

# Kansas Memory



## Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union memory book

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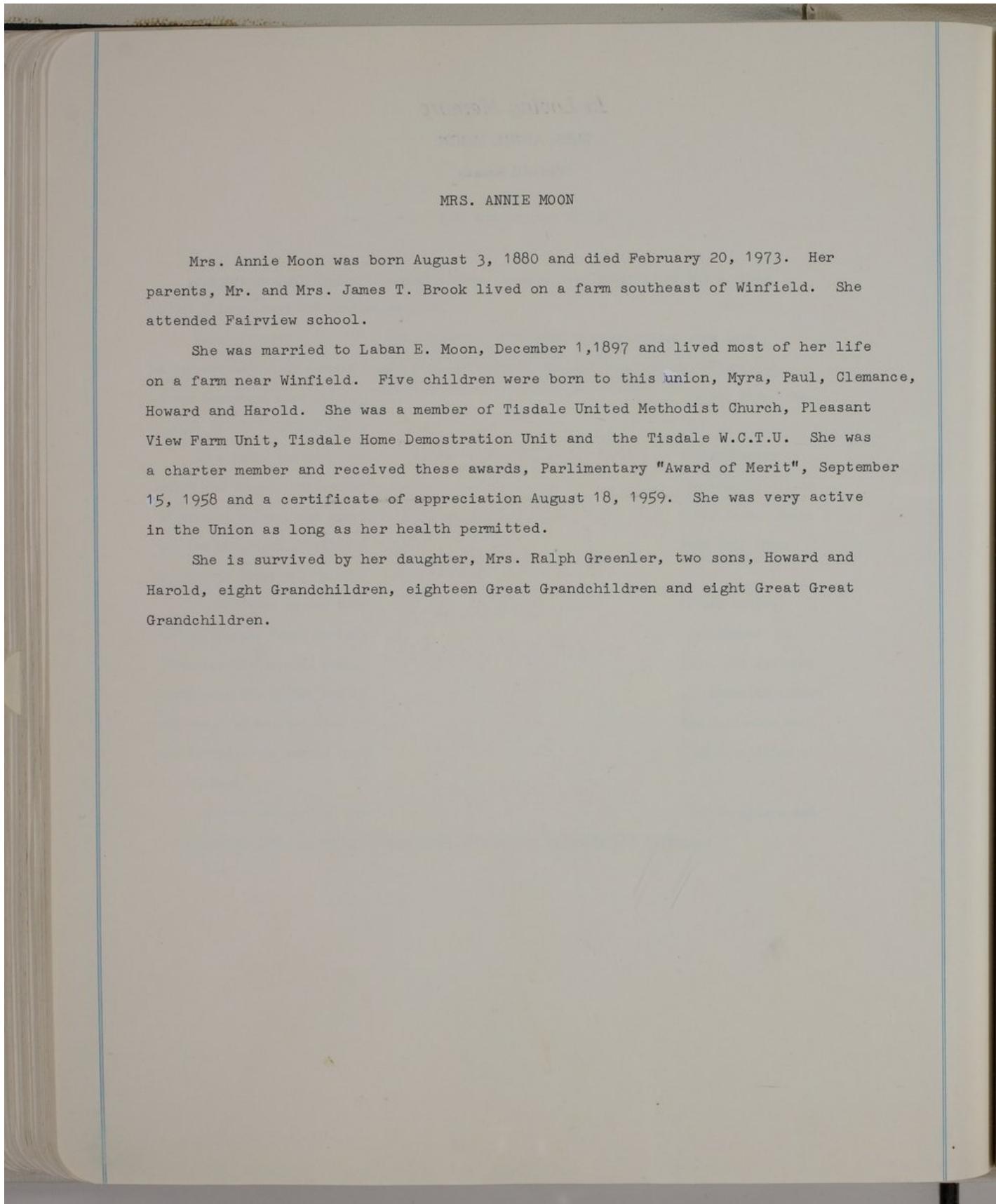
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Mrs. Annie Moon was born August 3, 1880 and died February 20, 1973. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brook lived on a farm southeast of Winfield. She attended Fairview school.

She was married to Laban E. Moon, December 1, 1897 and lived most of her life on a farm near Winfield. Five children were born to this union, Myra, Paul, Clemance, Howard and Harold. She was a member of Tisdale United Methodist Church, Pleasant View Farm Unit, Tisdale Home Demonstration Unit and the Tisdale W.C.T.U. She was a charter member and received these awards, Parliamentary "Award of Merit", September 15, 1958 and a certificate of appreciation August 18, 1959. She was very active in the Union as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Greenler, two sons, Howard and Harold, eight Grandchildren, eighteen Great Grandchildren and eight Great Great Grandchildren.

