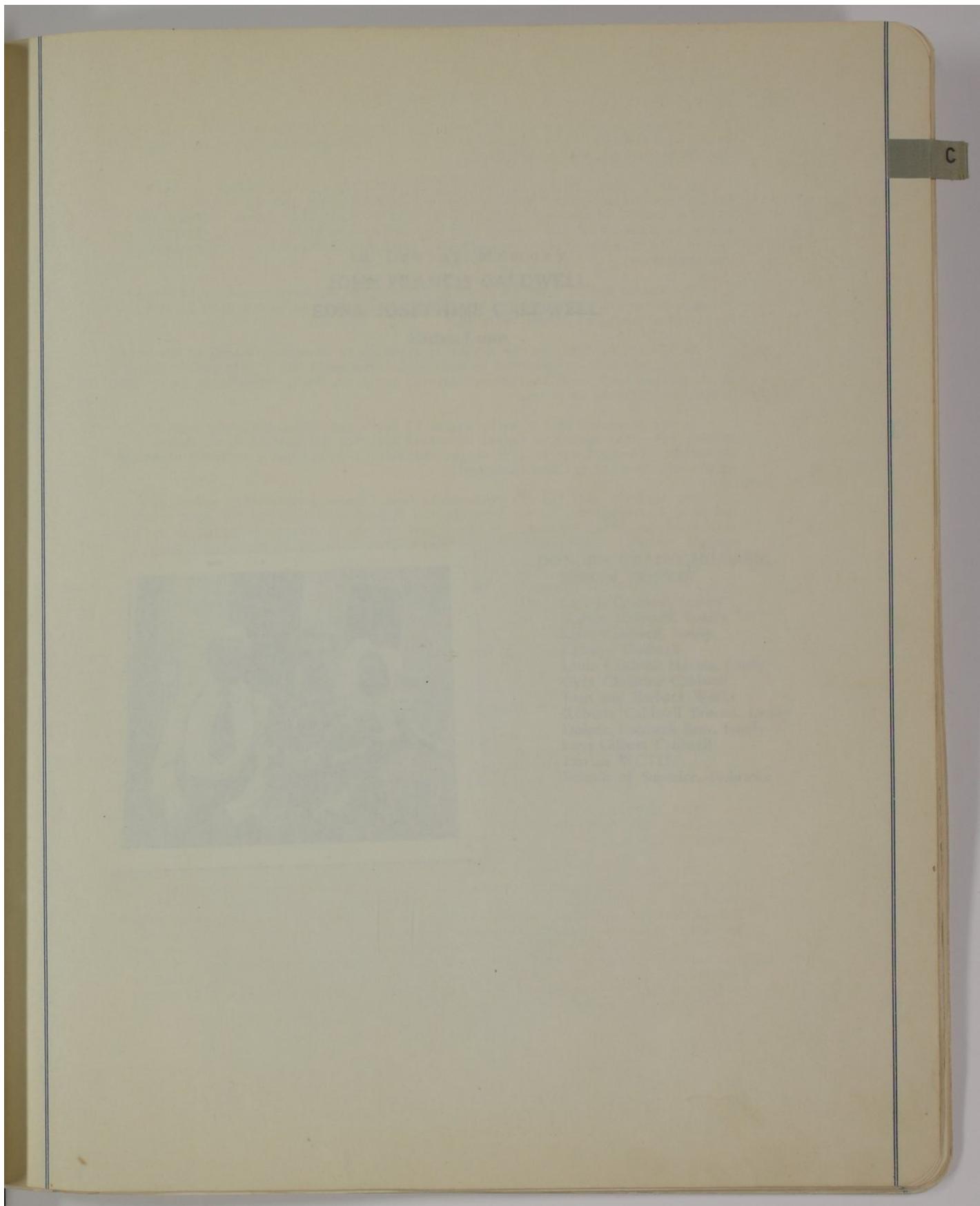
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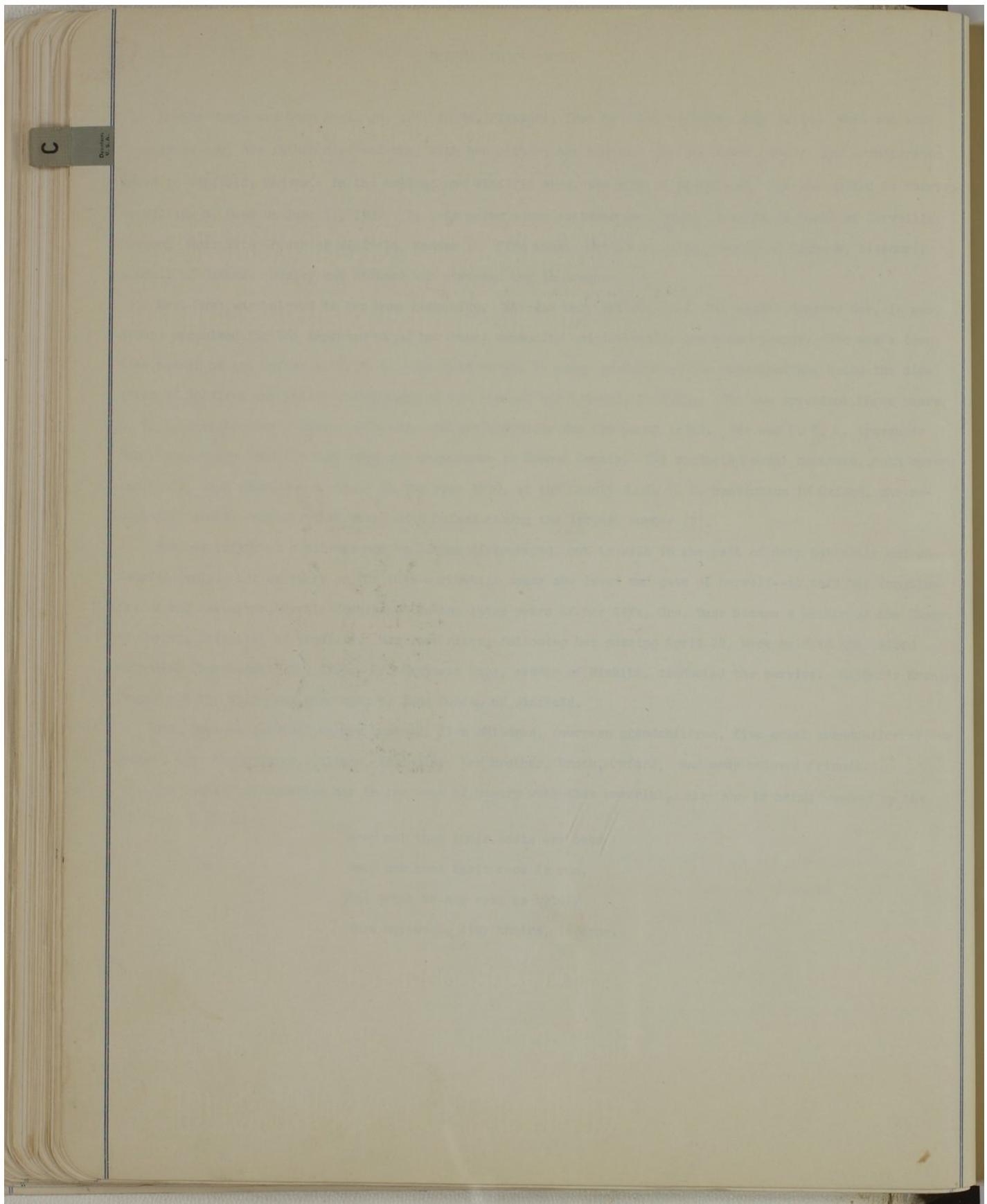
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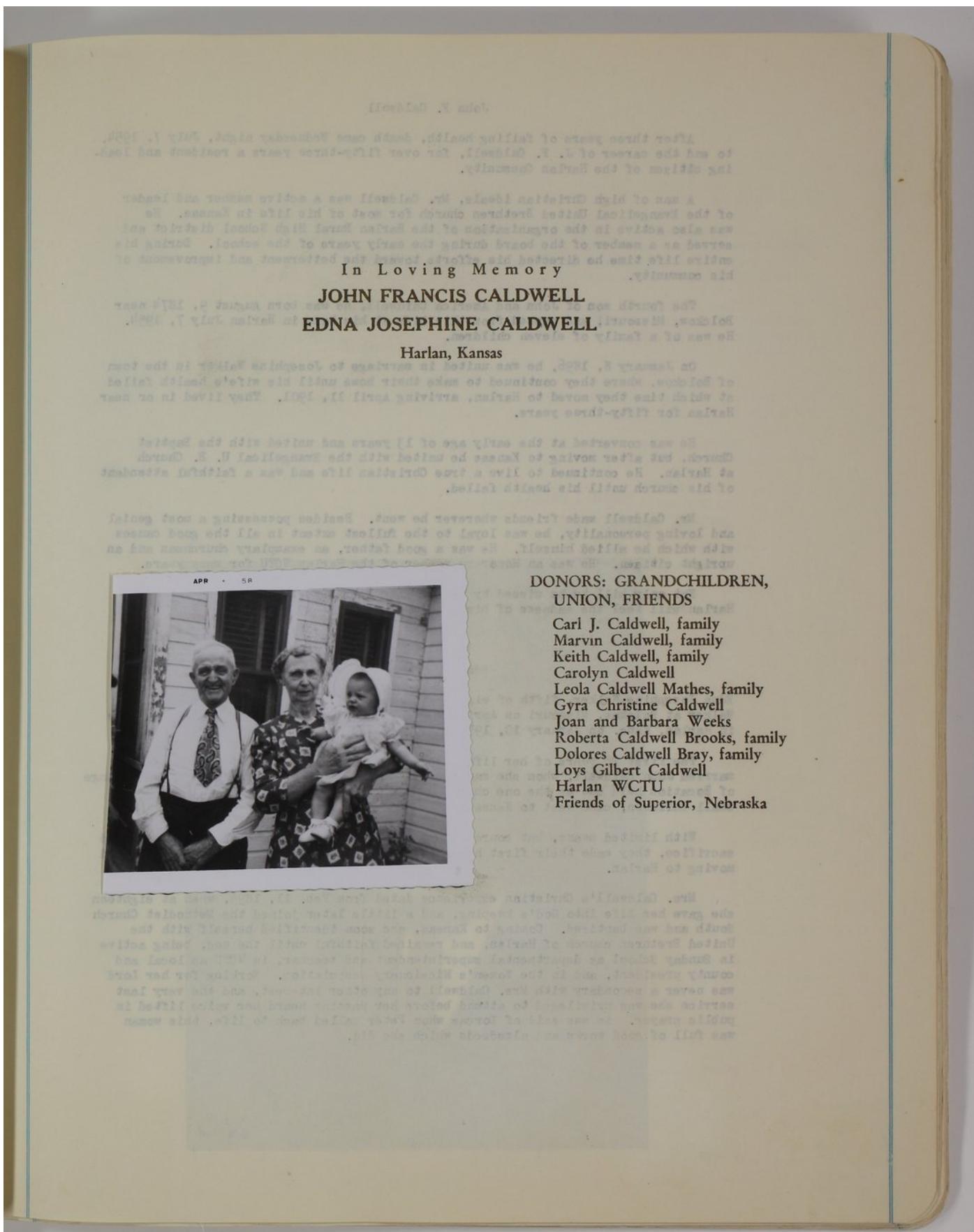


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John F. Caldwell

After three years of failing health, death came Wednesday night, July 7, 1954, to end the career of J. F. Caldwell, for over fifty-three years a resident and leading citizen of the Harlan Community.

A man of high Christian ideals, Mr. Caldwell was an active member and leader of the Evangelical United Brethren church for most of his life in Kansas. He was also active in the organization of the Harlan Rural High School district and served as a member of the board during the early years of the school. During his entire life time he directed his efforts toward the betterment and improvement of his community.

The fourth son of John and America Caldwell, he was born August 9, 1874 near Bolckow, Missouri, and passed from this life at his home in Harlan July 7, 1954. He was of a family of eleven children.

On January 8, 1896, he was united in marriage to Josephine Walker in the town of Bolckow, where they continued to make their home until his wife's health failed at which time they moved to Harlan, arriving April 11, 1901. They lived in or near Harlan for fifty-three years.

