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MRS. WINNIE LYONS

Lawrence, Kansas

Donor: Daughter, Miss Ida Lyons



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MRS. WINNIE LYONS

Edwina Lydia (Smith) Lyons, daughter of Edwin and Lydia (Hiatt) Smith, was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1856, and passed away in Lawrence, Kansas, May 9, 1947. When she was only a year old her parents, with their four children, came to Kansas, settling on a farm near Twin Mounds, in western Douglas County.

Farming raw prairie land was not very profitable, and especially after the drought of 1860. Her father rented his land in the early summer of 1863, and came to Lawrence where he hoped to find work and a place for his family to live. He went into partnership with a Mr. George Sargent in a grocery and meat market. During Quantrell's Raid on Lawrence, he escaped unharmed but his partner was killed. He then started his own grocery store and in September 1863, brought his family to Lawrence where they remained for seven years, then returned to their farm where they built a stone house which is still occupied by the present owners of the farm. The University of Kansas had long been established at Lawrence, and Winnie was ready for college which in the beginning was more like a high school of later years. At the age of sixteen, she taught a spring term in a neighboring school district, riding horseback to and from school. The next year she spent several months in St. Charles, Missouri, assisting a cousin who was teaching ex-slaves how to read and write in a "Freedom School."

A descendent of a long line of Quaker ancestors, she had a birthright in the Society of Friends, but there being no Friend's Meeting nearer than Lawrence, twenty miles away she joined the Methodist Church at the age of seventeen and was a faithful member until her death.

On September 29, 1875, she was married to William (Billy) Lyons, a farmer and a native of Indiana. They became the parents of eight children, six of whom reached maturity. In 1893, they moved to a farm near Pleasant Grove in Douglas County, which was their home for twenty-five years. During those years, Winnie taught a Sunday School class at the High Prairie Methodist church, and for many years was president of the Ladies' Aid Society.

In 1918, with their children all grown and doing for themselves, they retired from the farm and came to Lawrence to make their home. Here she soon became active in the First Methodist Church, in Sunday School and both Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. She joined the Lawrence Woman's Christian Temperance Union and was one of its most devoted members, serving the Union in many capacities. When the Lawrence Chapter of the American War Mothers was organized, she was the first president and in her 89th year, was elected State President for a term of two years planning and conducting both State Conventions. She served as president of the local American Legion Auxiliary and for some time as treasurer. She was State Chaplain of the Women's Relief Corps, an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was secretary of the Lawrence Corps for many years until a short time before her death. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Douglas County Historical Society, for which she wrote several articles, and a member of the Quivera Club. Several papers she prepared for club programs were printed in our local paper. She had the gift of rhyme. Many verses she wrote are prized by her friends and relatives. A poem dedicated to the War Mothers was adopted by the Lawrence chapter as the chapter song.

She survived her husband by over fifteen years. After his death, she made her home with a daughter, Miss Ida in Lawrence. Though failing in strength during the last months of her life, her mind was alert until the end, having lived ninety years, ten months, and twenty-eight days.

Surely, "Strength and honor are her clothing." "Her children rise up and call her blessed."
"Her works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31st Chapter.

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Clay Center, Kansas

Donors: William Mall, husband
Clay Center WCTU



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MRS. WILLIAM MALL

Rosa Friederich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Friederich, Sr., was born June 4, 1887 in Riley County, Kansas, 10 miles east of Clay Center and died July 25, 1961 at the age of 74 year.

She was a graduate of the Dorcas Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, after which she took nurse's training and was graduated from the Bethesda Hospital Training School in Cincinnati. She served as a deaconess in full time Christian service for many years in Cincinnati and Kansas City.

She gave her heart and life to her Lord in her youth and joined the Ebenezer Methodist Church near Clay Center, of which she remained a faithful member until her death. She served as Sunday School teacher, president of the Dorcas Society and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was a faithful member of the Clay Center Woman's Christian Temperance Union and served for several years as president and was also county president of Clay County WCTU.

