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In Loving Memory
ELIZABETH EDITH EWING
Arkansas City, Kansas

DONOR — DAUGHTER
AND SON-IN-LAW

Icel Berry
E. S. Berry



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EDITH ELIZABETH STONER EWING

Edith Elizabeth Stoner was born in Adamsville, Ohio, November 20, 1876. In 1888, she moved, with her parents, to a farm in Sumner County, Kansas, in the Mt. Hope neighborhood.

She united with the Methodist church of that community at the age of 14 and continued, throughout her life, to give of her time, her prayers, her talents and her substance, to promote the work of her church.

She was married to Edward Franklin Ewing on September 8th, 1895. To this union was born four daughters and three sons, all of whom survive her. Her children are: Mrs. Nila Lockhart, Shidler, Oklahoma; Mrs. Chas. W. Walker, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. C. R. Bishop and Mrs. E. S. Berry, of Arkansas City, Kansas; H. W. and O. F. Ewing of Hominy, Oklahoma; Chas. E. Ewing of Sterling, Colorado. Early in her married life, she and her husband moved their family to Ramona, Oklahoma, which at that time was a part of the Indian Territory. During the years she spent in pioneer communities of Oklahoma, she was a leader in the interests of the church and better schools. She had learned to play the organ in her early years and loved the hymns of the church. She often gathered the family around the organ for singing hymns. She affiliated with any church group that was active in the community if her church was not organized there. Often she served as organist or pianist for the church she attended. When oil was discovered in Osage County, her husband went to work for an oil company and the family moved to a lease operated by this company. There was no church or Sunday School in the area nor in the small new town of Avant, a few miles from her home. So, together with a Canadian family who had five children, Sunday School was started in the tent home of the Canadian family. Later on a church was built in the town, much against the wishes of the liquor interests which dominated the area. At one time, thugs accosted the minister after night and beat him until his face was a mass of bruises in order to intimidate the people who were trying to improve moral and spiritual conditions in the town. Mother could always be counted on to teach a class, play the organ or piano, furnish flowers for special occasions, or help with any project for raising money to make some needed improvement in the church. If she was not needed as accompanist, she sang in the choir. At one time, three generations of her family were represented in the Arkansas City choir of the Methodist Church. During her years in the frontier towns, Mother saw at first hand, the effects of liquor and the liquor traffic and the evil which always accompanies it. It is probably no exaggeration to say that the liquor business caused her more personal hardship and unhappiness than any other thing in her life. Her last great disappointment came when just a few days before her death, November 6th, 1948, Kansas voters legalized liquor.

The following poem by Claudia Cranston expresses the feeling of her family who make this memorial to her:

I do not build a monument
Of carved white marble for your sake
That only those who pass may read,
And only those memorial make.

My life must be the monument
I consecrate in your behalf;
My charity must carve your name,
My gentleness your epitaph.

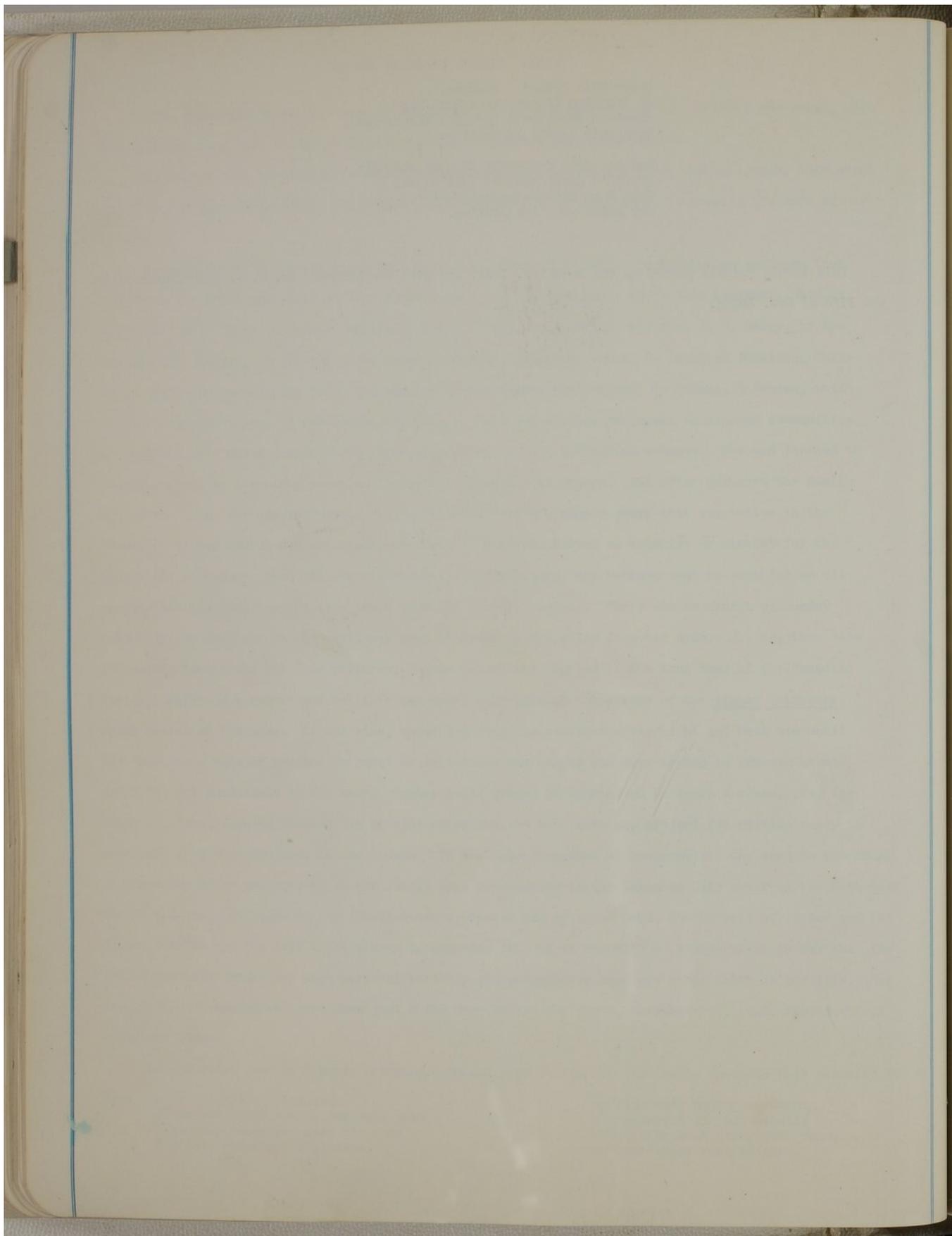
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Above this record I engrave,
No drooping figure there must be;
Straight shouldered courage, starry-eyed,
Mark this scroll of destiny.