He was converted at the early age of 13 years and united with the Baptist Church, but after moving to Kansas he united with the Evangelical U. B. Church at Harlan. He continued to live a true Christian life and was a faithful attendant of his church until his health failed.

Mr. Caldwell made friends wherever he went. Besides possessing a most genial and loving personality, he was loyal to the fullest extent in all the good causes with which he allied himself. He was a good father, an exemplary churchman and an upright citizen. He was an Honorary member of the Harlan WCTU for many years.

Not only will he be missed by the immediate family but the community of Harlan will feel the sadness of his passing.

Edna J. Caldwell

Edna Josephine Walker, fifth of eight children, was born to John and Nancy Jane Walker at Bolckow, Missouri on April 20, 1875, and was taken from her earthly home in Harlan, Kans. on January 10, 1958, aged 82 years, 8 months and 20 days.

The first 26 years of her life were spent in Missouri. There she met and married John Caldwell, whom she married. Her health in precarious state, with change of location held out as the one chance of recovery, the young couple, with three small children, came west to Kansas.

With limited means, but courageous hearts, and a great willingness to work and sacrifice, they made their first home near Harlan, later retiring from the farm and moving to Harlan.

Mrs. Caldwell's Christian experience dated from Feb. 11, 1894, when at eighteen she gave her life into God's keeping, and a little later joined the Methodist Church South and was baptized. Coming to Kansas, she soon identified herself with the United Brethren church of Harlan, and remained faithful until the end, being active in Sunday School as departmental superintendent and teacher, in WCTU as local and county president, and in the Women's Missionary Association. Working for her Lord was never a secondary with Mrs. Caldwell to any other interest, and the very last service she was privileged to attend before her passing heard her voice lifted in public prayer. As was said of Dorcas whom Peter called back to life, this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

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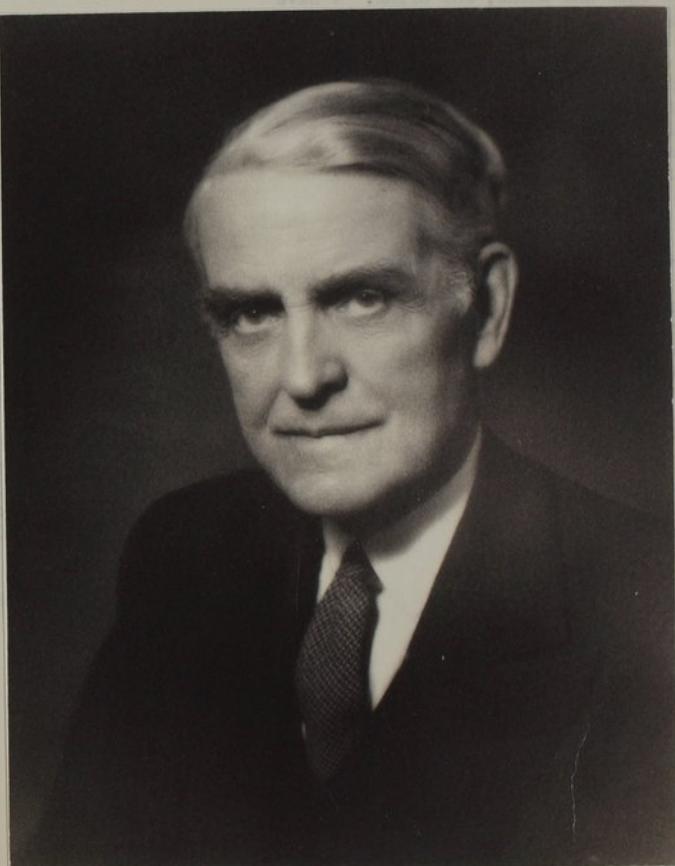
Arthur Capper, for at least four years before his death, remained one of the most prominent leaders in the cause of temperance in the state of Kansas. He was one of the most ardent supporters of the cause in the early days of the movement, and his influence was instrumental in securing the adoption of the state's first temperance amendment. He was well known throughout the state for his efforts to improve the lives of women and children, and for his work in the field of education and health care.

In Loving Memory

HON. ARTHUR CAPPER
Topeka, Kansas

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Edith Capper Eustice



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After three years of failing health, death overtook my wife, July 7, 1951,
in the care of J. F. Caldwell, for over fifteen years a member and leading
citizen of the town.

HON. ARTHUR CAPPER

Arthur Capper was born July 14, 1865, at Garnett, Kansas. He was married to Florence Crawford, daughter of Gov. Geo. M. Crawford, 1892, served his native state of Kansas as Governor two terms. He represented Kansas in the Senate of the United States five consecutive six-year terms (1919-1949) declining to run for re-election in 1949.

Upon graduation from high school in Garnett, Kansas, Arthur Capper obtained a job as typesetter on The Topeka Daily Capital in the early summer of 1884. At the time of his death he was owner and publisher of two daily newspapers, eight farm papers; and owner of two radio stations.

Following his retirement from the Senate, Arthur Capper returned to the town and state he loved - Topeka, Kansas - and devoted his time to his publishing business. He died in his suite in the Jayhawk Hotel, December 19, 1951.

At an early age Arthur Capper took a stand against liquor as evinced by the following letter he wrote in 1878 to "Aunt Mary" editor of AMERICAN YOUNG FOLKS, Topeka, Kansas:

" *** I have been working in the office of the Garnett Journal for over two months. I like the printer's trade very well. * * * Since I have been at the trade I find that a great many printers chew and smoke, and drink. I have been figuring it up, if a man spent ten cents a day for whiskey, that in ten years, without any interest it would amount to \$365; and for tobacco, if they spent only twenty-cents a week, that would amount to \$104 in ten years, and both together would make \$469 - enough to buy a good second hand press and type. I am now thirteen years old, and I am going to try to put my savings out at interest, in place of spending them for drinks and tobacco, and by the time I am twenty-one do you think I will have enough to buy a good second hand press? * * * "

Arthur Capper remained the foe of the liquor traffic all of his life, although he was extremely tolerant of the views of others on the subject. In 1935 (74th Congress) he introduced a bill in the Senate to prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisements of Alcoholic beverages, and for other purposes. He introduced the measure in every Congress thereafter until his retirement. It was a matter of great regret to him that the opposition never permitted the legislation to reach the floor of the Senate for action.

When Arthur Capper was still a struggling young publisher he lent money to farm boys and girls through the pig, calf and poultry clubs that grew into the National 4-H Club movement. The Capper Crippled Children Foundation has restored to health and useful lives hundreds of boys and girls. His birthday parties each July 14th for more than forty years brought pleasure to thousands of children.

Robert A. Stone, a Topeka attorney and friend of Arthur Capper for more than fifty years, paid him the following tribute:

"His sympathetic heart took in all the world. Because of his humanity, it will be found, that like Abou Ben Adhem, his name will be written on high. The simple Quaker boy lived and died a great Philanthropist."

"His charity may even outlive his fame as a public official, and his reward will be to be called a friend of man! Having accomplished this he died at peace with all men and with his God."

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Arthur Capper, for at least forty or more years was a staunch, faithful and interested friend of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kansas. In return for his benevolent spirit, the women of Kansas stood by him both as Governor and Senator. When in the early years as Governor, he and Mrs. Capper hosted in the Executive Mansion, a reception for all the delegates and friends of the State WCTU convention meeting in the capitol city and they personally greeted each guest. He honored his beloved mother in this beautiful Book of Memory and now his sister Edith Capper Eustice, of Evanston, Illinois is honoring his memory in this sacred Book.

JULIA BLANCHARD CATON

Winfield Kansas

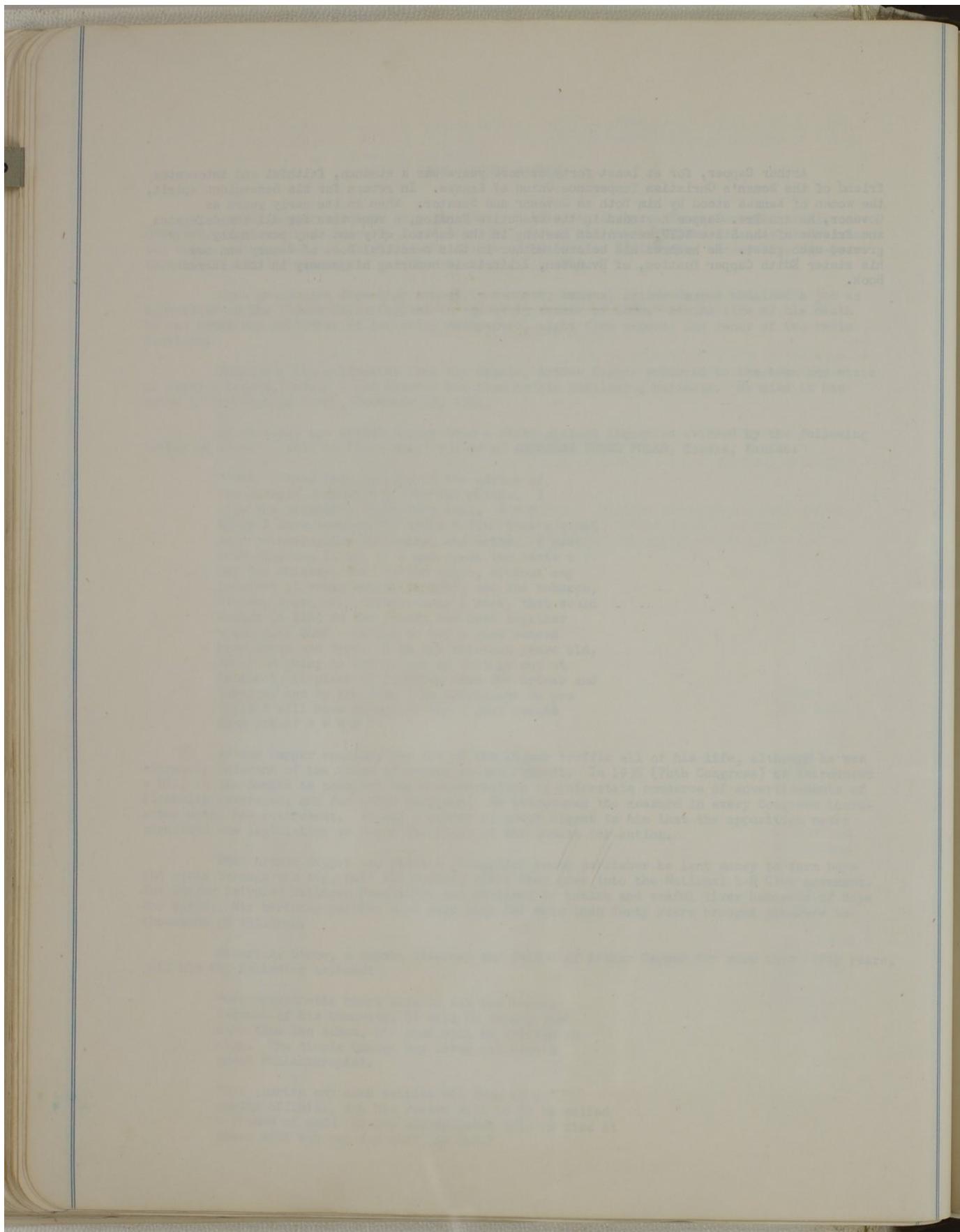
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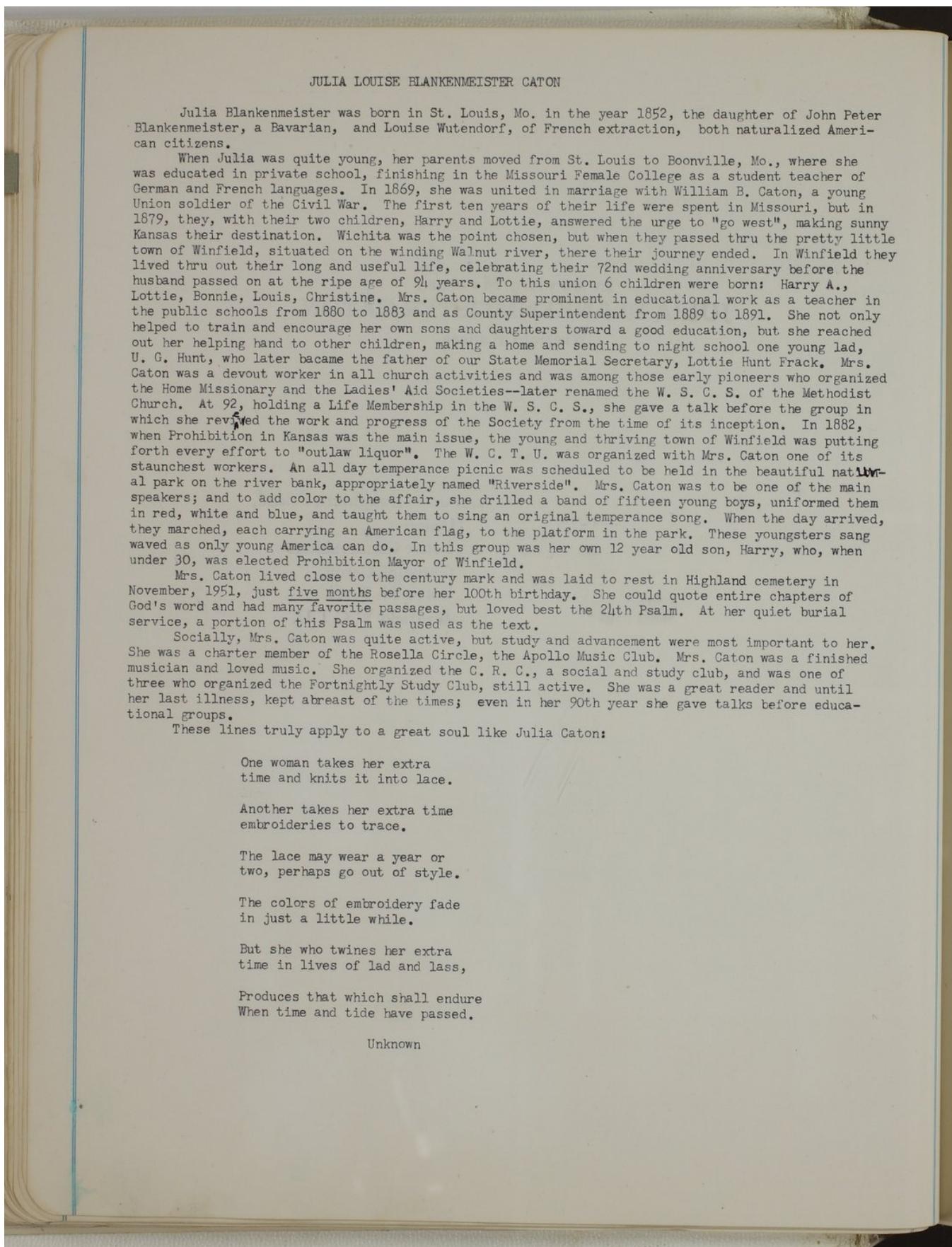
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JULIA LOUISE BLANKENMEISTER CATON