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MRS. NANCY JANE MOON  
Winfield, Kansas

Donor: Her Husband, Mr. Howard Moon



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### MRS. NANCY JANE MOON

Nancy Jane (Swartz) Moon was born September 5, 1911 at Meno, Oklahoma into a farm, preacher, (Methodist) family of Pennsylvania Dutch background. She was the youngest of 13 children, 10 of whom reached adulthood.

The Swartz family moved to Winfield, Kansas, when Jane was in the 7th Grade, where she attended High School and upon graduation entered Southwestern College and graduated in 1934. She began teaching Home Economics in Belle Plaine High School then to Lyons and to Wellington, until her marriage to a farmer of Tisdale Community, Howard Moon, June 11, 1944. They have 3 sons, George, Roger, Laban. In 1957, she returned to teaching in Dexter and then in Winfield High, Burden, and in the Chillicothe Indian School, Oklahoma. Then to Winfield State Hospital and Training Center until her health failed. She died in Wichita Hospital, May 20, 1973.

The Winfield Training Center published this tribute in their "News and Views" paper that Jane Moon was a beloved friend, hard working teacher, dedicated to helping retarded children, having qualities of patience and understanding, and most important, "Love of Children and type of work to be done."

She always had a kind and encouraging word for everyone she worked with and this always made the day go better, asking nothing in return for the help she gave, rejoicing in her patients, any sign of improvement.

She belonged to Kappa Amisa Phi, a National Home Economics Fraternity, and Delta Kappa Gamma, a International Teachers Fraternity. She was a life member of WSCS, at Tisdale and member of Tisdale W.C.T.U.

When she and Howard married they became members of the Tisdale Methodist Church.

Besides her family, she is survived by 3 brothers; Joe Swartz of Fruita, Colorado, George Swartz of Denver, Colorado, Dan Swartz, Great Bend, Kansas; 3 sisters; Mrs. Sarah Miller and Mrs. Maggie Bergdale of Winfield and Mrs. Bethany Neverswander of Colony, Kansas.

A Memorial has been established in her name with the Leukemia Society of America.

A key to Jane Moon's life was that she believed in her Lord and in people, in her family. In her teaching and every day life, this faith in others helped countless students and friends believe in themselves. They loved her for it and love her still.

Proverbs 31 describes well her qualities of Virtue.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed and her husband praiseth her"

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MRS. OLLIE JANE MOON  
Burr Oak, Kansas

Donor: Her husband, Mr. Job E. Moon



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MRS. OLLIE JANE MOON

Mrs. Ollie Jane Moon passed away at the Jewell County Hospital, Long Term Care, November 3rd, 1975, at the age of 90 years 6 months.

She was born in Jewell County, Kansas to Sarah Jane and Orlando Kenworthy. She was married to Job E. Moon December 26, 1902. To this union six children were born. Alfred, Ina, Etta, Zelma, Faye and J.E. Her husband, son Alfred, daughter Etta preceded her in death as well as her parents and all her brothers and sisters.

She was a member of the Friends church most of her life; transferring to Methodist Church in Burr Oak, Kansas, when she could not attend Friends Church because of distance. She was a member of the Oak Creek W.C.T.U. later Burr Oak W.C.T.U. total of more than 50 years. She served as County President as well as local officers. A very loyal member at all times and was a member of Northbranch Local after Burr Oak was disbanded until her passing.

She was a loving understanding Mother and wife. A good neighbor and friend to all who knew her.

She is survived by three daughters, one son. Mrs. Ina Wright and husband, Lynn; Mrs. Zelma Paul; Mrs. Faye Decker and husband, Derald; J.E. Moon and wife, Vivian; and Mrs. Jennie Ohlf, daughter-in-law. Twelve grand children. Thirty great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

She was an example of a wonderful person and greatly missed by her family and friends.

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MRS. OPAL MORAN

Great Bend, Kansas

Donor: Great Bend Mary B. Tuttle  
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MRS. OPAL MORAN

Opal Fern Moran was born June 3, 1905, and died suddenly on September 7, 1976. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. William Herrell.

She married Alfred Moran on July 8, 1925, and five daughters were born of this union.

Opals great love was children. She spent many hours babysitting and was a nursery worker and teacher of small children at the Great Bend Church of the Nazarene where she was a member.