And may some fragments of your strength
By God's great mystery fall on me,
That thru this monument of mine,
May shine your immortality.

This lovely tribute penned by the daughter, Icel, who with her husband, Mr. E. S. Berry, memorialize the life of Mrs. Ewing.

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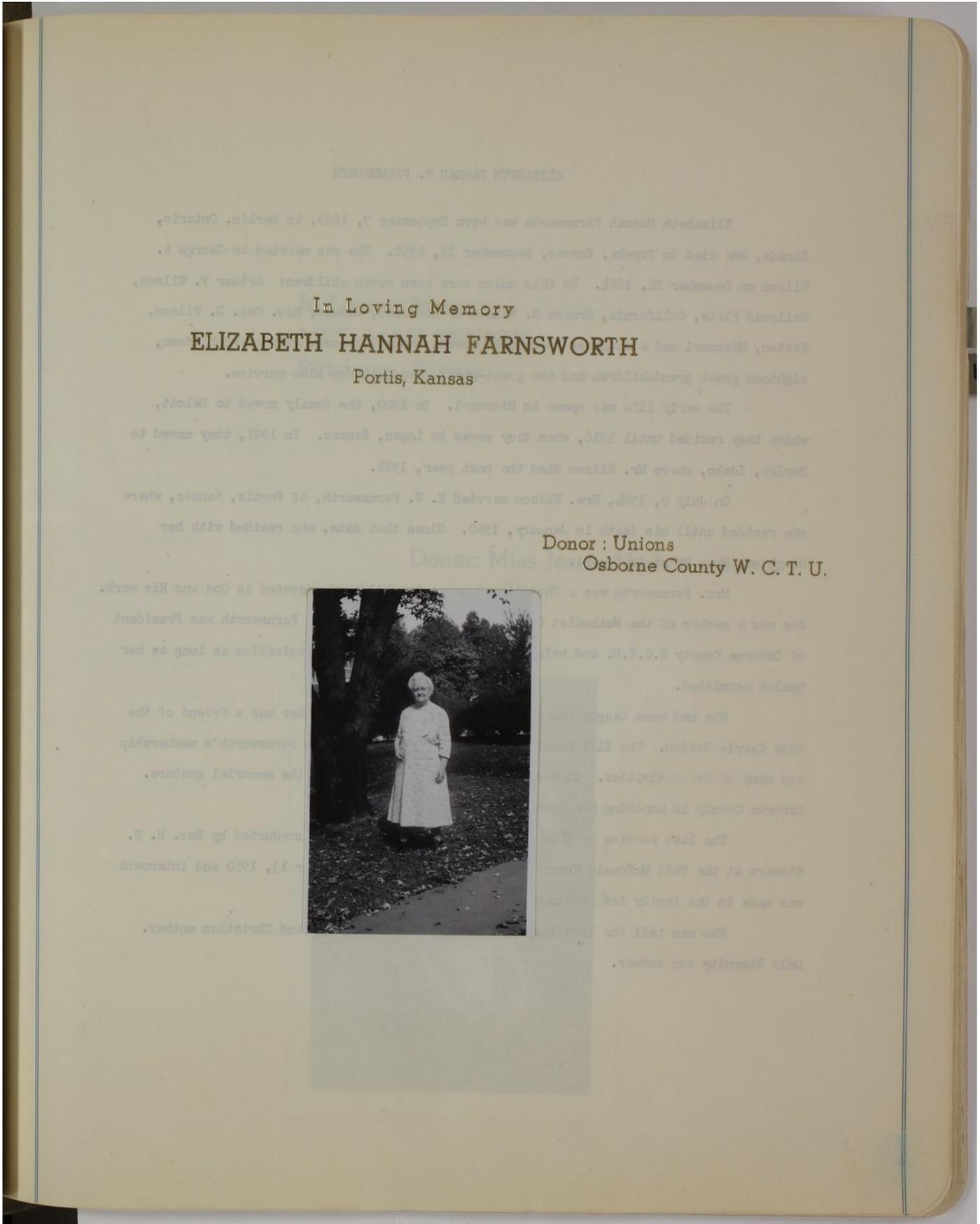
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ELIZABETH HANNAH FARNSWORTH

Elizabeth Hannah Farnsworth was born September 7, 1867, in Berlin, Ontario, Canada, and died in Topeka, Kansas, September 17, 1950. She was married to George A. Wilson on December 24, 1888. To this union were born seven children: Arthur F. Wilson, Lillian F. Wilson, Ernest W. Wilson, Robert E. Wilson, Geo. D. Wilson, Lillian F. Wilson, and George A. Wilson.