Julia Blankenmeister was born in St. Louis, Mo. in the year 1852, the daughter of John Peter Blankenmeister, a Bavarian, and Louise Wutendorf, of French extraction, both naturalized American citizens.

When Julia was quite young, her parents moved from St. Louis to Boonville, Mo., where she was educated in private school, finishing in the Missouri Female College as a student teacher of German and French languages. In 1869, she was united in marriage with William B. Caton, a young Union soldier of the Civil War. The first ten years of their life were spent in Missouri, but in 1879, they, with their two children, Harry and Lottie, answered the urge to "go west", making sunny Kansas their destination. Wichita was the point chosen, but when they passed thru the pretty little town of Winfield, situated on the winding Walnut river, there their journey ended. In Winfield they lived thru out their long and useful life, celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary before the husband passed on at the ripe age of 94 years. To this union 6 children were born: Harry A., Lottie, Bonnie, Louis, Christine. Mrs. Caton became prominent in educational work as a teacher in the public schools from 1880 to 1883 and as County Superintendent from 1889 to 1891. She not only helped to train and encourage her own sons and daughters toward a good education, but she reached out her helping hand to other children, making a home and sending to night school one young lad, U. G. Hunt, who later bacame the father of our State Memorial Secretary, Lottie Hunt Frack. Mrs. Caton was a devout worker in all church activities and was among those early pioneers who organized the Home Missionary and the Ladies' Aid Societies--later renamed the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church. At 92, holding a Life Membership in the W. S. C. S., she gave a talk before the group in which she reviewed the work and progress of the Society from the time of its inception. In 1882, when Prohibition in Kansas was the main issue, the young and thriving town of Winfield was putting forth every effort to "outlaw liquor". The W. C. T. U. was organized with Mrs. Caton one of its staunchest workers. An all day temperance picnic was scheduled to be held in the beautiful natural park on the river bank, appropriately named "Riverside". Mrs. Caton was to be one of the main speakers; and to add color to the affair, she drilled a band of fifteen young boys, uniformed them in red, white and blue, and taught them to sing an original temperance song. When the day arrived, they marched, each carrying an American flag, to the platform in the park. These youngsters sang waved as only young America can do. In this group was her own 12 year old son, Harry, who, when under 30, was elected Prohibition Mayor of Winfield.

Mrs. Caton lived close to the century mark and was laid to rest in Highland cemetery in November, 1951, just five months before her 100th birthday. She could quote entire chapters of God's word and had many favorite passages, but loved best the 24th Psalm. At her quiet burial service, a portion of this Psalm was used as the text.

Socially, Mrs. Caton was quite active, but study and advancement were most important to her. She was a charter member of the Rosella Circle, the Apollo Music Club. Mrs. Caton was a finished musician and loved music. She organized the C. R. C., a social and study club, and was one of three who organized the Fortnightly Study Club, still active. She was a great reader and until her last illness, kept abreast of the times; even in her 90th year she gave talks before educational groups.

These lines truly apply to a great soul like Julia Caton:

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.

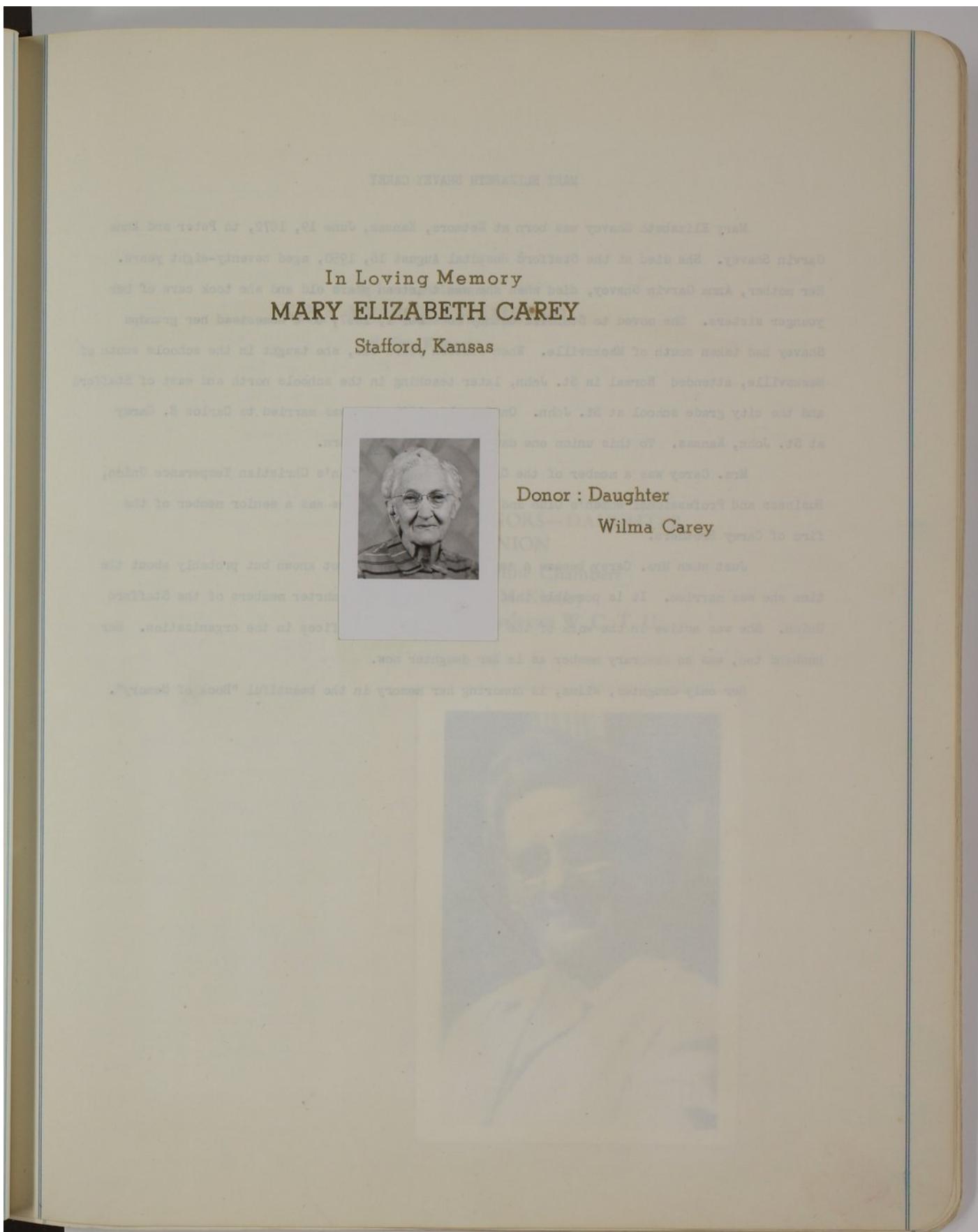
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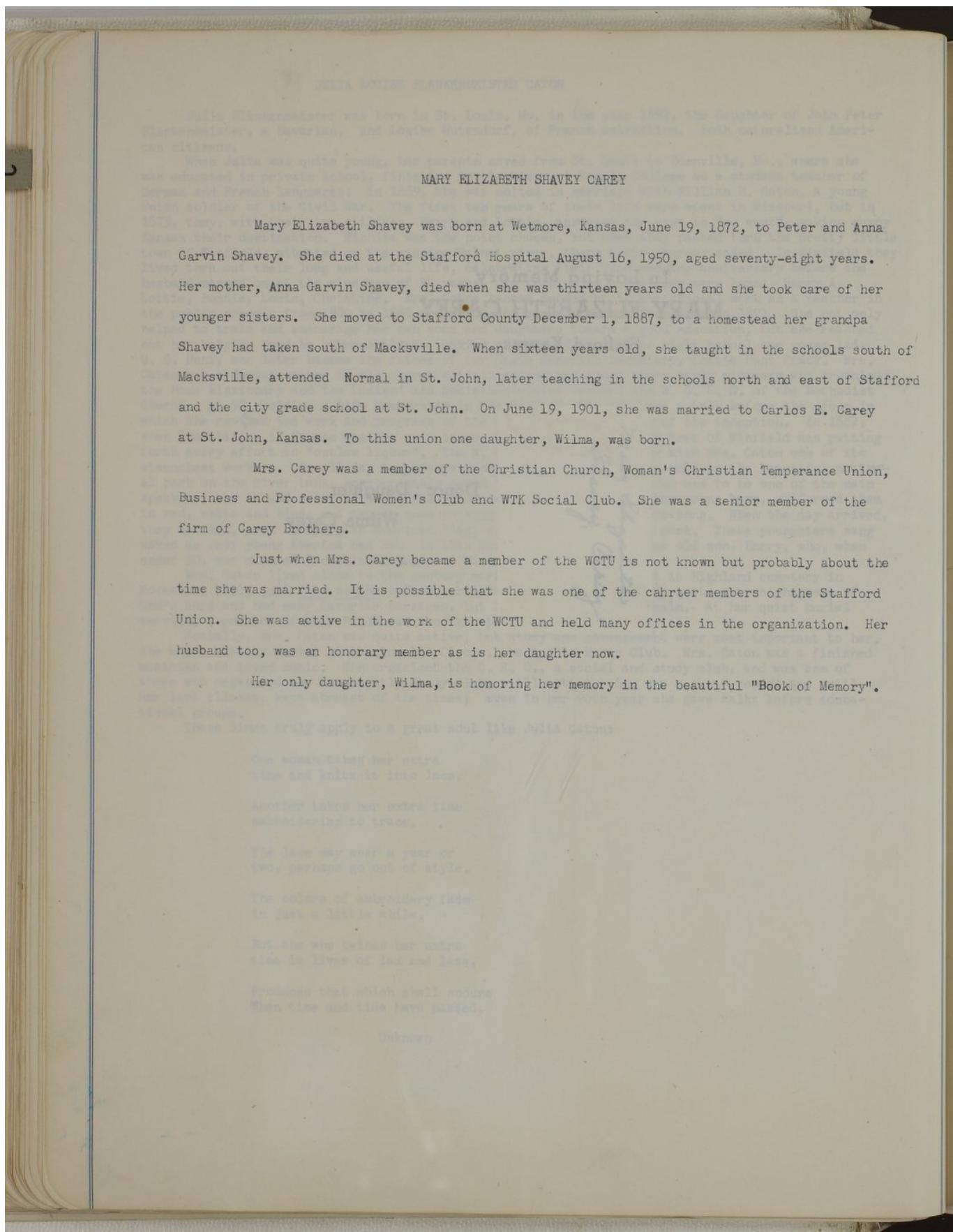
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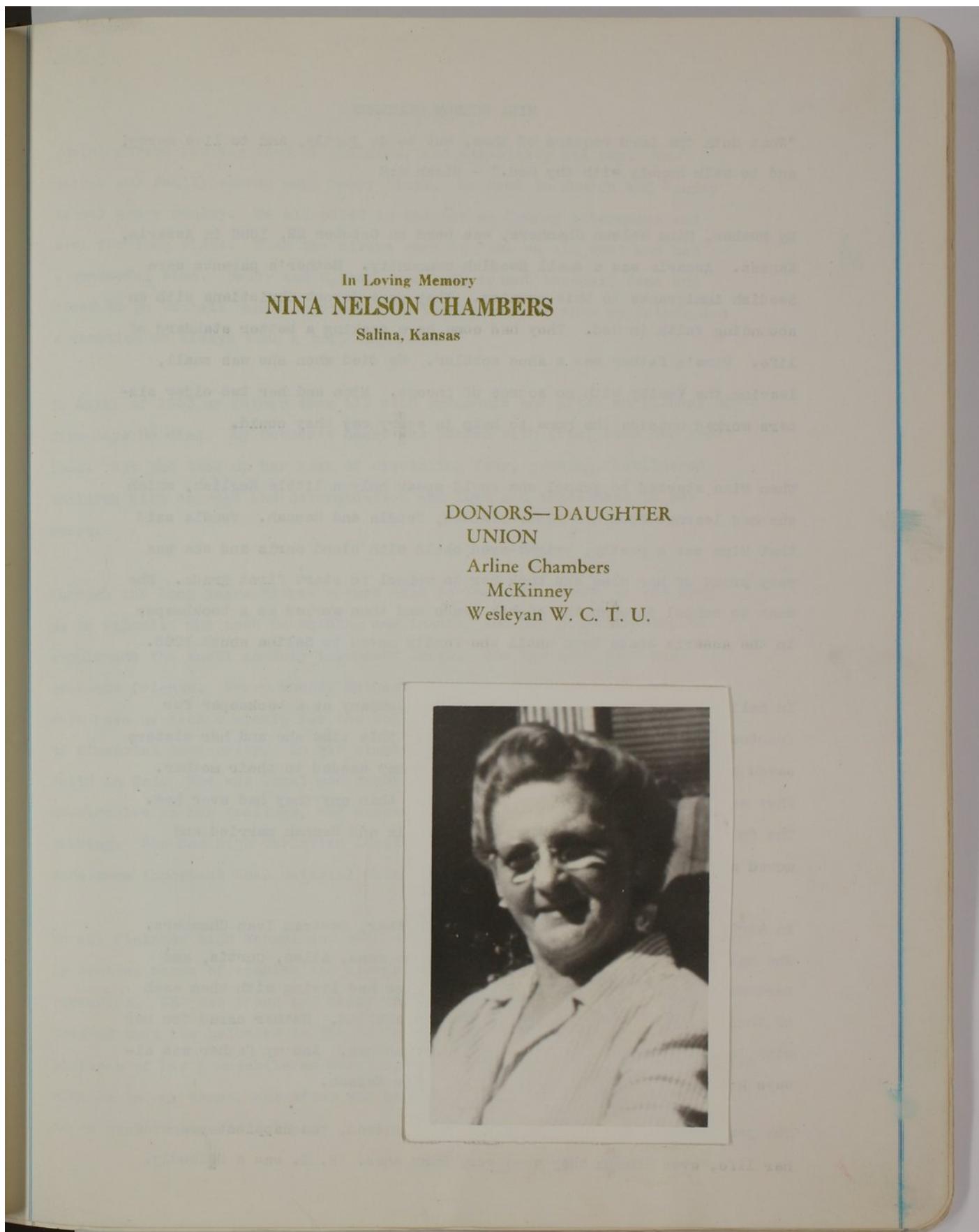