She was a member of the Great Bend Mary B. Tuttle W.C.T.U. for four years, and had served as Christian Outreach Director of the local Union.

She is survived by her five daughters, 19 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

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MRS. VERA MAY MOORE

Kingman, Kansas

Donor: Kingman W. C. T. U.



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MRS. Verna May Moore

Verna May Shufelberger, the daughter of Christian Peter Shufelberger and Mary Malissa Mouser Shufelberger, was born October 7, 1884, near the town of St. Mark in Sedgwick County, Kansas and passed away April 21, 1975. She attended the country grade school south of Goddard. She graduated from the Lewis Academy and attended the Wichita Business College both in Wichita, Kansas. Later she attended the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas.

While teaching in the public schools she met her future husband, Joseph Earl Moore. They were married October 2, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Moore farmed near Bucklin and Sun City, Kansas. In 1923 they moved to Kingman, Kansas. Soon after moving to Kingman the family became members of the Presbyterian Church. After the death of her husband in 1949, she continued active in the church and became an ordained Ruling Elder in the Kingman church, the first woman to hold the highest of lay officers in the Kingman church. She was also a Sunday School Teacher for many years.

She was a faithful and very willing member of the Kingman W.C.T.U. She indeed was the friend of the W.C.T.U. and is greatly missed by the members of the Kingman Union. Her interest in children and young people as well as neighbors and friends is a great tribute to her life. She was the mother of two daughters, Verna Blanche Moore Clawson who preceded her in death in 1971. A daughter, Emma May Moore Tate of Aurora, Colorado is the sole survivor. She will be missed by her many friends.

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MRS. CLARA MORRIS  
Clay Center, Kansas

Donor: Clay Center W.C.T.U.



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MRS. CLARA MORRIS

Clara Normandin was born in Clay County, Kansas, March 12, 1881. On November 20, 1901, she was married to John Morris and they established their home on a farm near Clifton, Kansas. In 1930 they moved to Clay Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris were members of the Methodist Church at Clifton and later at Clay Center and Mrs. Morris was a member of the Methodist WSCS.

Mrs. Morris became a member of the The Woman's Christian Temperance Union when Mrs. Glenn G. Hays reorganized a union in Clay Center in the early 1910's. She joined upon invitation of Mrs. L.R. Fish, a minister's wife and an officer in the new organization and maintained a continuous membership until her death. In July 1973, Mrs. Morris was one of three members past ninety years of age who were made Living Memorial Members by Clay Center WCTU. Mrs. Morris was unable to be present at the ceremony but the certificate and a corsage were taken to her home and her picture was taken at that time.

Upon the death of Mr. Morris in 1962 her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Williams came to live with her. For several years ill health forced Mrs. Morris to lead a restricted life. Her hobby was writing poetry and she wrote many selections for pleasure of friends.

On April 5, 1974, at the age of 93 years Clara Morris passed from earthly life into the heavenly kingdom. The six children left to cherish the memory of a loving mother are Mrs. Ruth Williams, Clay Center, Glenn of Arlington, Texas, Clair of Salina, Kansas, Robert of Los Angeles, California, Dwaine of Corning, California, and Mrs. Maxine DeYoung of Eugene, Oregon. Her descendants also number 15 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren.

### THE PATH OF FRIENDSHIP

Go often-- in the path of your Friend  
For a path that is not often used  
Will soon become choked up with weeds  
Thus our friendship we often abuse.

'Tis human nature, it seems  
To take for granted the loved ones near,  
Till some day we find they are leaving,  
Then realize, to late they are dear.

The path to our friend will be longer,  
But we'll see that the weeds do not grow;  
We'll enjoy the friendship here started  
By traveling the path, to and fro.

Clara A. Morris

(For Mrs. Lizzie Oberg, Feb. 18, 1938)

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MRS. RUBY NESMITH

Belleville, Kansas

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### MRS. RUBY NESMITH

Ruby Alice Nesmith, daughter of Robert and Clara Sundine, was born September 13, 1904, on a farm near Republic, Kansas, and departed this life Febrary 16, 1977, at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville, Kansas, at the age of 72 years, 5 months and 3 days.

She received her education in the Republic County schools, and completed a course in Nurse's Training at the Patterson Memorial Hospital in Belleville in 1928.

She was married to Earl C. Nesmith of Belleville, August 19, 1936. To this union was born one daughter, Marilyn Jean. Her husband passed away December 17, 1946. On November 28, 1947, she was united in marriage to Beryl C. Nesmith of Belleville.