On February 14, 1924, she was united in marriage to William Mall and they lived on his farm until November 1959 when they moved to Clay Center. She is survived by her husband, an adopted son Robert, a sister, Mrs. Mary Heer and four brothers, John, Will, Fred and Herman Friederich.

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ELLEN LAURA MARTIN

Clay Center, Kansas

Donors: Her Family

Clay Center Union



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ELLEN LAURA MARTIN

Mrs. Fred Martin was born in Uniondale Community, near Wakefield, Kansas, July 18, 1883 and died March 29, 1961, at the home of her son Harold.

Ellen spent her girlhood days on the farm with her parents, one sister and seven brothers. She attended school at Uniondale and also at Wakefield.

It was during a revival meeting in the Uniondale Baptist Church when Ellen was a girl that the Spirit of God showed her the need of a Savior, that she earnestly sought the Lord and was born into the Kingdom of God.

May 1, 1902 Ellen was united in marriage to Fred William Martin. For four years they made their home near Hinton, Oklahoma, where their two oldest sons were born. In 1907 they moved to a farm southeast of Clay Center, which became their permanent home until their retirement, with the exception of a trip to England in 1912 to visit Fred's parents, brother and sisters and four and one-half years spent in Roseburg, Oregon where their youngest son was born.

In 1917 they returned to their Kansas home, and in 1944 they retired to a home on Lincoln Avenue in Clay Center.

Their three sons and families were Harold and wife Miriam, and their three children: JoAnn, Gene, and Gerald; Laurence and wife Mina and three children: Laurence, Ruth and Rachel; Frederick and his wife Emma and four children; Barbara, Mary Ellen, Freddie and Nancee.

Mrs. Martin had fourteen great-grandchildren at the time of her death.

For many years Mrs. Martin was a member of the WCTU both at Broughton, and later at Clay Center. Her home was open to children's meetings and prayer meetings. She had a great influence for good in the lives of many children, and for many years was the leader of a weekly Loyal Temperance Legion group.

For many years Mrs. Martin worked in the Methodist Church at Broughton, where her family were all members, and later at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Clay Center where she was a faithful member.

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MRS. LUCINDA MacCLEMENT

Sterling, Kansas

Donor: Sterling W. C. T. U.



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MRS. LUCINDA MacCLEMENT

Lucy Stolfus was born December 23, 1874, at Concord, Tennessee, and passed away October 5, 1968, at the Sterling, Kansas Community Hospital.

In 1894, her family moved to Olathe, Kansas, where she taught in the Johnson County school system until her marriage to Robert Porter MacClement in 1910. They moved to Sterling, Kansas in 1923.

Her husband and one son preceded her in death. She is survived by her sons: Harold, of Kansas City and Everett of Oklahoma City, and by a daughter, Mrs. Jean Aikin of Los Angeles.

She was an active member of the Sterling Reformed Presbyterian Church and of the Sterling W.C.T.U.

The Bible and books were an important part of life to her. We can think of her life as a book, for Paul wrote, "Ye are our epistles, written in our hearts, known and read of all men." From her we read inspiration, encouragement, challenge, kindness, love, and understanding. Even to the day before her death, when she was stricken by a heart attack, she was alert and interested in the events of the day and the progress in the work of the Church of Jesus Christ.

"In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

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Sterling, Kansas

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ROLLIN MARQUIS McALLASTER

Leoti, Kansas

Donor: Leoti WCTU



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ROLLIN MARQUIS McALLASTER

Rollin Marquis McAllaster was born in Osage County, Kansas, January 17, 1892, and departed from this world August 6, 1963, at the age of 71 years, 6 months and 20 days.

At the age of 12 years, he moved to western Kansas where he learned to love the western country, especially the family homestead. Later he purchased the homestead and there he lived and labored as a rancher and farmer.