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MINA NELSON CHAMBERS

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to live mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." - Micah 6:8

My Mother, Mina Nelson Chambers, was born on October 22, 1886 in Assaria, Kansas. Assaria was a small Swedish community. Mother's parents were Swedish immigrants to this country. They were devout Christians with an abounding faith in God. They had come here seeking a better standard of life. Mina's father was a shoe cobbler. He died when she was small, leaving the family with no source of income. Mina and her two older sisters worked outside the home to help in every way they could.

When Mina started to school she could speak only a little English, which she had learned from her older sisters, Vendla and Hannah. Vendla said that Mina was a pretty, bright-eyed child with blond curls and she was very proud of her when she took her to school to start first grade. She went to school through the eighth grade and then worked as a bookkeeper in the Assaria State Bank until the family moved to Salina about 1905.

In Salina Mina worked at the Lee Hardware Company as a bookkeeper for fourteen years before she married. During this time she and her sisters saved their money and built a home which they deeded to their mother. They were very proud of it as it was nicer than any they had ever had. The four of them lived together until Vendla and Hannah married and moved away from Salina.

In April of 1919 Mina was married to my father, Bertram Ivan Chambers. She called him Ivan or B. I. They had three sons, Allen, Curtis, and Bertram, Jr., and myself, Arline. They also had living with them each of their mothers. Grandmother Chambers was blind. Mother cared for her with love and kindness as she did her own mother. And my father was always kind to and considerate of Grandmother Nelson.

The years Mina was married to B. I. were, indeed, the happiest years of her life, even though they were very busy ones. B. I. was a friendly,

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jovial person and was fond of children, and especially his own. Together our family shared many happy times. We went to church and Sunday School every Sunday. We all piled in the car on Sunday afternoons and went for long rides. When the circus came to town we all went and had a wonderful time. Daddy and Mother were both ardent baseball fans and liked to go to ball games together. In the Summertime when my father had a vacation we always took a trip together.

In April of 1933 my father took ill with pneumonia and after an illness of five days he died. My Mother's heart was broken with grief over her great loss. But she took up her task of disciplining four, growing, bewildered children with courage and determination and love and tenderness in her heart.

Through the long years Mother worked hard to feed and clothe us and keep us in school. She took in washing and ironing and did housecleaning to supplement the small monthly insurance check. She had many kind and generous friends. Every Sunday Mother took us to Sunday School and always have us each a nickle for the collection. Mother never complained of financial insecurity. In her simple, humble way she taught us to have faith in God. She was loyal and devoted to her church. She was not demonstrative in her feelings, but expressed herself in living rather than talking. She had high Christian ideals and the spiritual values of life were more important than material things to her.

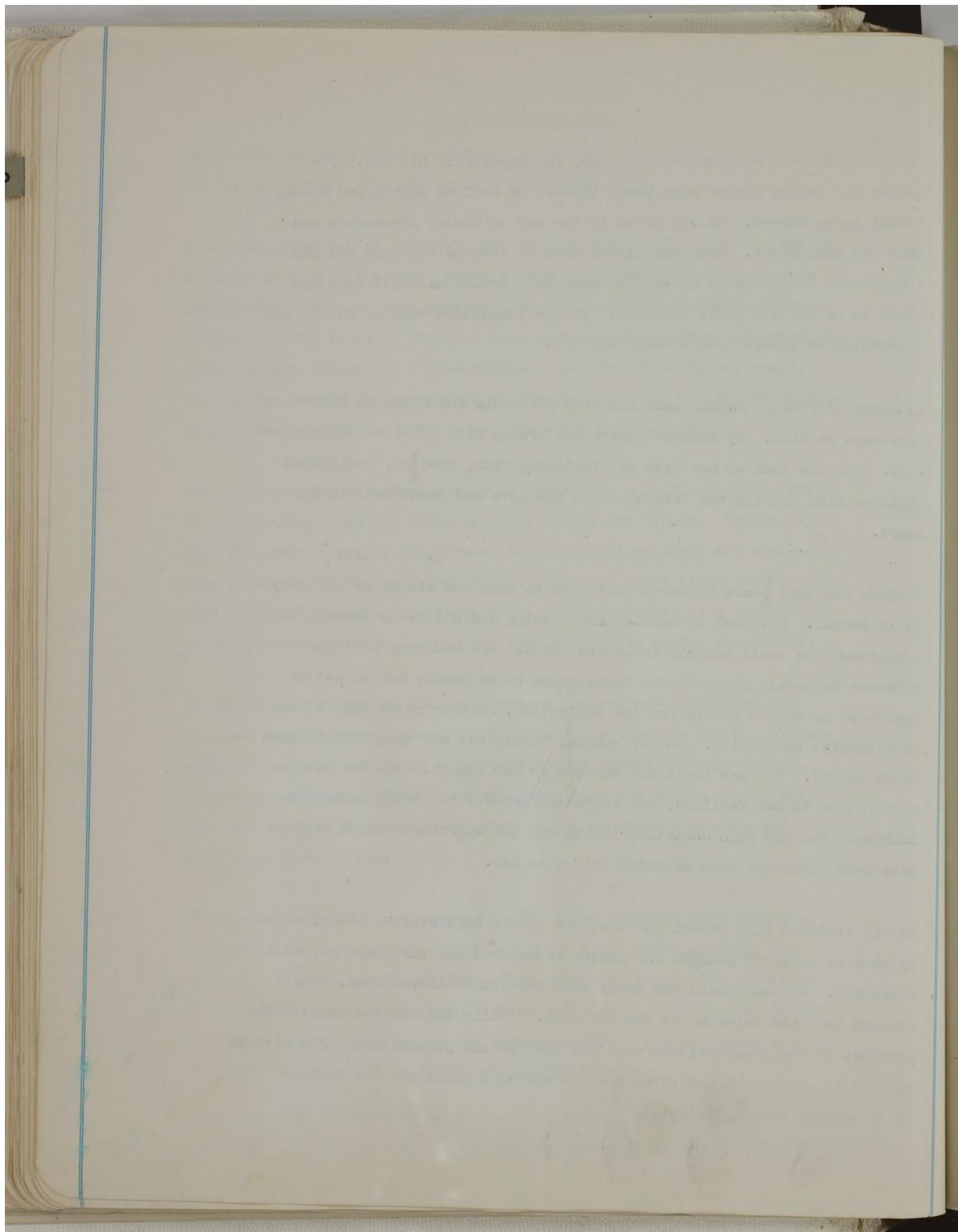
We all finished high school and then one by one left Salina. She frequently sent us boxes of cookies and always remembered our birthdays and anniversaries. She was proud and happy when her grandchildren came. She boasted that she belonged to the SOG club. (Silly Old Grandmothers). The pictures of her grandchildren were her most prized possessions. She visited with us in our homes, but after she had stayed a while she was anxious to go back to home in Salina.