She was converted at the age of 33 and became a member of the Wesleyan Church after moving to Belleville. She was also a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, holding offices in both organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Earl, and a 2 year old sister, Pearl.

Surviving are her husband, Beryl, her daughter Marilyn Schuhmann of Torrance, California and husband David Schuhmann, a granddaughter Tracy Williams and husband Allan Williams of Salina, Kansas, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Wesleyan Church in Belleville with the Rev. Marvin Johnson officiating. Interment was in the Belleville Cemetery.

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LOLA MAE NOAH

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Donor: Her daughter, Mrs. Violet Parks

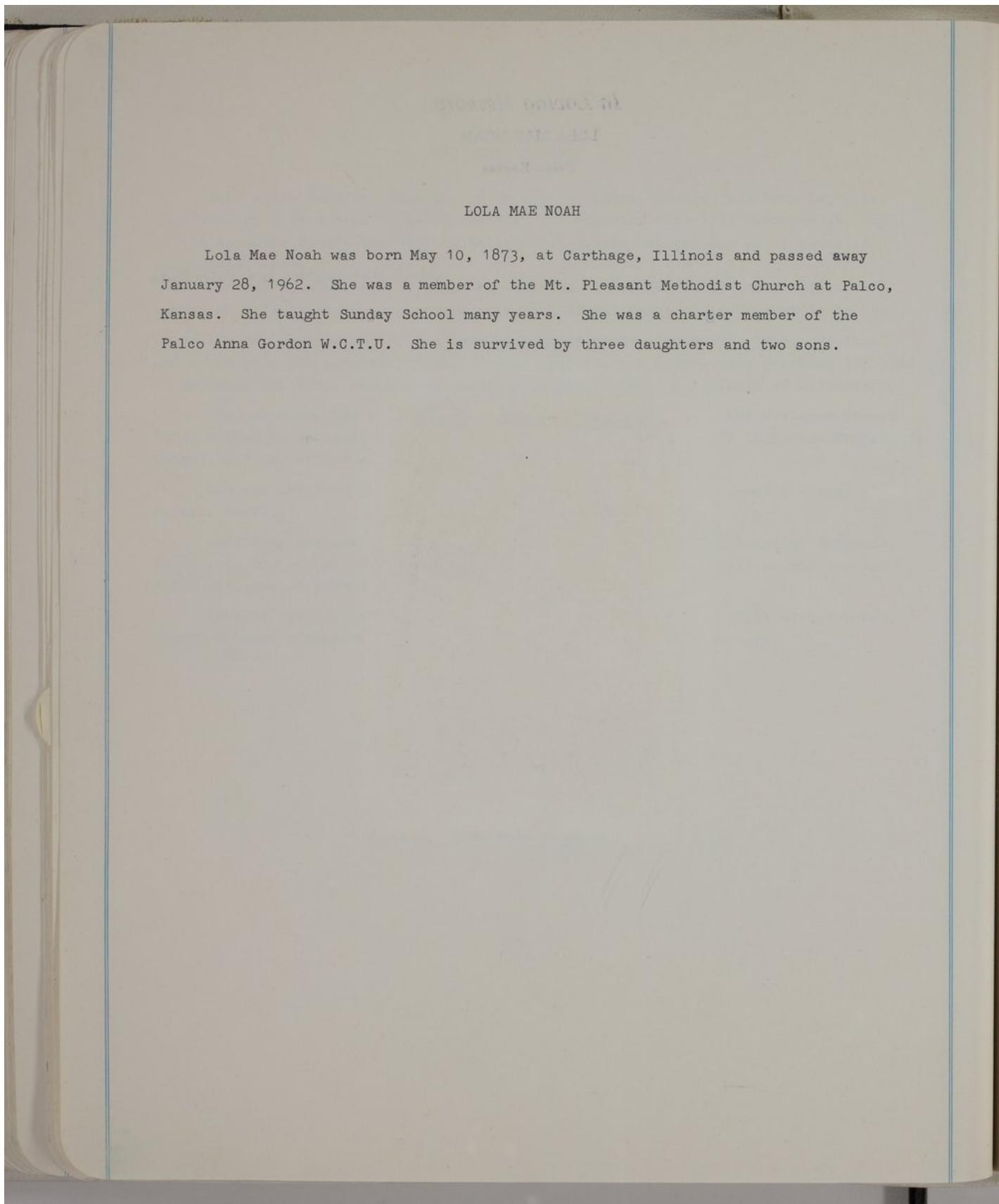


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MRS. EMMA L. NORRIS

Newton, Kansas

By Her Son, John A. Norris



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MRS. EMMA L. NORRIS

Emma L. Norris was born June 3, 1892, in Chase County, Kansas, the daughter of Luis and Addie Dody Kegebehn. She passed away September 9, 1979, at Axtell Christian Hospital in Newton, Kansas.