He took a public stand for God at a meeting held at the Carwood Presbyterian Church, which was led by a Salvation Army worker. He memorized the Westminster Shorter Catechism and was awarded a Bible that he prized highly.

July 23, 1917, he was united in marriage to Edna Pearl Stahley, who survives him. To this union six children were born. Aleta and Mertie preceded him into eternity. The living children are: Professor Elva McAllaster of Greenville, Ill.; Iladeene (Mrs. James) Leierer, Langley, Washington; Wendale McAllaster, M.D., Great Bend, Kansas; Rev. Allan McAllaster, New Brighton, Minnesota. In addition, he is survived by thirteen grandchildren, two great grand children, two brothers (Albert, of Leoti and Ernest of Lyons).

About 1926, after a moving religious experience, he united with the Free Methodist Church which he greatly loved.

About 10 years ago he developed heart trouble. In 1954 he had a serious heart operation which, in the providence of God, was successful and was instrumental in giving him additional years; he truly felt that this was "borrowed time". In the winter of 1962 his health failed and finally God called him home.

The younger daughter, who could not come home for her father's memorial service, sent these lines of tribute:

ONE MORE "THANKS" TO DADDY

Thank you for just being my Daddy.

Thank you for being jolly--probably you were many times just for my sake.

Thank you for working so hard--so that there were clothes to wear and food to eat.

Thank you for making personal sacrifices for me, even for the many times I know you made sacrifices when I didn't realize it.

Thank you for helping me make the right choices in life.

Thank you for being understanding, when I'm afraid I wasn't very easy to understand.

Thank you for the family altar, and for all the many prayers you have prayed for me.

Thank you for teaching me of God and that His ways are perfect
Thank you for so many, many things I can't list here!

My heart grieves for you, Dear Daddy, but I know your happiness is complete now, being with Him who does all things well!

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MRS. RUTH McCAMMON

Jetmore, Kansas

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RUTH McCAMMON

Ruth Jones McCammon was born in Walnut, Kansas, November 2, 1878, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Jones.

She died at the Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita at the age of 87 years and 29 days December 1, 1965.

She was united in marriage with Lemuel M. McCammon in June, 1903. She lived in Wichita from 1928 until 1957 when she moved to Jetmore to be near her sister. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1937 and sister, Helen Woodworth, and brother, Robert Jones.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Oxford for more than 50 years. She also was a member of the Jetmore Methodist Church, WSCS and WCTU of Jetmore.

She leaves to mourn her passing, a brother, Forrest P. Jones of Wichita, nine nieces and nephews as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

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SARAH McCaULEY

Donors: Her Family,
Mr. and Mrs. Homer McCauley
Mrs. Ruby McCauley



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SARAH ALICE MC CAULEY

Sarah Alice House, daughter of John and Rebecca House, was born on June 5, 1871 at Batesville, Ohio, and passed away at the Logan Rest Home in Logan, Kansas, on October 1, 1963, at the age of 92 years, 3 months, and 26 days. At the age of seven, she moved with her family to Iowa, and then in approximately 1880, they moved to a farm south of Webster, Kansas. In 1888 she was baptised into Christ, and became a member of the First Christian Church in Stockton. From that day forward until her health failed, she worked loyally and devotedly for her Lord. She taught a ladies class in the Bible School for more than forty years. She sang in the choir, sang for funerals, and other occasions and worked diligently in women's society of the church. In fact, her whole life centered around the Church. She was a faithful member of the Stockton WCTU.

On February 10, 1890, she was married to James McCauley. To this union, two sons, Homer and Warren were born. In June, 1962, Warren passed away. Others who preceded her in death include her parents, two sisters, and a brother.