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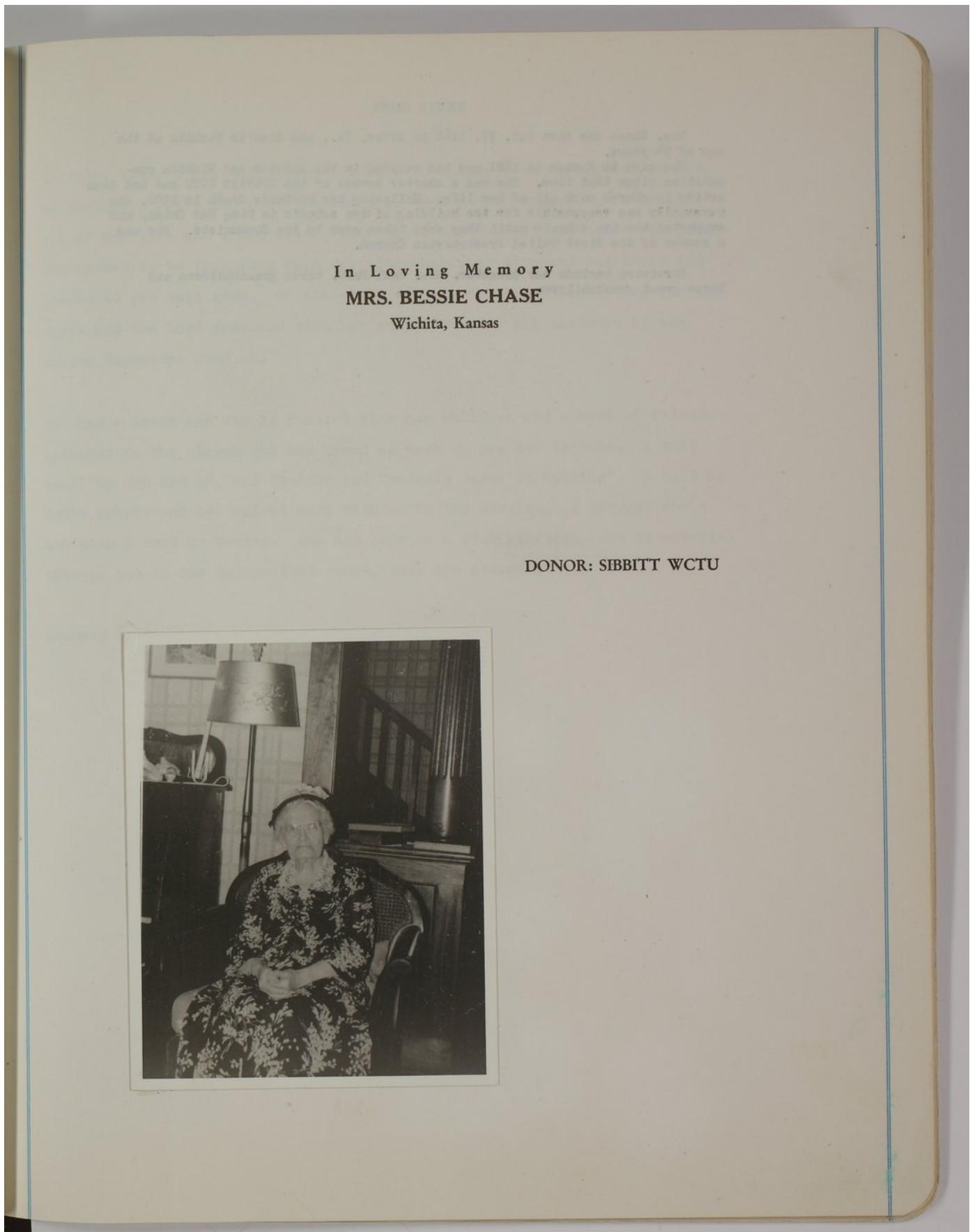


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MRS. BESSIE CHASE

Wichita, Kansas

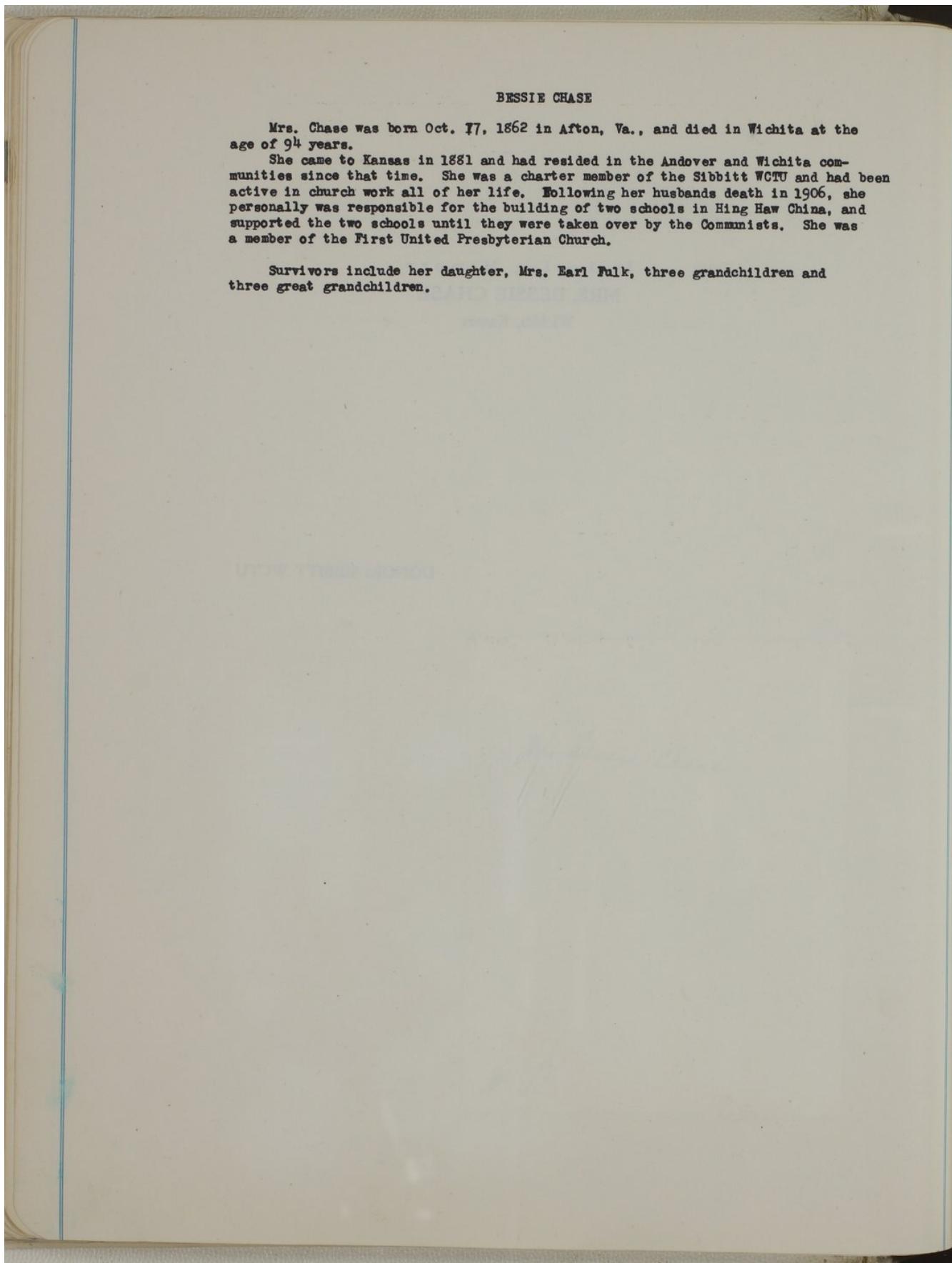
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In July, 1955, I was called home to be with Mother because she was to have an emergency operation for appendicitis. Mother had enjoyed good health all of her life and I had seldom ever heard her complain of aches and pains. She seemed to be improving each day after her operation and she hoped and prayed to get well soon. On the sixth day she suddenly took a turn for the worse and the Lord came and took her away. We were all saddened by her sudden departure from us.

She had a sweet and simple funeral with her children and a host of friends gathered in the church she had loved so much to pay her tribute. A duet sang "My God and I", and "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling". I felt as God's Spirit and her spirit were with us in the service. I thought about how much I owed my Mother. She had left us a rich heritage, not in material things, but in the things that count, that are eternal.

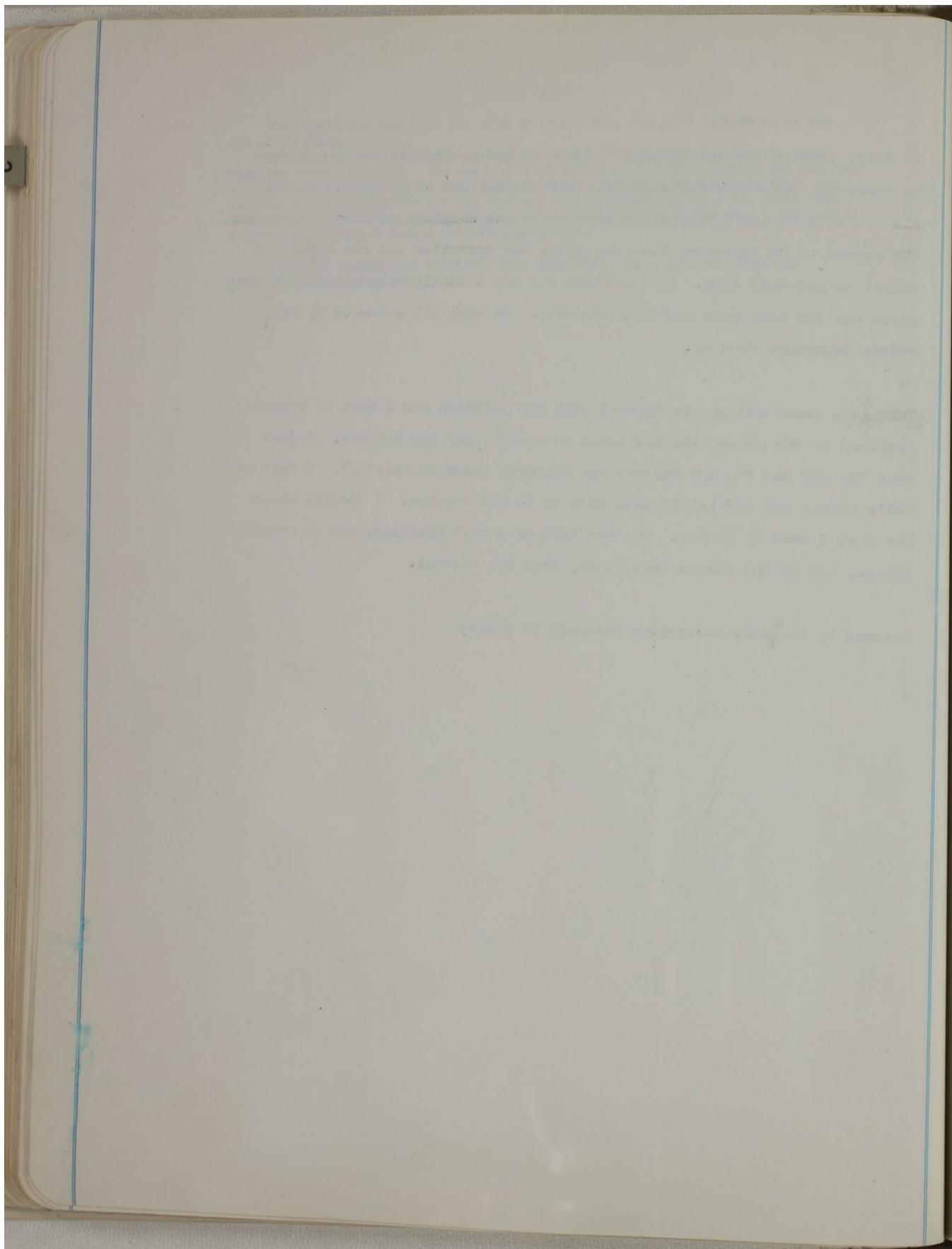
Honored by Daughter ----Arlene Chambers Mc Kinney

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MRS. B. B. CLARKE
Hutchinson, Kansas