She was married to Alexander Norris in Newton, Kansas, on February 1, 1914. Mr. Norris died October 1, 1968.

She was a retired nurse, and a long-time member and past president of the Newton Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

She is survived by one son, John A. Norris, Gaithersburg, Maryland; one half-brother, Earl Hoffman, Marion, Kansas; and three grandchildren.

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MISS VIDA FERN NORTON

Wichita, Kansas

Donor: Wichita Stevens W.C.T.U.



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### MISS VIDA FERN NORTON

VIDA FERN NORTON was born July 12, 1890 in Barton County, Kansas, and died August 28, 1974, at Wichita, Kansas. She graduated from Haviland High School and attended the following colleges: Emporia State Teachers, Fort Hays State and Bethany at Lindsborg. She taught in the elementary schools at Haviland, Swayer, Dodge City and Stafford. She moved from Pratt to Wichita in 1969.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Lillian Stevens W.C.T.U. She was a member of the Pratt Union before transferring to Lillian Stevens. She was a very interested and faithful member and very liberal to the W.C.T.U.

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BERNHARDT OESTERREICH

Woodbine, Kansas

Donors: His sister, Mrs. Viola Musselman



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BERNHARDT OESTERREICH

Bernhardt Oesterreich was born July 6, 1891 near Woodbine, Kansas. He lived on a farm with his parents and farmed for many years. At an early age, he joined the Methodist Church and was a faithful member until his death. He attended Woodbine grade school and Enterprise Normal Academy from which he graduated. He moved to Woodbine in 1972 and lived there until his health failed and he moved to the Lutheran Home in Herrington and was a resident there until he was called home February 23, 1979.

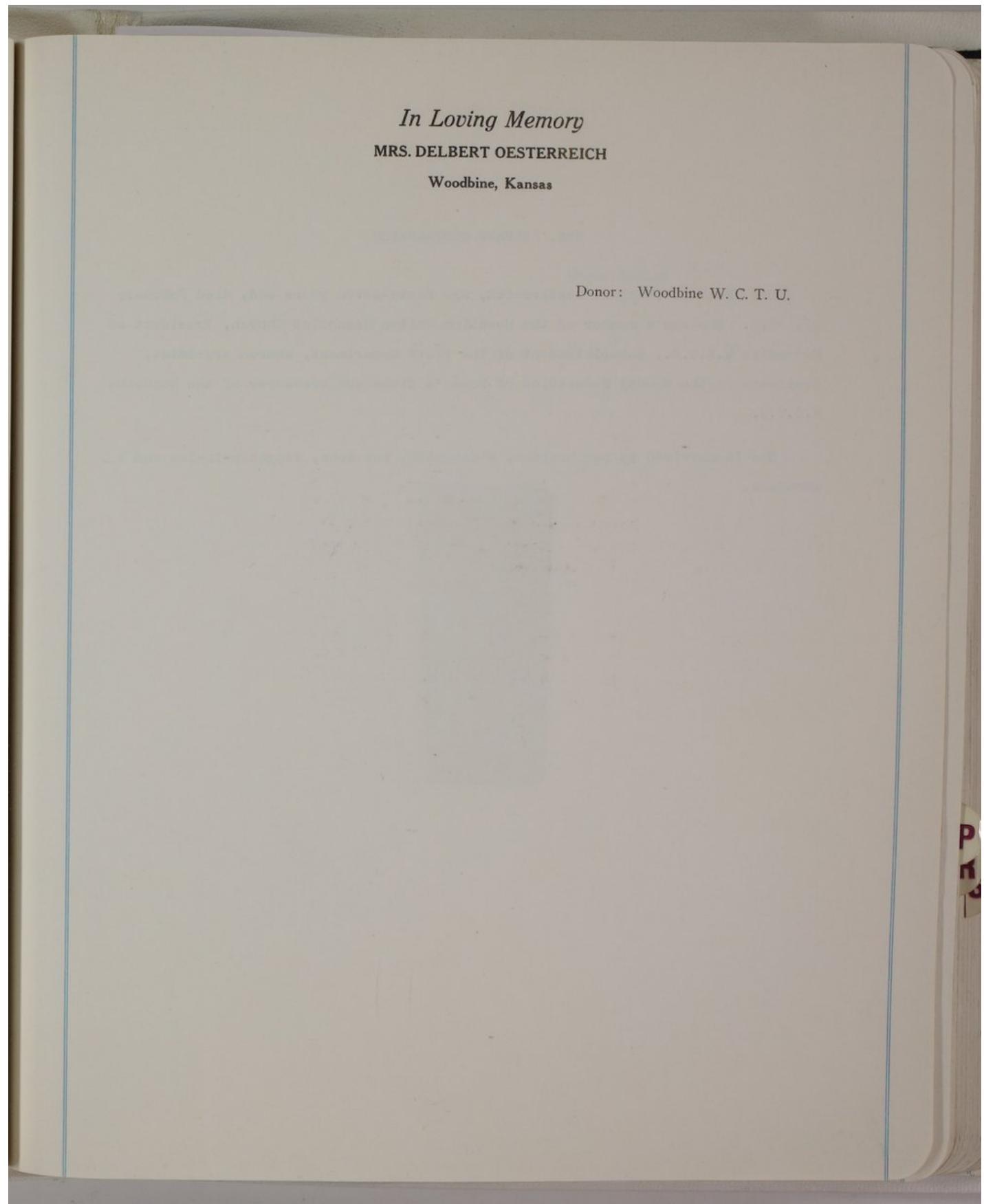
He was always interested in the advancement of the church and community and served as Woodbine Church financial Secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, and was a member of the Telephone Board, Elevator Board, Woodbine W.C.T.U. and other organizations, including President of the Dickinson County Historical Society for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Freda. He was a "real gentleman" the nurses at the home said of him. He will be missed by his sister, Viola, a nephew, Lawrence Musselman and wife, Mary Jane, a niece, Roberta and husband, Richard Beers, several cousins and a host of friends.