Those who remain to mourn her passing, include her son, Homer and his wife, Hilda; her other daughter-in-law, Ruby McCauley, who cared for her so tenderly the past three years; three sisters: Charlotte Craig, Martha Gibbs, and Maggie Robinson, all of Stockton; two brothers; Albert of North Platte, Nebraska, and Walter of Rush Colorado; five grandsons, twelve great-grandchildren and a great number of other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held at the Christian Church on Thursday, October 3 with Clifford Hauxwell preaching and Smith Funeral Home in charge. Burial was at the Stockton Cemetery.

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EMMA McCOY
Wichita, Kansas

Donors: Her Daughter and
Stevens Union, Wichita



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EMMA MCCOY

Mrs. Emma McCoy was born in Galion, Ohio, October 14, 1869, and died August 6, 1964, at the age of 94 years. She moved to Derby, Kansas, in 1883, was married to J. F. McCoy in 1892 and moved to Wichita where she lived until her death. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago.

She had been a member of the W.C.T.U. for 45 or 50 years, always interested and prayerful, although in the later years she could not attend. She was a Rock of Ages member for many years.

By her own contribution, she was a Living Memorial member; she was frail, but her mind was keen until she had a stroke which shortened her days. She was of a retiring nature but the members of the Stevens W.C.T.U. appreciated her interest in their work and her words of commendation when they accomplished something worth while. She was always interested in how her union stood in state activities.

Surviving her are her beloved children, Mary Gross, Carl and Frank McCoy.

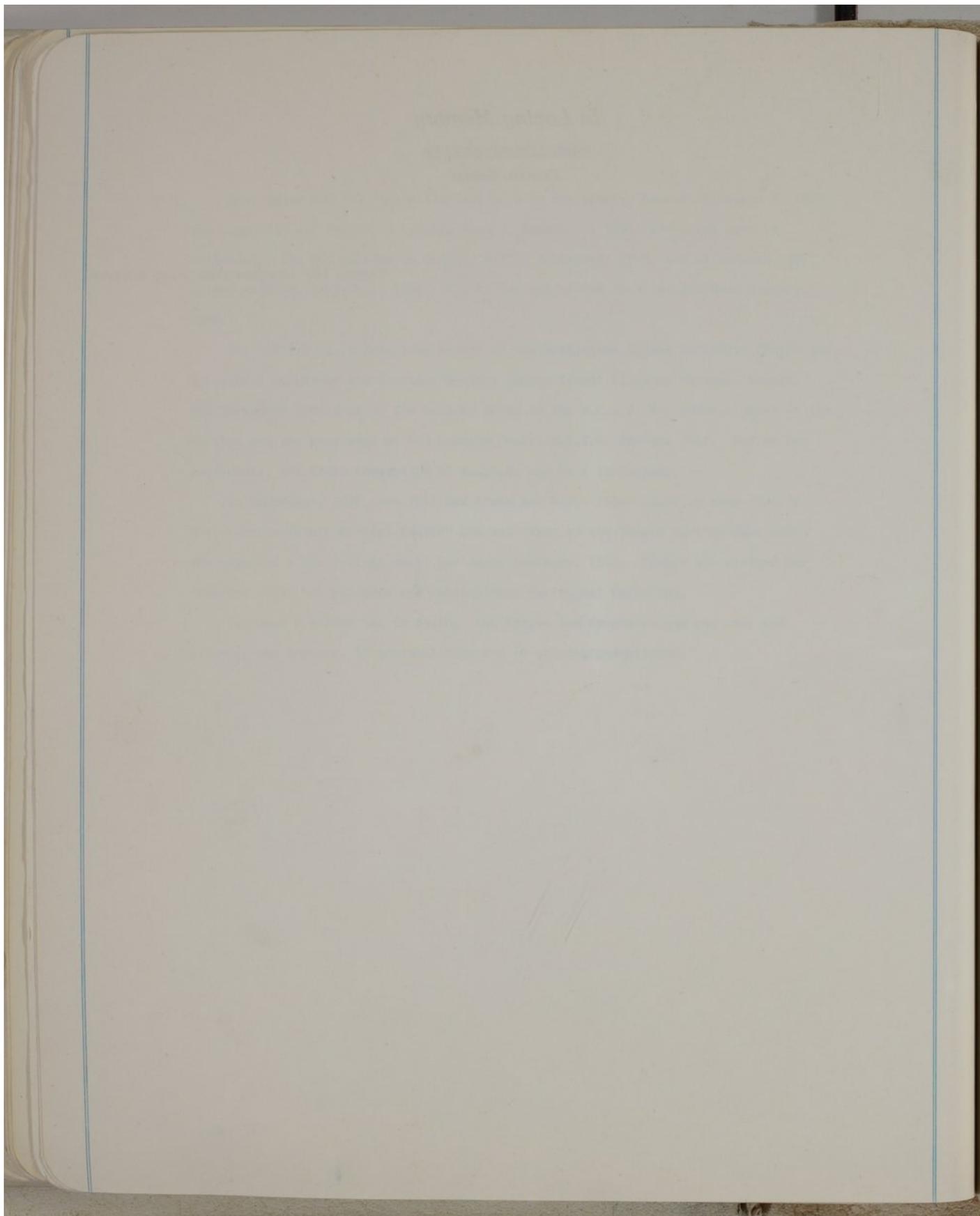
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MRS. STEWART McKEMEY