In Loving Memory

ELIZABETH HANNAH FARNSWORTH

Portis, Kansas

On July 9, 1928, Mrs. Wilson married E. W. Farnsworth, of Portis, Kansas, where she resided until her death in Topeka, Kansas, September 17, 1950. Since that date, she resided with her husband in Topeka, Kansas. In 1921, they moved to Portis, Kansas, where Mr. Wilson died the next year, 1922.

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The early life was spent in Missouri. In 1900, the family moved to Beloit, where they resided until 1916, when they moved to Logan, Kansas. In 1921, they moved to Burley, Idaho, where Mr. Wilson died the next year, 1922.

On July 9, 1924, Mrs. Wilson married E. W. Farnsworth, of Portis, Kansas, where she resided until his death in January, 1950. Since that date, she resided with her daughter, Mrs. Wyant in Topeka.

Mrs. Farnsworth was a Christian from early childhood, devoted to God and His work. She was a member of the Methodist Church. For twenty years, Mrs. Farnsworth was President of Osborne County W.C.T.U. and held different offices in that organization as long as her health permitted.

She had been taught temperance in her youth and her mother was a friend of the late Carrie Nation. The Kill Creek W.C.T.U. was the home of Mrs. Farnsworth's membership and many of her activities. It was this union that has promoted the memorial gesture. Osborne County is honoring her in the beautiful Book of Memory.

The last service of this devoted temperance worker was conducted by Rev. H. H. Stewart at the Vail McDonald Funeral Home, on Wednesday, September 13, 1950 and interment was made in the family lot in Elmwood Cemetery.

Who can tell the long lasting influence of a good, devoted Christian mother.
Only Eternity can answer.

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In Loving Memory
MRS. MAY FELTON
Pittsburg, Kansas

Doner: Miss Jessie Nash, a niece



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MRS. MAY FELTON

Mrs. May Felton was born on a farm near Blue Mound, Kansas August 1, 1881. Her parents names were Frank and Nancy Ellen Van Buskirk. In 1904 she was married to Oscar Felton in her parents home in Lynn County. After being left a widow and the death of her parents, she moved to Pittsburg in September 1926.

She had been a member of the Methodist Church since a young girl and became an active member of the W. C. T. U. after moving to Pittsburg. She was Vice President of the Mary Boulware Union in 1931. She was especially interested in speech contests in the schools, essay and poster contests, publicity by having articles from the Union Signal printed in the news papers. She was also interested in Legislation and Literature.

She loved children and young people. She was very much interested in the betterment of the nation. She worked hard in trying to get Prohibition back. She loved her Church work and attended as long as she was able.

Mrs. Felton passed away April 28, 1956 at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg. Her funeral was at Ellsworth's Funeral Home April 30, 1956 and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Blue Mound, Kansas.

Mrs. Felton lived her entire life in Lynn and Crawford counties. She was a wonderful woman and went about doing good always.

I think probably her favorits Hymn was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Now Abideth Faith, Hope, Charity and the greatest of these was Charity.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF AUNT MAY
HER NIECE----MISS JESSIE NASH

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In Loving Memory
RACHEL PACKER FINKLE
Meade, Kansas



DONOR— DAUGHTER,
GRANDCHILDREN
Mayme Finkle Lewis
Grandchildren

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RACHEL MALINDA PACKER FINKLE

Rachel Packer was born in Hardin County, Ohio on November 13, 1859 and passed away at the Hospital in Liberal, Kansas, on January 3, 1930 following a short illness.

On August 8, 1882 she was united in marriage to W. H. Finkle. Three children blessed the home: Harry W. Finkle, Dodge City, Kansas; Mayme Finkle Lewis, a registered nurse, of Liberal, Kansas; and Frankie Floyal, who died in infancy. The family came to Meade, Kansas in the year 1901 and Mrs. Finkle resided there until she departed this life. Mrs. Finkle was converted in childhood, uniting with the Methodist Church in Dunkirk, Ohio. Whenever she changed her place of abode, she always took her church membership with her and established her church home as well. She lived a devoted Christian life and to her, the Bible was the Book of Books. No day's work was finished until she had read from God's word. She was especially helpful where there was illness, remembering those in need with her presence, food and flowers. Mrs. Finkle was a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Meade in its early days of the organization and often entertained guest speakers in her home.

Just before leaving this earthly life, with a sweet smile on her face as her faithful husband and daughter stood by, she looked up and said, "It looks so pretty, I can't wait any longer, Goodbye." Her funeral services were held in her home, which she loved so dearly, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Forest Rohl and Rev. L. E. McNeil, Superintendent of Epworth Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, the son and daughter, and her grandchildren--Hollis William, Marcella Floy, Donald LeRoy, Billy Dean and Charles Ray Finkle.

Her loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren honor her in the beautiful Book of Memory.

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In Loving Memory

W. H. FINKLE

Meade, Kansas

Donor : Union

Meade W. C. T. U.



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W. H. FINKLE

W. H. Finkle passed away at his home in Meade, Kansas, on March 18, 1953. He was ninety-three years of age and had been a resident of Meade for more than fifty years.