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MRS. DELBERT OESTERREICH

Woodbine, Kansas

Donor: Woodbine W. C. T. U.

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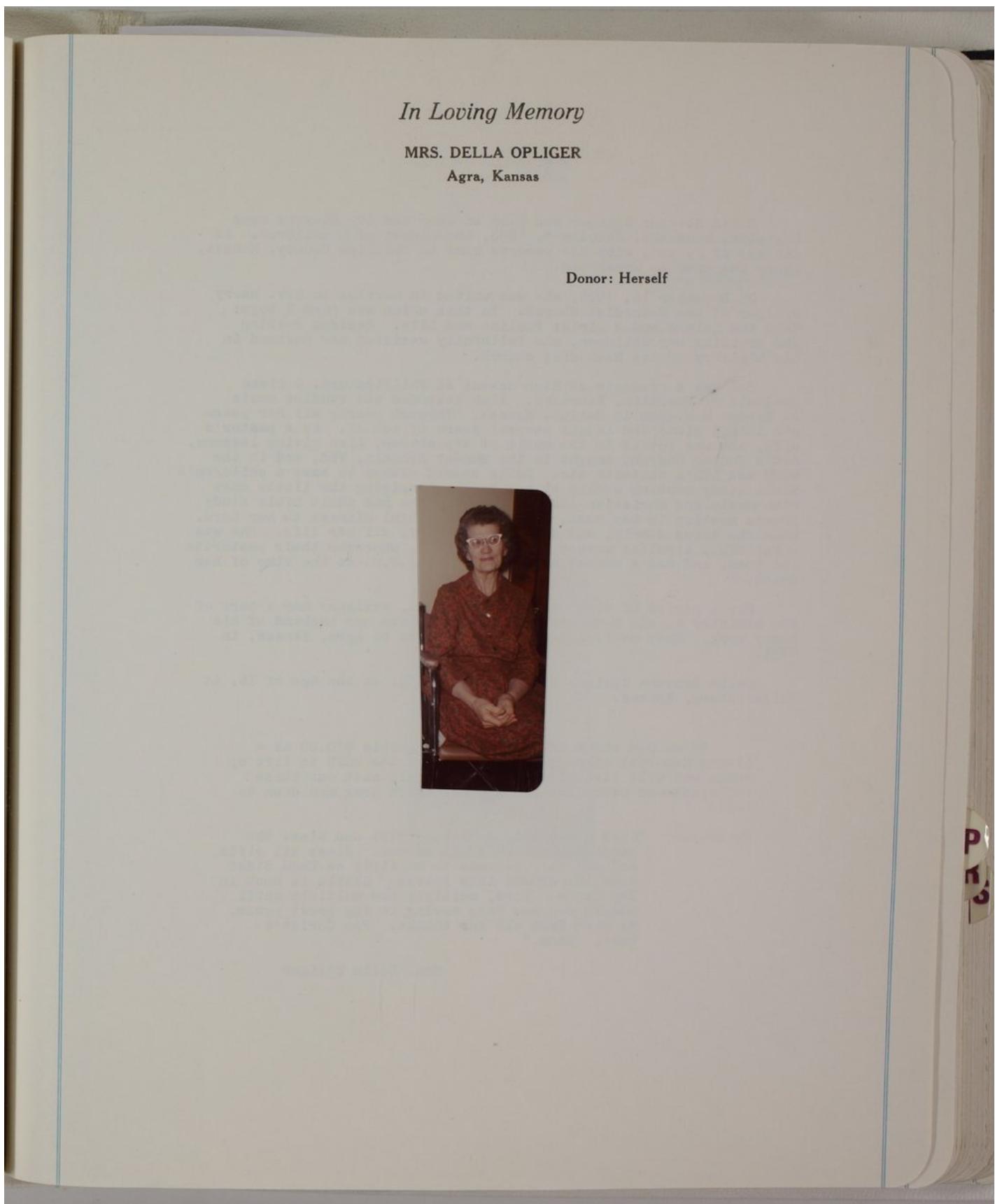
Mrs. Delbert (Maxine) Oesterreich, age forty-seven years old, died February 25, 1973. She was a member of the Woodbine United Methodist Church, President of Methodist W.S.C.S., superintendent of the youth department, church organist, President of the County Federation of Women's Clubs and treasurer of the Woodbine W.C.T.U.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, two sons, daughter-in-law and a grandson.