Topeka, Kansas

Donors: Husband, Stewart;
Daughter, Mildred;
and Highland Park W. C. T. U.



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PEARLE McKEMEY

Mrs. Stewart McKemey (Pearle E. Olinger) was born at Nortonville, Kansas, October 13, 1883, and lived all her life in Kansas. Her father was one of the oldest Masons in Nortonville and was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church there. Her mother was an Eastern Star and a member of the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. McKemey died at her home, 311 Tyler, March 5, 1966, after a short illness. She was active in church work at the First Presbyterian Church in Topeka. At one time, she was a group leader but in later years, she was an active member of the Golden Circle.

Mrs. McKemey was a member of the W.C.T.U. for thirty years. She served as president of the West Side W.C.T.U. and also of the College Hill W.C.T.U. She also served as a county officer and director. She served as State Director of Literature (Union Signal and Young Crusader).

Mr. and Mrs. McKemey celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary May 25, 1965.

Mrs. McKemey was also a member of the Daughters of the Union Veterans and of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

Mrs. McKemey is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mildred, of the home.

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ETHEL B. McKENNA
Hays, Kansas

Donor: Husband
William McKenna



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ETHEL B. McKENNA

These are tributes written by friends of Mrs. McKenna, at her death September 11, 1962:

"The death of Mrs. McKenna, Affectionately known as Mother Mac, has left an irreplaceable void. Founded on the attributes of courage, honor, love and faith, her life reflected these qualities and enabled her to express her love of God, country, and school, and to have a warm compassion for her fellowman. She was particularly fond of young people of all ages, and was most understanding of their needs, physical or mental, and kept herself young in heart and mind by close association with them. We can truly say of her, 'She would rather light one candle'".

"With serious health problems in youth, and physical frailties all her life, Mrs. McKenna never gave up the goals she had set for herself. She accomplished more in her lifetime than most people. When a young woman, she and her husband adopted a small orphaned boy, and gave him all the love, devotion and care he would have missed from natural parents. In later years, she served as a dormitory director for seventeen years, and "mothered" hundreds of young women away from home, giving to them a full measure of wise guidance and love. After her retirement, she found strength to care for an invalid sister and a life-long friend in their last days. She had great sympathy and understanding for all who found life's problems overwhelming, and spent many hours in serving the less fortunate. She never criticized anyone, but always found a good word to say when others might find fault. She was one of God's choicest creations."

"The Hays WCTU lost a faithful member when Mrs. McKenna left us to enter into life eternal, which her life here on earth gained for her.

Her going is a loss to the temperance cause. She was always anxious to see it advance and was always willing to help. Her interest in it was real.