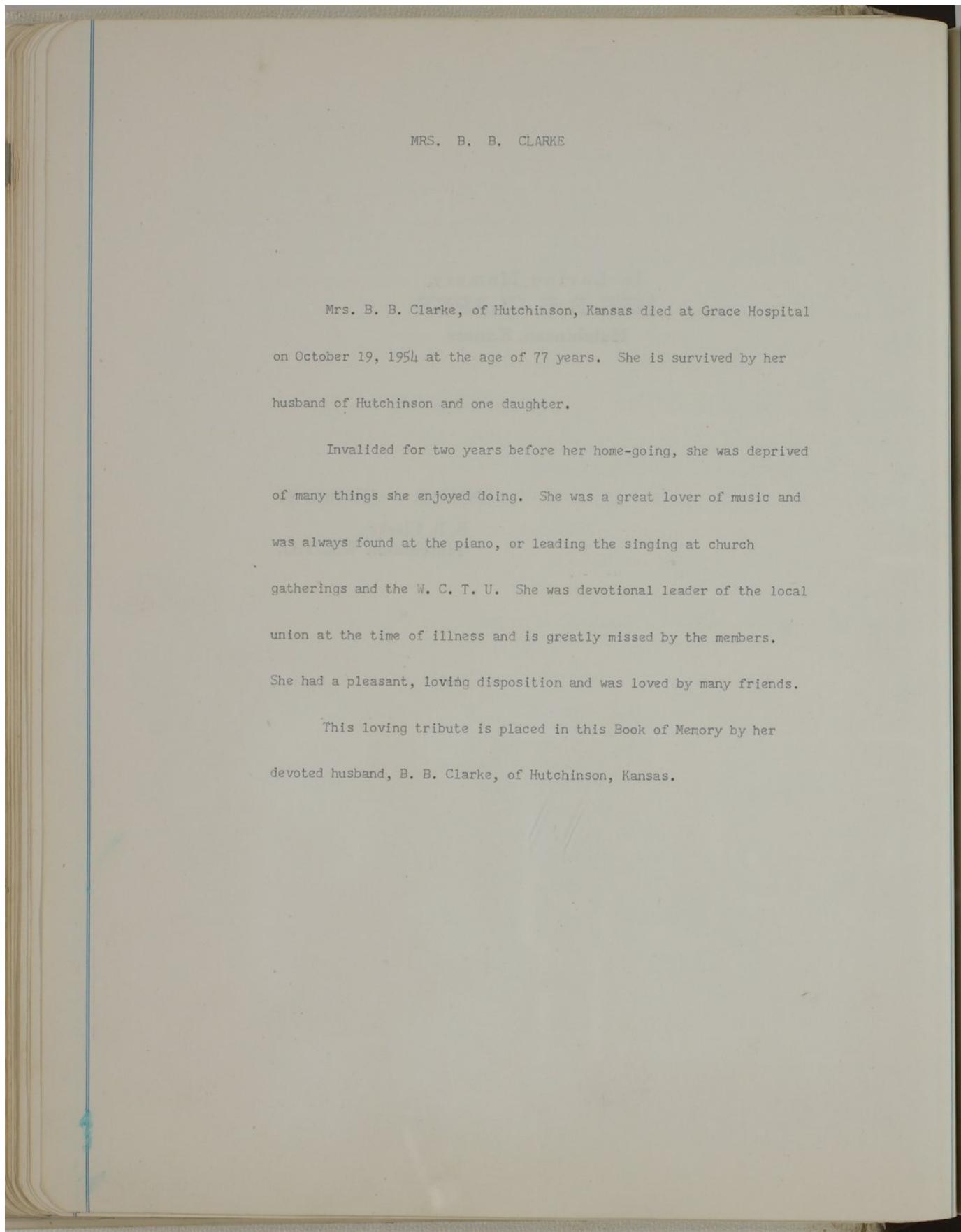
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MRS. B. B. CLARKE

Mrs. B. B. Clarke, of Hutchinson, Kansas died at Grace Hospital
on October 19, 1954 at the age of 77 years. She is survived by her
husband of Hutchinson and one daughter.

Invalided for two years before her home-going, she was deprived
of many things she enjoyed doing. She was a great lover of music and
was always found at the piano, or leading the singing at church
gatherings and the W. C. T. U. She was devotional leader of the local
union at the time of illness and is greatly missed by the members.
She had a pleasant, loving disposition and was loved by many friends.

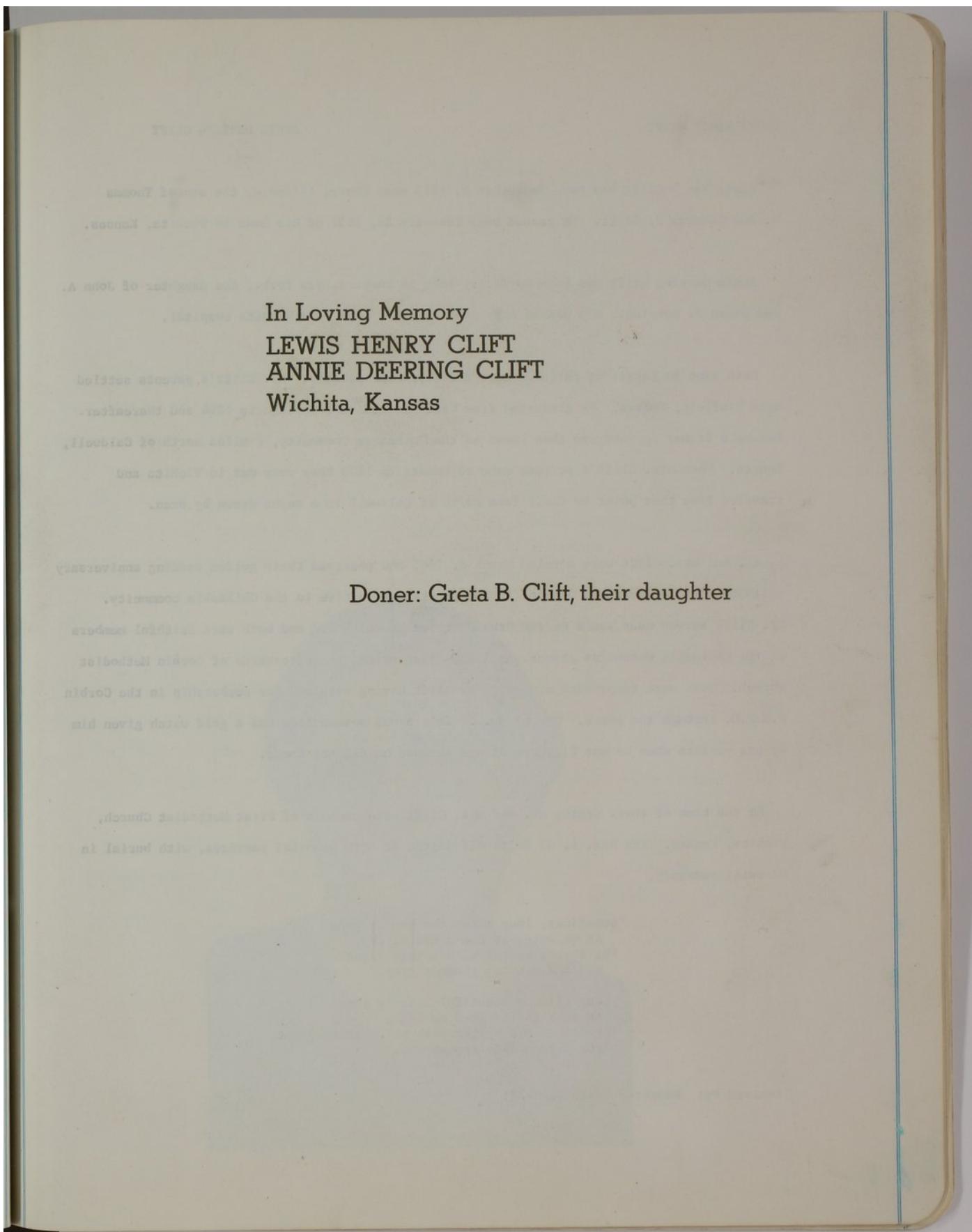
This loving tribute is placed in this Book of Memory by her
devoted husband, B. B. Clarke, of Hutchinson, Kansas.

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LEWIS HENRY CLIFT

ANNIE DERRING CLIFT

Lewis Henry Clift was born September 1, 1873 near Henry, Illinois, the son of Thomas W. and Rebecca J. Clift. He passed away February 28, 1957 at his home in Wichita, Kansas.

Annie Derring Clift was born April 13, 1876 in Yonkers, New York., the daughter of John A. and Sarah J. Derring. She passed away September 17, 1957 in a Wichita hospital.

Both came to Kansas as children with their pioneer parents. Mr. Clift's parents settled near Winfield, Kansas. He graduated from Winfield Business College in 1894 and thereafter became a farmer in what was then known as the Chikaskia Community, 7 miles north of Caldwell, Kansas. When Mrs. Clift's parents came to Kansas in 1878 they were met in Wichita and traveled from that point to their farm north of Caldwell in a wagon drawn by oxen.

Mr. and Mrs. Clift were married March 8, 1905 and observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1955. Before moving to Wichita in 1936, both were active in the Chikaskia community. Mr. Clift served many years on the Hahn District School board and both were faithful members of the Chikaskia Methodist church until its dissolution, and afterwards of Corbin Methodist church. Both were temperance minded, Mrs. Clift having retained her membership in the Corbin W.C.T.U. through the years. One of Mr. Clift's proud possessions was a gold watch given him by his parents when he was 21 years of age because he did not smoke.

At the time of their deaths Mr. and Mrs. Clift were members of First Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas. The Rev. L. O. Smith officiated at both memorial services, with burial in Caldwell cemetery.

"Sometimes, long after the sun is gone
As we watch at the close of day,
The sky is bright with a rosy light
Mid the evening shadows gray

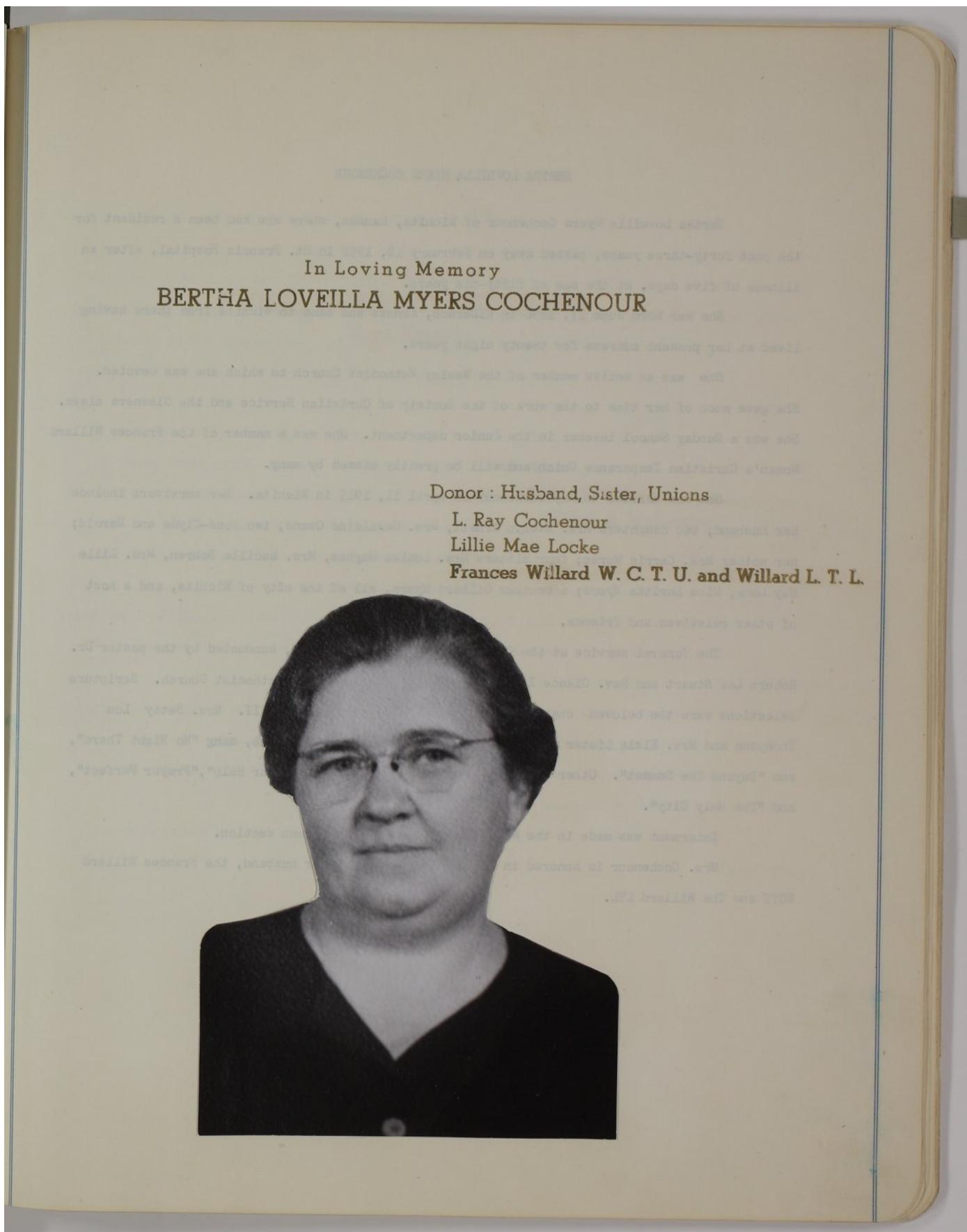
"Long after a beautiful life is gone
To that fairer land on high,
Our lives are bright with a lingering light,
For a true life cannot die."