He had been an honorary member of the Womens' Christian Temperance Union for fourteen years before his death. He had been a member of the Methodist Church since boyhood, and was very active in the work, and faithful in attendance as long as his health permitted.

His late wife, who passed on many years ago, was a long time member of the W.C.T.U.

Mr. Finkle is survived by a son, Harry, of Dodge City, and a daughter, Mrs. Mayme Lewis, of the home, who is president of the local union. Mrs. Lewis faithfully cared for him during his declining years, and his last illness. Five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive him.

The Meade local union, Womens Christian Temperance Union, is honoring his name, as a loving memorial in the Book of Memory.

*W. H. Finkle
Meade
Kansas
Mrs. Mayme Lewis
Livingston*

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In Loving Memory
CARRIE GILL FOWLER
Ottawa Kansas

DONOR—UNION
Ottawa W. C. T. U.



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CARRIE GILL FOWLER

Carrie Gill was born in Ladoga, Indiana, June 22, 1871. In early childhood, she came to Kansas with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gill. She was married to Nicholas M. Fowler, September 5, 1889.

They lived in and around LeLoup for several years where a son Harry Fowler was born. The family moved to a ranch near Coats, Kansas, and later lived at Garfield, Larned, and Andover.

Four grandchildren are Max Fowler of Canton, Oklahoma, -Mrs. Nadine Johannes, -and Donna Mae Fowler of Ottawa, -and Joe Ann Fowler of Topeka.

Three great grandchildren are: Gene and Charlotte Johannes of Ottawa and Robert Fowler of Canton, Oklahoma. Mrs. Elmer Dougherty of Ottawa is her sister.

Shortly after her marriage, Mrs. Fowler joined the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, contributing to it loyalty, energy and enthusiasm. During long years of service, she was local president of LeLoup, Sharon, and Medicine Lodge; county president of Barber and Greenwood counties, and from 1899 to 1903, assisted Mrs. Jennie Kemp as editor of the Messenger. She served as State Director of Health and Temperance, Flower Mission and Relief and Child Welfare.

In January of this year her relatives and friends honored her with a Living Memorial.

Mrs. Fowler was a member of the Methodist Church until the very end. She was a faithful and active worker in Church, Civic affairs, and the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

She passed on to her heavenly home on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956.

The Ottawa W. C. T.U. honored Mrs. Gill as a Living Memorial and have now transferred her name to "In Memoriam" in the State's Book of Memory.

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In Loving Memory

CHARLES SIMON FOSSETT
EDITH JOHNSON FOSSETT

Caldwell, Kansas



Donors: Sons
William J. Fossett
Paul D. Fossett



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CHARLES SIMON FOSSETT - EDITH JOHNSON FOSSETT

Charles Simon Fossett was born October 30, 1868, at Mankato, Minnesota, and passed away at his home in Caldwell, Kansas, on August 17, 1950, following a stroke suffered two days previous at his place of business.

Mr. Fossett came with his parents to Kansas on June 25, 1874, walking behind the covered wagon, although quite young. He made the run in the Cherokee Strip Opening and staked a claim a few miles over the Kansas line in Grant County, Oklahoma.

On November 24, 1904, he was married to Edith Johnson, originally from Ohio. To this union, two sons, Warren Johnson Fossett and Paul Dee Fossett were born.

Mr. Fossett followed his trade of harness and saddle making throughout the years, having maintained a shop for more than fifty years.

Elected as Mayor of Caldwell for two terms, he made his last public appearance at the dedication of Caldwell's 'White Way' in December, 1949, when he was asked to tell of the town's progress through the years.

He also served as Director of the Caldwell State Bank.

Mr. Fossett, always faithful to his church, served as Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for 35 years, being chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Church, at the time of his death. This post he had held for forty consecutive years.

He also was an honorary member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and maintained a helpful co-operation with that group.

Mr. Fossett further proved his good citizenship and helpful interest in others, by becoming a charter member of the Lions Club, serving as president in 1928. His eulogies to departed members were inspiring and he often gave the invocation at the weekly meetings.

Besides the two sons, Mr. Fossett is survived by two brothers: Frank of Riverside, California, Winfred of Wellington, Kansas and a sister, Dora Gibson of Montson, California.

His last rites were conducted at the Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Karl O. Magnusson, assisted by a former pastor, Dr. Raymond Dewey of Winfield, Kansas. His fellow Lions attended the service, and he was laid to rest in the Caldwell Cemetery.

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Edith Ann Johnson was born in Ohio and passed away at the home of a son in Enid, Oklahoma, after an illness of several days, on July 13, 1951.

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Her husband, Charles Simon Fossett preceded her in death less than one year. She is survived by her two sons, Warren J. and Paul Dee and their wives; two grandchildren, Paul Dee and Fondra Fossett of Enid, Oklahoma; one brother, Albert Johnson of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Mrs. Mert Buckley, of Wichita and Hazel Fulton of Indianapolis, Indiana. A brother, Edgar Johnson of Caldwell preceded her in death.