For many years she was a faithful member of the WCTU and her influence meant much. Now she is gone and we shall miss her."

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MRS. OLIVE E. McNEIL

Sterling, Kansas

Donor: Sterling W. C. T. U.

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MRS. OLIVE E. McNEIL

Olive E. Dunbar was born November 30, 1897, at Knifley, Kentucky and died December 8, 1968, at a nursing home in Sterling, Kansas, after a long illness.

She was married May 28, 1919, to Burton E. McNeil at Billings, Oklahoma. They moved to Sterling, Kansas in 1939. Mr. McNeil died in 1944. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Navajos, Argentina, South America; four sons: Duane, Perry, Oklahoma; Burton, Liberal, Kansas; Robert, Hutchinson, Kansas; Jay, Wichita, Kansas; and 22 grandchildren.

Mrs. McNeil was a member of the Sterling Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

She loved people and she had many friends. Since she was confined to her home by arthritis for the most part during the last few years of her life, people came to her. Her interest in them and her cheerfulness were real blessings to them, for the love of her Savior was manifested.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall be live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John II: 25, 26).

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UNA B. MELVIN
Harper, Kansas

Donor: Harper WCTU



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UNA B. MELVIN

Mrs. Una Melvin was born in Harper County, She was the first young lady in Harper, her grandmother having come here from Bloomfield, Iowa, and settled with pioneers who formed Harper Townsite Company. Una became a member of the Methodist Church.

In young womanhood, she married Charles Melvin, whose family were early settlers in Harper, too. There were four children born to the family. A daughter, Margaret Tolle, Harper and two sons, Fred and Howard, San Diego, Cal., are still living.

Mrs. Melvin was a member of the Methodist church and the WCTU; a loyal worker in many places. As president of the Ladies Aid Society, she proved to be a great leader; she was a life member, too, of the Women's Society of Christian Service. When she was their Spritual Life Secretary and teacher in their study course, a project to establish a worship center and prayer room was completed in their Sunday School class room. Later she became Superintendent of the Nursery children; her interest in them led her to help in the Loyal Temperance Legion. She told stories at the public library for the WCTU once a month on Saturday to the pre-school children and always treated with cookies. Later she was Child Welfare director and held many White Ribbon Recruit services.

Her husband was ill for many years and she cared for him in their home, still finding time to care for a nice yard and many beautiful flowers, as long as she was able.

Mrs. Melvin was always ready to assist her friends, often with delicious food as she was a culinary artist; a cake, cookies or nut bread was a usual surprise for a birthday, an anniversary or sickness in a neighbor's family. She worked long hours with her flowers and generously shared them with friends in the hospital and homes, and taking them to church each Sunday.

She was a Rock of Ages member of the Harper WCTU when she passed away Aug. 31 1963, after two weeks of critical illness. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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MARY E. MENDEL
Emporia, Kansas

Donor: Son, Collins Mendel

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MARY E. MENDEL

Mrs. Mary E. Mendel was born September 29, 1867 and died at her home in Emporia, January 29, 1936. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and the WCTU.

Before her marriage, she was a children's evangelist and later was active in children's work in the church.

She is remembered as one whose life was beautiful and truly Christian.

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WALTER F. MERCER

Garden City, Kansas

Donors: Garden City W. C. T. U.



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WALTER F. MERCER

Walter F. Mercer was born July 15, 1885, in Sumner County and grew up in Conway Springs. He passed away April 20th, 1968.

He was united in marriage to Ruby Vawter in Conway Springs and they lived on a farm near there until 1929 when they moved to a farm south of Garden City.

They moved into Garden City in 1935. Mrs. Mercer passed away on July 7, 1959. On September 10, 1961, he was united in marriage to Rosena K. Albers of Garden City.

Mr. Mercer was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter, a brother, two sisters, a step-son, two step-daughters, 22 step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.