Honored by: Daughter Greta B. Clift

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L. Ray Cochenour

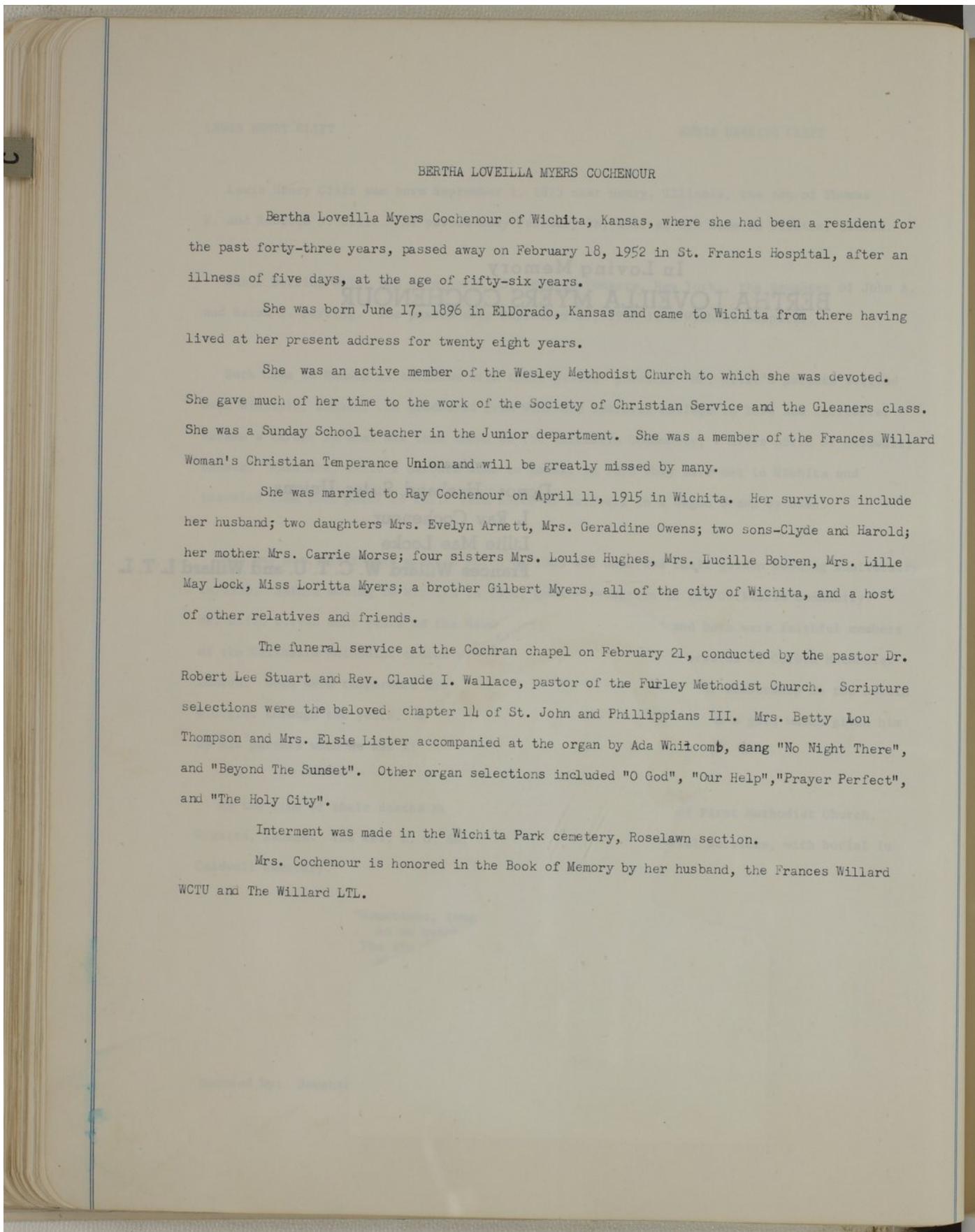
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BERTHA LOVEILLA MYERS COCHENOUR

Bertha Loveilla Myers Cochenour of Wichita, Kansas, where she had been a resident for the past forty-three years, passed away on February 18, 1952 in St. Francis Hospital, after an illness of five days, at the age of fifty-six years.

She was born June 17, 1896 in El Dorado, Kansas and came to Wichita from there having lived at her present address for twenty eight years.

She was an active member of the Wesley Methodist Church to which she was devoted. She gave much of her time to the work of the Society of Christian Service and the Gleaners class. She was a Sunday School teacher in the Junior department. She was a member of the Frances Willard Woman's Christian Temperance Union and will be greatly missed by many.

She was married to Ray Cochenour on April 11, 1915 in Wichita. Her survivors include her husband; two daughters Mrs. Evelyn Arnett, Mrs. Geraldine Owens; two sons-Clyde and Harold; her mother Mrs. Carrie Morse; four sisters Mrs. Louise Hughes, Mrs. Lucille Bobren, Mrs. Lille May Lock, Miss Loritta Myers; a brother Gilbert Myers, all of the city of Wichita, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service at the Cochran chapel on February 21, conducted by the pastor Dr. Robert Lee Stuart and Rev. Claude I. Wallace, pastor of the Furley Methodist Church. Scripture selections were the beloved chapter 14 of St. John and Philippians III. Mrs. Betty Lou Thompson and Mrs. Elsie Lister accompanied at the organ by Ada Whitcomb, sang "No Night There", and "Beyond The Sunset". Other organ selections included "O God", "Our Help", "Prayer Perfect", and "The Holy City".

Interment was made in the Wichita Park cemetery, Roselawn section.

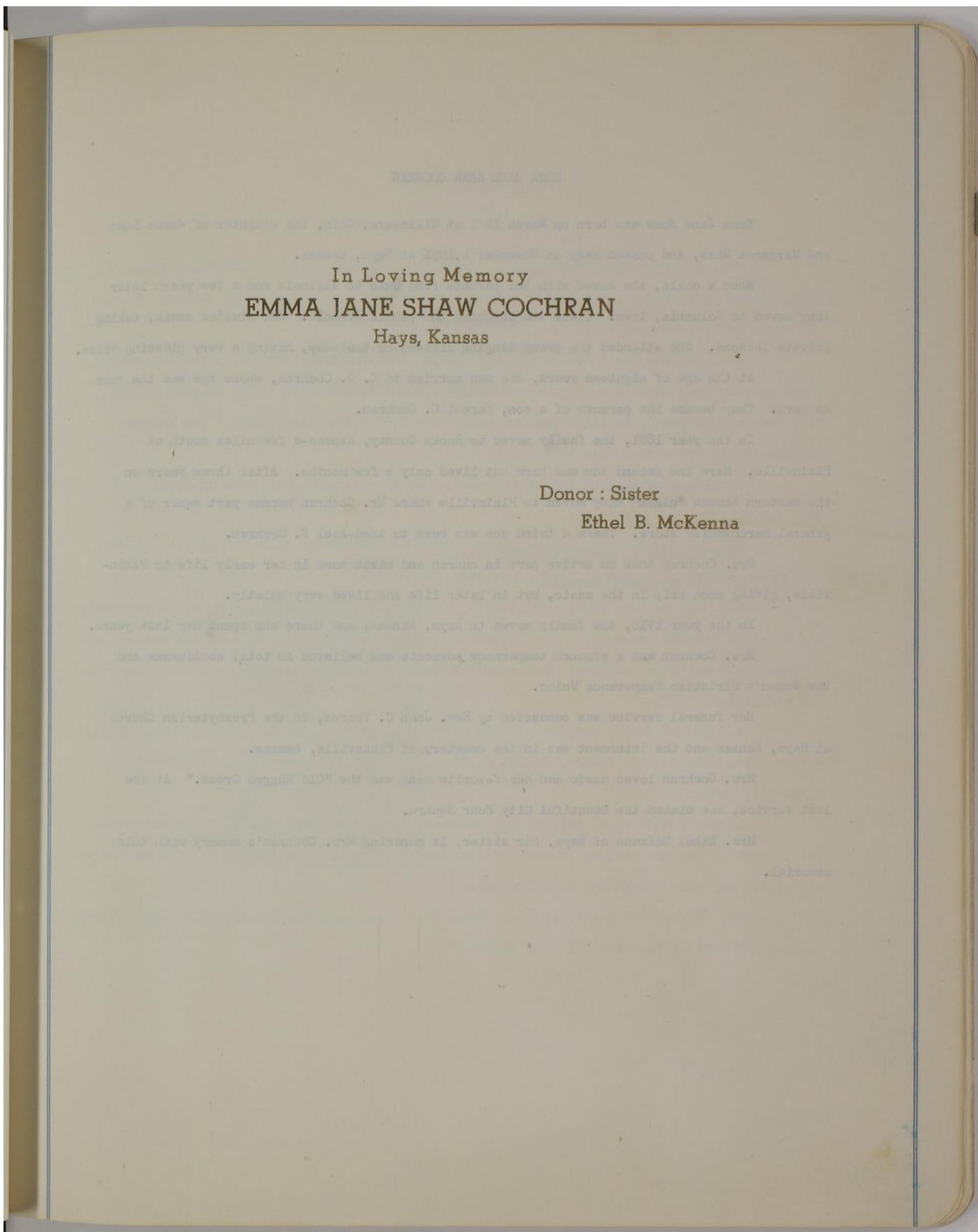
Mrs. Cochenour is honored in the Book of Memory by her husband, the Frances Willard WCTU and The Willard LTL.

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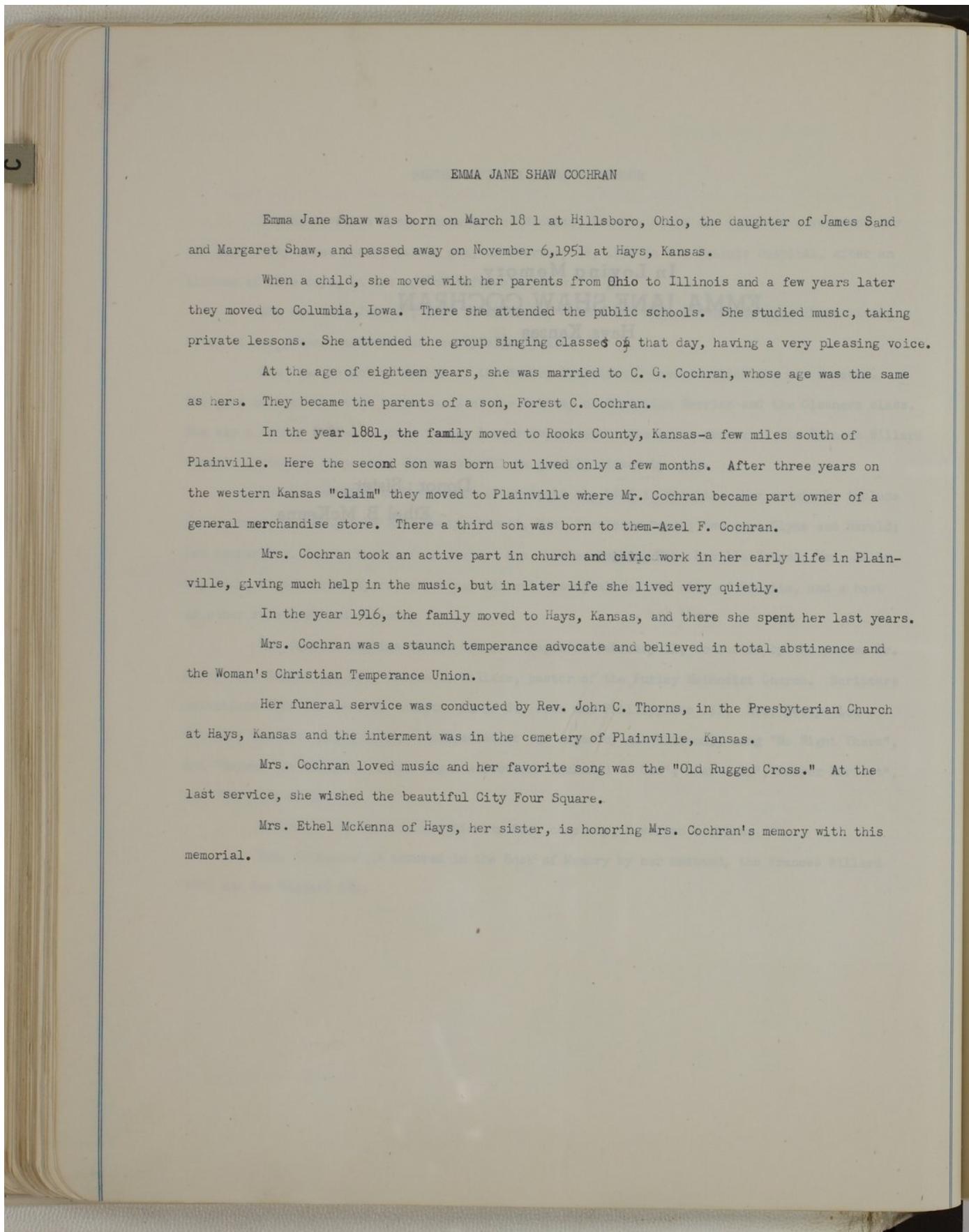
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EMMA JANE SHAW COCHRAN