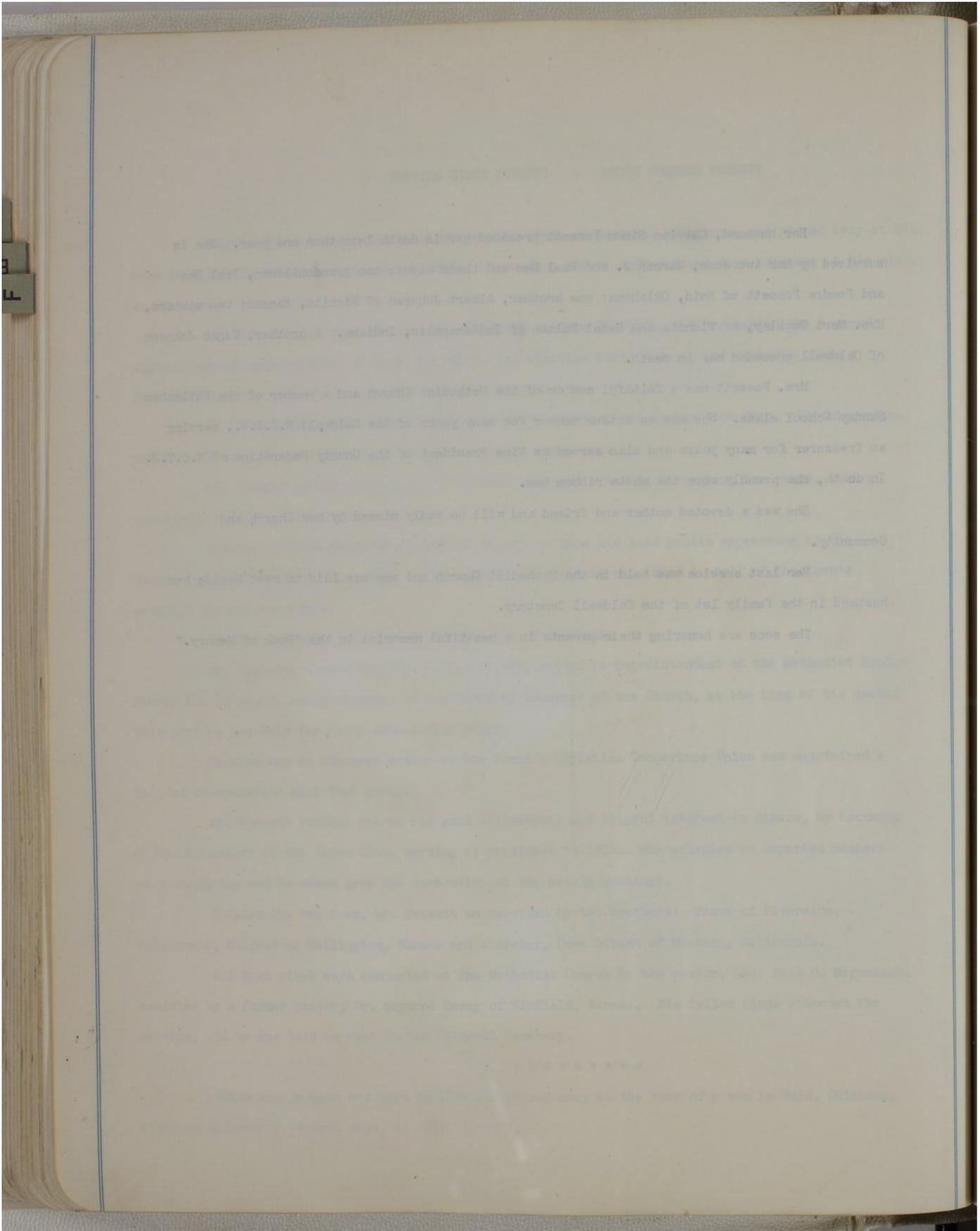
Mrs. Fossett was a faithful member of the Methodist Church and a member of the Philathea Sunday School class. She was an active member for many years of the Caldwell W.C.T.U., serving as Treasurer for many years and also served as Vice President of the County Federation of W.C.T.U. In death, she proudly wore the white ribbon bow.

She was a devoted mother and friend and will be sadly missed by her Church and Community.

Her last service was held in the Methodist Church and she was laid to rest beside her husband in the family lot of the Caldwell Cemetery.

The sons are honoring their parents in a beautiful memorial in the "Book of Memory."

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In Loving Memory
ELSIE EVELYN FRITTS

Ottawa, Kansas



DONOR: DAUGHTER,
Staff Sg't. and Mrs. Joseph Lee

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Elsie Evelyn Fritts

Elsie Evelyn Mulvany was born December 3, 1904 about 4 miles northeast of Baldwin City, Kansas, to John Calvin and Julia Evelyn Mulvany. She lived in Douglas County until the spring of 1911, except for about 2 years when she lived with her parents in Lincoln, Nebraska.

She lived in Franklin County and Ottawa the rest of her life. She attended part of her first year of school in Douglas County and the rest of her schooling she received in Franklin County and Ottawa, Kansas.

Elsie moved with her parents to the Tauty neighborhood in the spring of 1916. She joined the Tauty Baptist Church and was baptized May 18, 1919. Here she taught beginners and primary classes and was superintendent of the Cradle Roll for ten or more years, besides being active in young people groups, the women's union and other activities of the church.

Elsie joined the WCTU in August, 1927, at the same time her mother did.