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MRS. DELLA OPLIGER  
Agra, Kansas

Donor: Herself



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MRS. DELLA OPLIGER

Della Stevens Opliger was born to John and Ivy Stevens near Lewiston, Nebraska, January 6, 1898, the oldest of 8 children. At the age of 2, she, with her parents came to Phillips County, Kansas, where she grew to womanhood.

On December 16, 1926, she was united in marriage to Rev. Harry Opliger of the Methodist Church. To this union was born 2 boys: Mark and Leland and 2 girls: Pauline and Lila. Besides rearing and training her children, she faithfully assisted her husband in his ministry of the Methodist church.

She was a graduate of High School at Phillipsburg, a piano graduate of Franklin, Nebraska. Also attended and studied music at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, Kansas. Through nearly all her years she taught piano and taught several years of school. As a pastor's wife, she was active in the music of the church, also giving lessons, had a Junior Church, taught in the Sunday Schools, VBS, and in the WCTU and LTL's contests etc. Della seemed always to have a children's Bible study meeting weekly at her house, inspiring the little ones with music and Christian teachings. Also she had adult Bible study groups meeting in her home. She was a faithful witness to her Lord, whom she loved dearly, and served faithfully, all her life. She was a faithful, tireless worker in the W.C.T.U., wherever their pastorate led them, and was a member of the Kirwin W.C.T.U. at the time of her death.

For a period of time, the District Supt. assigned her a part of the ministry in the Methodist Church to relieve her husband of his heavy work. They retired from active service to Agra, Kansas, in 1951.

Della Stevens Opliger died April 3, 1974, at the age of 76, at Phillipsburg, Kansas.

To my God and country, I am giving this \$10.00 as a Living Memorial through the channels of the WCTU to lift up souls who will live eternally and to help cast out those influences of narcotics and alcohol which drag men down to hell.

My prayer: "Lord bless this dedicated gift and bless the hands through which it passes. Bless all gifts and may they be made to multiply as Thou didst make the crumbs into loaves. Little is much in Thy hands. Lord, multiply and multiply until people can see Thee moving in Thy great power. We give Thee all our thanks. For Christ's sake, Amen."

Mrs. Della Opliger

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MR. HARRY OPLIGER

Agra, Kansas

Donor: Kirwin Willard W. C. T. U.