Emma Jane Shaw was born on March 18th at Hillsboro, Ohio, the daughter of James Sand and Margaret Shaw, and passed away on November 6, 1951 at Hays, Kansas.

When a child, she moved with her parents from Ohio to Illinois and a few years later they moved to Columbia, Iowa. There she attended the public schools. She studied music, taking private lessons. She attended the group singing classes of that day, having a very pleasing voice.

At the age of eighteen years, she was married to C. G. Cochran, whose age was the same as hers. They became the parents of a son, Forest C. Cochran.

In the year 1881, the family moved to Rooks County, Kansas—a few miles south of Plainville. Here the second son was born but lived only a few months. After three years on the western Kansas "claim" they moved to Plainville where Mr. Cochran became part owner of a general merchandise store. There a third son was born to them—Azel F. Cochran.

Mrs. Cochran took an active part in church and civic work in her early life in Plainville, giving much help in the music, but in later life she lived very quietly.

In the year 1916, the family moved to Hays, Kansas, and there she spent her last years.

Mrs. Cochran was a staunch temperance advocate and believed in total abstinence and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Her funeral service was conducted by Rev. John C. Thorns, in the Presbyterian Church at Hays, Kansas and the interment was in the cemetery of Plainville, Kansas.

Mrs. Cochran loved music and her favorite song was the "Old Rugged Cross." At the last service, she wished the beautiful City Four Square.

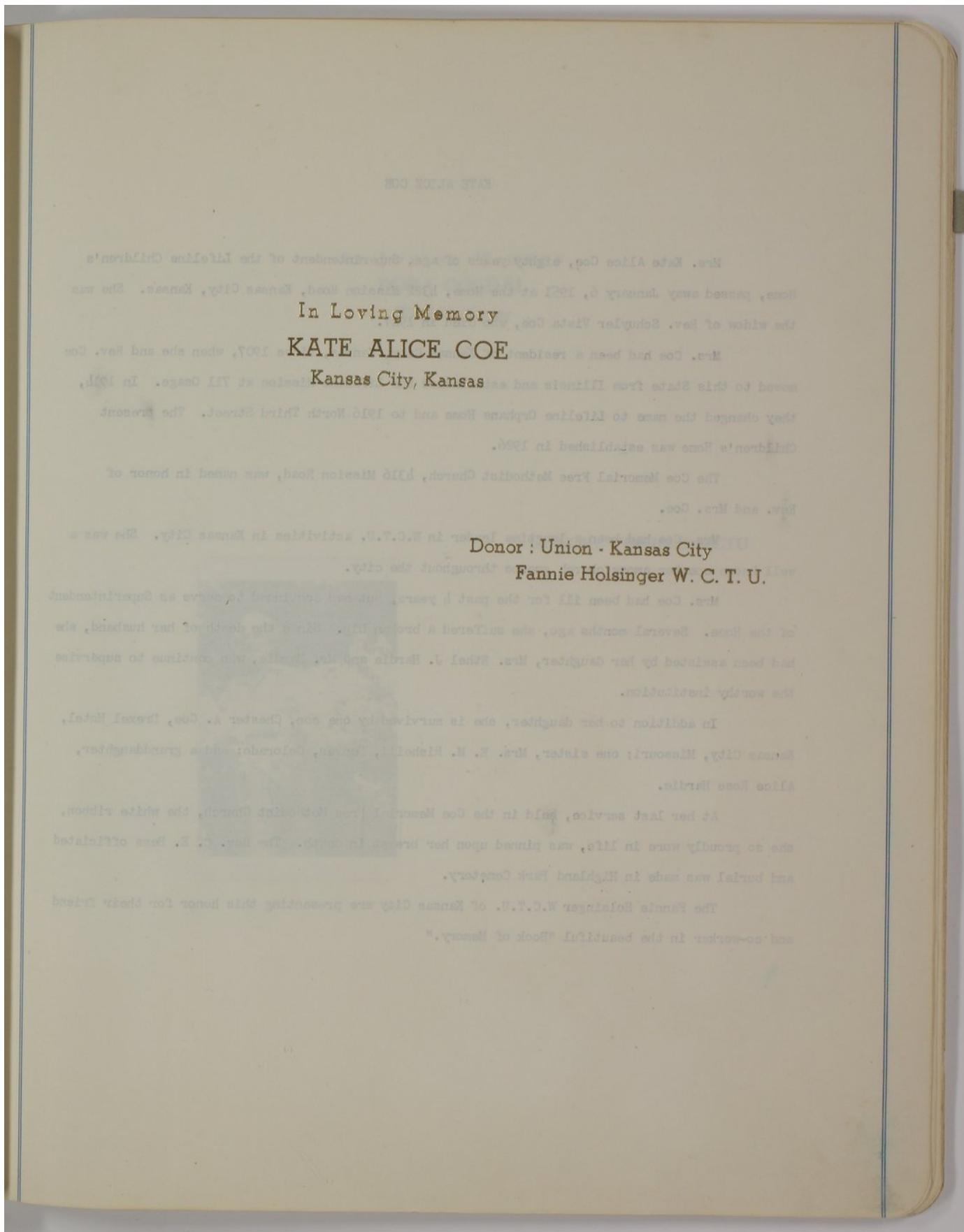
Mrs. Ethel McKenna of Hays, her sister, is honoring Mrs. Cochran's memory with this memorial.

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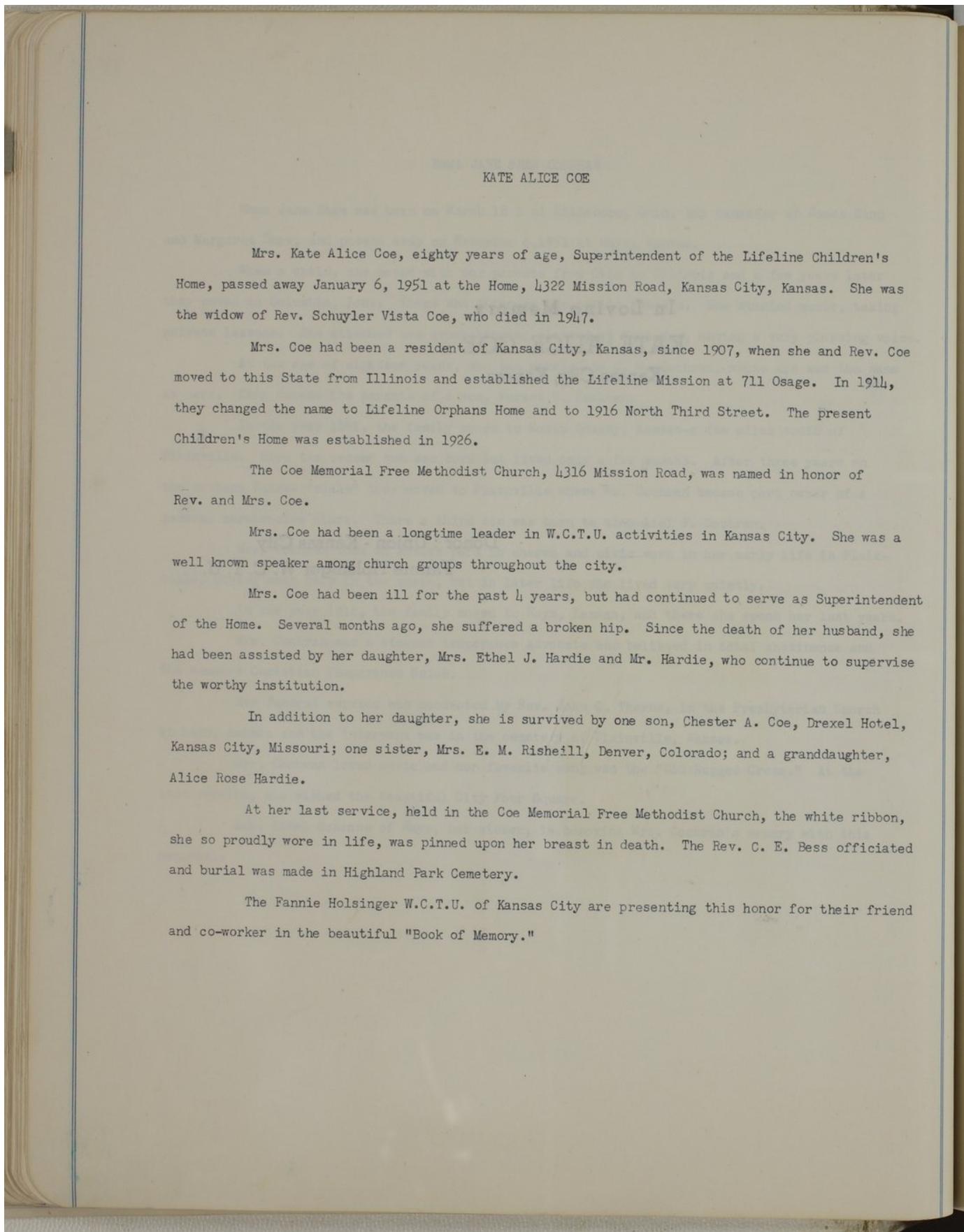
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KATE ALICE COE

Mrs. Kate Alice Coe, eighty years of age, Superintendent of the Lifeline Children's Home, passed away January 6, 1951 at the Home, 4322 Mission Road, Kansas City, Kansas. She was the widow of Rev. Schuyler Vista Coe, who died in 1947.

Mrs. Coe had been a resident of Kansas City, Kansas, since 1907, when she and Rev. Coe moved to this State from Illinois and established the Lifeline Mission at 711 Osage. In 1916, they changed the name to Lifeline Orphans Home and to 1916 North Third Street. The present Children's Home was established in 1926.

The Coe Memorial Free Methodist Church, 1316 Mission Road, was named in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Coe.

Mrs. Coe had been a longtime leader in W.C.T.U. activities in Kansas City. She was a well known speaker among church groups throughout the city.

Mrs. Coe had been ill for the past 4 years, but had continued to serve as Superintendent of the Home. Several months ago, she suffered a broken hip. Since the death of her husband, she had been assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Ethel J. Hardie and Mr. Hardie, who continue to supervise the worthy institution.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by one son, Chester A. Coe, Drexel Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri; one sister, Mrs. E. M. Risheill, Denver, Colorado; and a granddaughter, Alice Rose Hardie.

At her last service, held in the Coe Memorial Free Methodist Church, the white ribbon, she so proudly wore in life, was pinned upon her breast in death. The Rev. C. E. Bess officiated and burial was made in Highland Park Cemetery.

The Fannie Holsinger W.C.T.U. of Kansas City are presenting this honor for their friend and co-worker in the beautiful "Book of Memory."