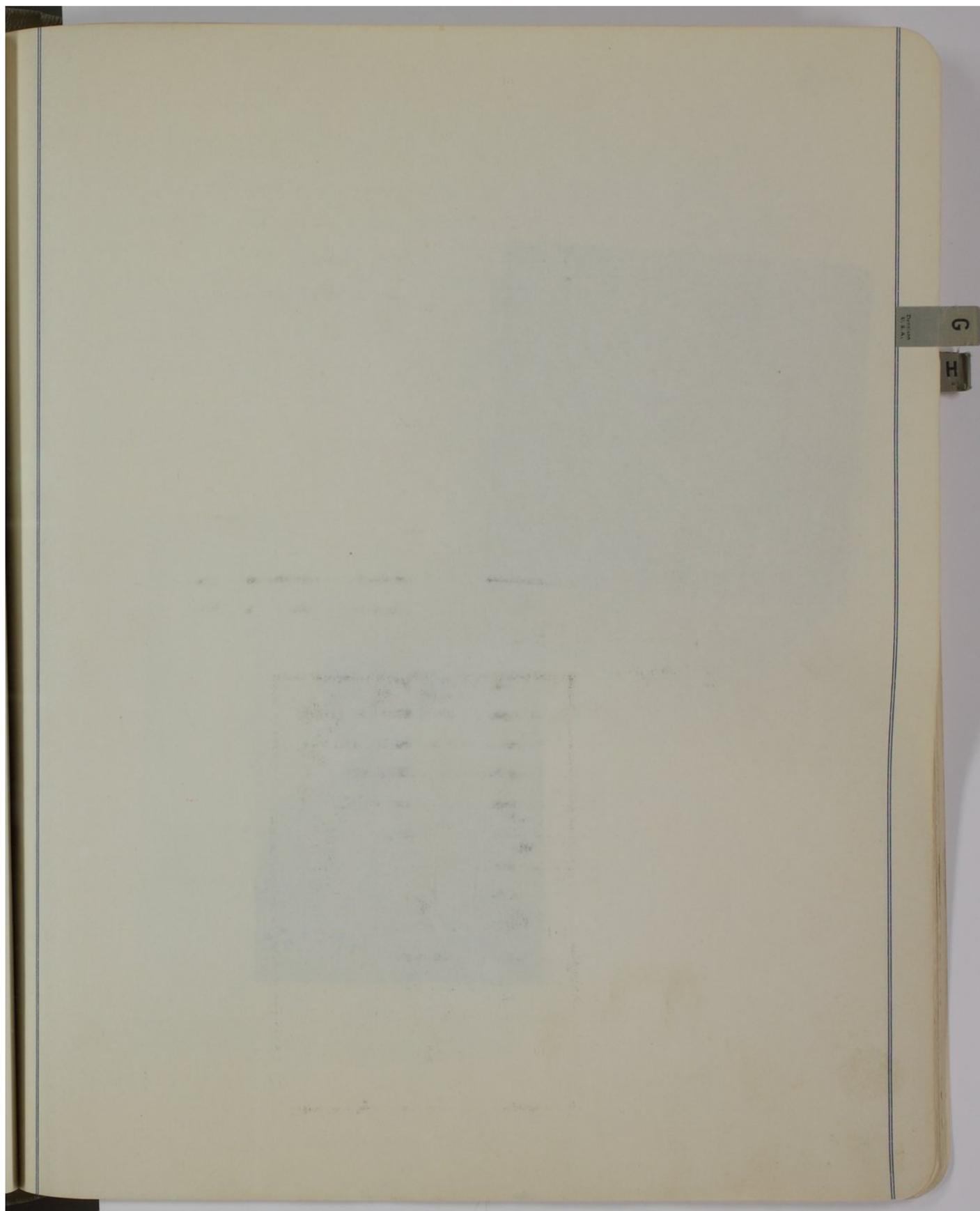
She was married November 21, 1927 to Albert Fritts of Ottawa and lived all her married life on the same farm in Tauty neighborhood.

Elsie continued being active in the Tauty Church after her marriage. She was the mother of four children. All four were members of Tauty Church. Elsie was grandmother of five.

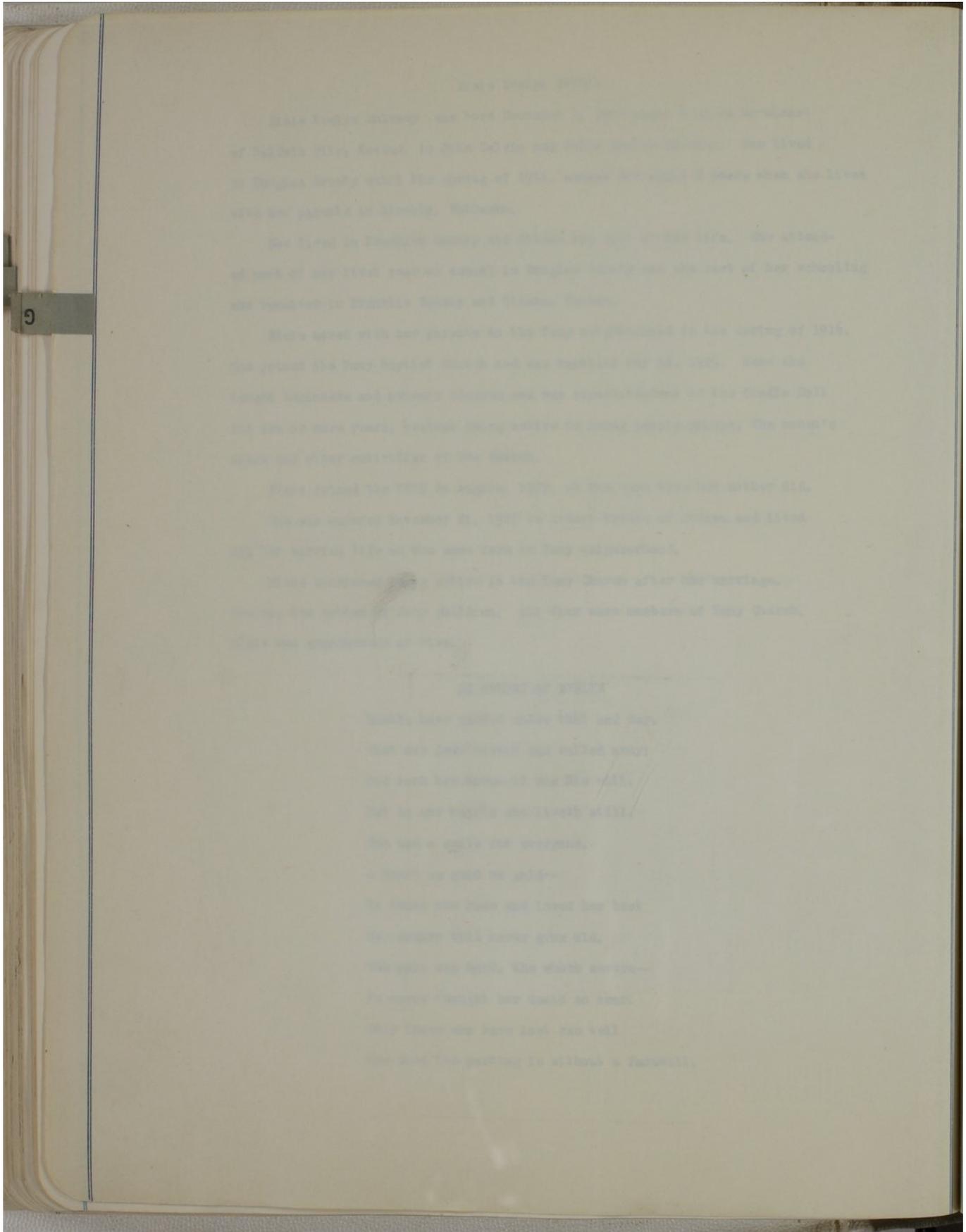
IN MEMORY OF EVELYN

Months have passed since that sad day,
That our dear sister was called away;
God took her home--it was His will,
But in our hearts she liveth still.
She had a smile for everyone,
A heart as good as gold--
To those who knew and loved her best
Her memory will never grow old.
The pain was hard, the shock severe--
We never thought her death so near.
Only those who have lost can tell
How hard the parting is without a farewell.

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In Loving Memory
MARY PRUETT GARTON
Larned, Kansas

Donor : Daughters

Izora Hunt
Maurine Boland
Florence McCarty
Pearl Vratil



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MARY ANN PRUETT GARTON

Mary Ann Pruett was born in an old homestead north west of Larned, on September 9, 1878. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pruett, came to Kansas from Illinois in 1874. She spent most of her life in Pawnee, County and it was there she felt most at home. She was a member of the Larned Methodist Church, transferring from the church at Burdett, May 8, 1932. She was a very faithful member of the Larned WCTU always willing to help anywhere to share the work for the temperance cause. She always sent the young crusader to her grand children, and was a Rock of Ages member.

On October 29, 1902, she was united in marriage to Franklin Garton and to this union six children were born. Her husband preceeded her in death in 1936. An infant son and a daughter, Lucille, also preceeded her in death.

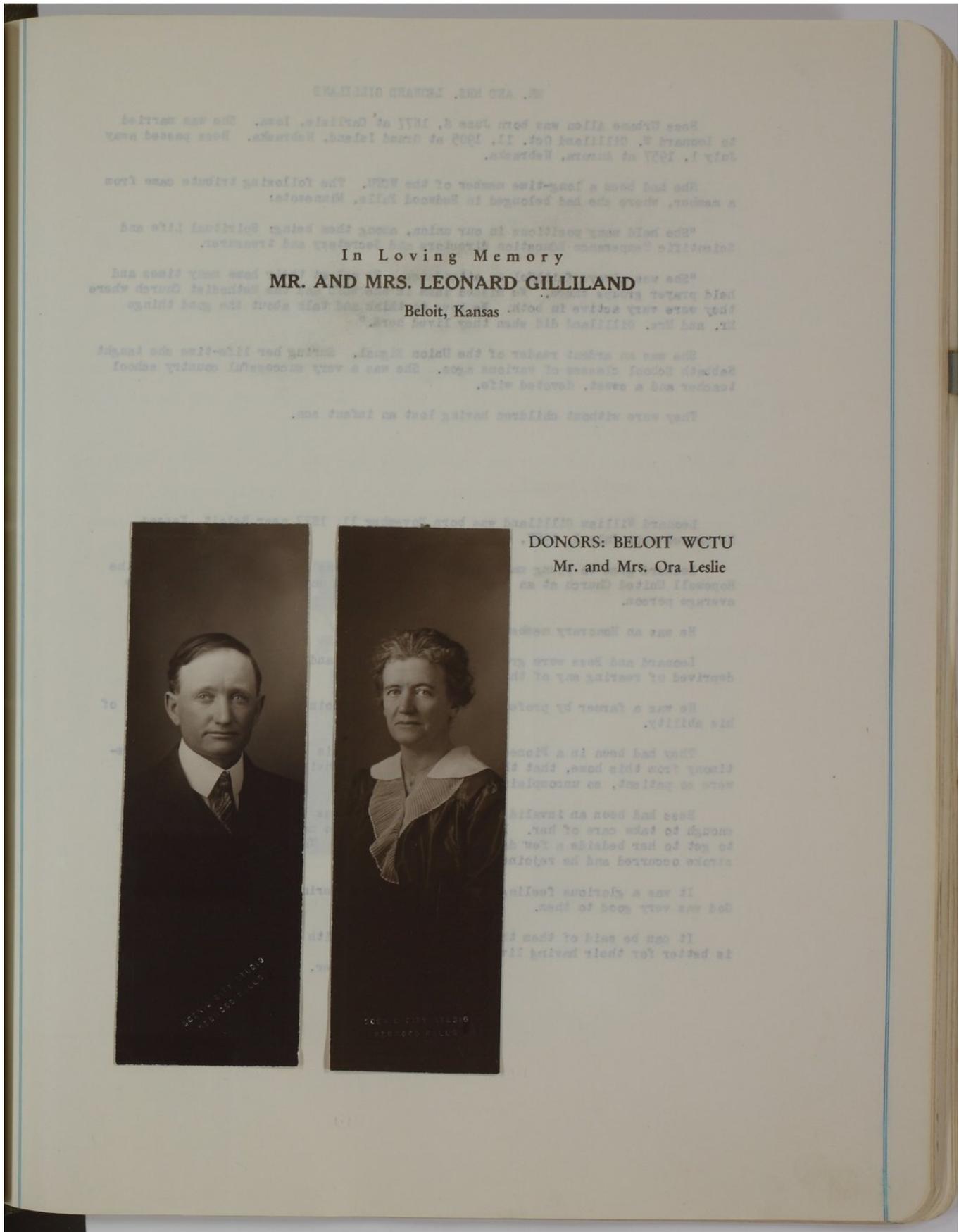
Mrs. Garton loved her family and many friends. She took a keen delight in all the beauties of nature.

She leaves to mourn her untimely passing on September 19, 1951, the result of a week's illness following lightning striking the daughters home, Mrs. Harry Hunt, in Wellington, the following: Her four daughters, Mrs. Maurine Boland, Garden City; Mrs. Florence McCarty and Mrs. Pearl Vratil both of Larned and Mrs. Izona Hunt, Wellington; also by five grand daughters, one sister Jessie Tryon, Rozel, two neices and a nephew.

Her last service was held September 22, In Larned, Rev. W. W. Owen, her pastor, officiating.

Her four daughters are honoring their mother in this memorial.

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MR. AND MRS. LEONARD GILLILAND

Bess Urbane Allen was born June 8, 1877 at Carlisle, Iowa. She was married to Leonard W. Gilliland Oct. 11, 1905 at Grand Island, Nebraska. Bess passed away July 1, 1957 at Aurora, Nebraska.

She had been a long-time member of the WCTU. The following tribute came from a member, where she had belonged in Redwood Falls, Minnesota:

"She held many positions in our union, among them being: Spiritual Life and Scientific Temperance Education directors and Secretary and treasurer.

"She was always faithful in attendance. We met at their home many times and held prayer groups there. We missed them in the WCTU and the Methodist Church where they were very active in both. We love to think and talk about the good things Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland did when they lived here."

She was an ardent reader of the Union Signal. During her life-time she taught Sabbath School classes of various ages. She was a very successful country school teacher and a sweet, devoted wife.

They were without children having lost an infant son.

Leonard William Gilliland was born November 11, 1877 near Beloit, Kansas. He passed away July 3, 1957, at Aurora, Nebraska.

Leonard grew to young manhood near Beloit, Kansas and became a member of the Hopewell United Church at an early age and memorized more of the Bible than the average person.

He was an Honorary member of the Beloit WCTU.

Leonard and Bess were great lovers of children and young people, altho' deprived of rearing any of their own.

He was a farmer by profession and believed in doing everything to the best of his ability.

They had been in a Pioneer Home a year and as his sister, I cherish the testimony from this home, that the minister quoted at their double funeral: "They were so patient, so uncomplaining and so in love."

Bess had been an invalid for some time, so it was his desire to live long enough to take care of her. It was typical of him to make a last supreme effort to get to her bedside a few days before her passing. When told she had gone, a stroke occurred and he rejoined her in 42 hours.

It was a glorious feeling to know that all suffering and pain had passed. God was very good to them.

It can be said of them that they lived humbly with their God and the world is better for their having lived in it.

--His sister, Mrs. Ora Leslie

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MARY MAUDE KESLING GORE
Larned, Kansas

Donor : Sons

Keith Gore
Homer Gore



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MARY MAUDE KESLING GORE

Mary Maude Kesling was born September 25, 1874 near Logansport, Indiana, the eldest child of Perry and Ermina Kesting and departed this life at Larned, Kansas August 24, 1951 at the age of 76 years and 11 months.

She was united in marriage to Ernest Gore on April 12, 1905. They moved to Kansas in September of 1908, residing near Larned since that date.

She was preceded in death by three children, two of whom died in infancy and a daughter, Beth, who passed away January 14, 1940; also, her husband, who died July 22, 1942 and one brother, Percy Kesling, who died in 1926.

Surviving are two sons Keith and Homer and six grandchildren of Larned; three brother, Harry of Farmersville, Ohio, William of Lakeville, Indiana, and Emmett of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Gore was a faithful member of the Larned Methodist Church, having been received in 1920 under the pastorate of Dr. I. D. Harris. She was a beloved and faithful member of the local WCTU for many years and also belonged to the Ash Valley Grange.

She will be held in tender memory as a loving mother devoted to her family and true and loyal to her friends. She will be greatly missed by her loved ones and friends.

Her last service was conducted by her pastor Rev. W. W. Owen on August 26, 1951.

Her two sons are honoring her with this memorial.