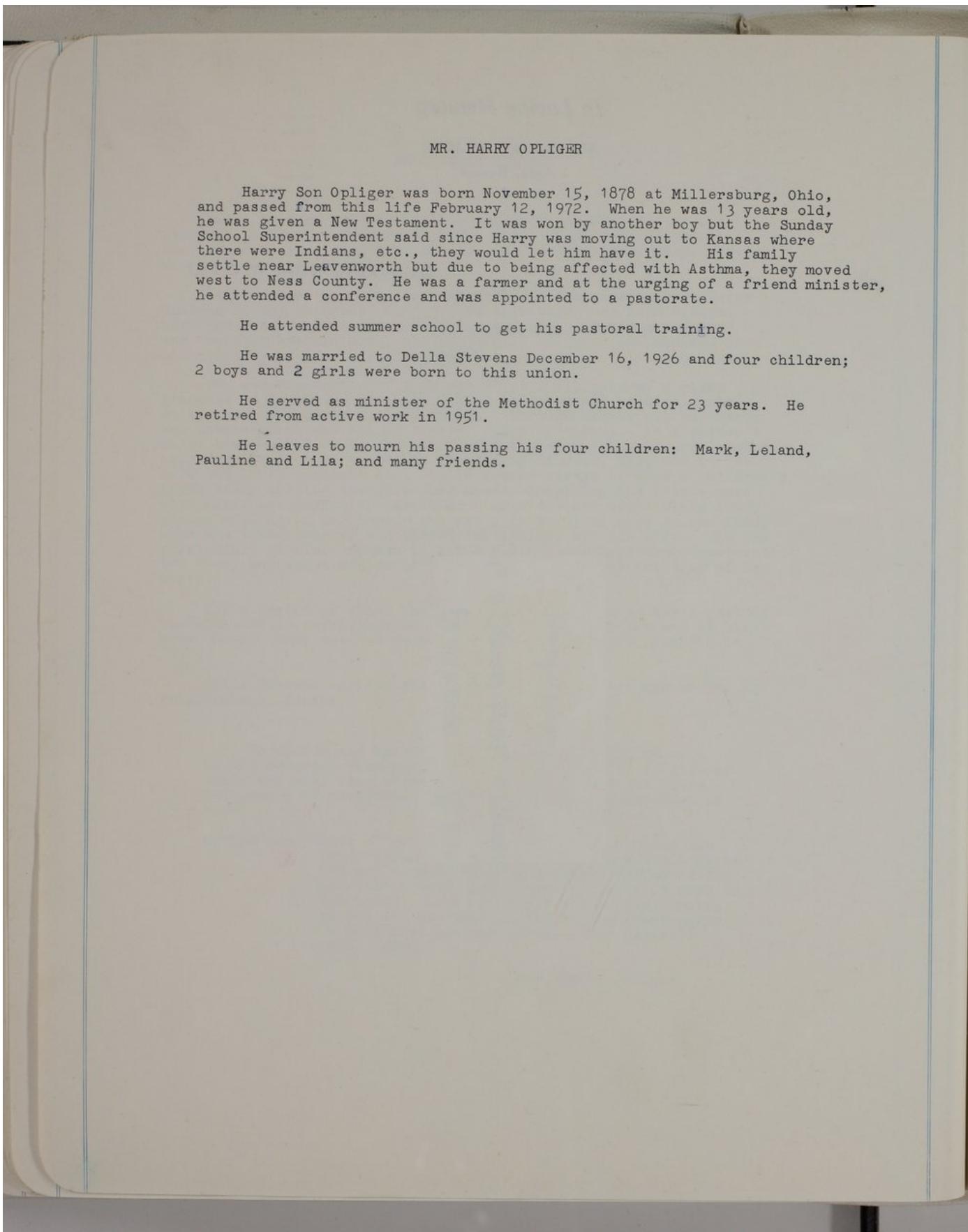
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### MR. HARRY OPLIGER

Harry Son Opliger was born November 15, 1878 at Millersburg, Ohio, and passed from this life February 12, 1972. When he was 13 years old, he was given a New Testament. It was won by another boy but the Sunday School Superintendent said since Harry was moving out to Kansas where there were Indians, etc., they would let him have it. His family settle near Leavenworth but due to being affected with Asthma, they moved west to Ness County. He was a farmer and at the urging of a friend minister, he attended a conference and was appointed to a pastorate.

He attended summer school to get his pastoral training.

He was married to Della Stevens December 16, 1926 and four children; 2 boys and 2 girls were born to this union.

He served as minister of the Methodist Church for 23 years. He retired from active work in 1951.

He leaves to mourn his passing his four children: Mark, Leland, Pauline and Lila; and many friends.

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DR. W. W. ORRISON  
Meade, Kansas

Donor: Members of District 5 W. C. T. U.



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DR. W. W. ORRISON

Memorial Service for Dr. William Werner Orrison at the High School Auditorium, Meade, Kansas on September 1, 1973, at 2 P.M.

### THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred; That I will be loyal to the profession of Medicine and just and generous to its members; that I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor; That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power; Holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice; That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose; even if solicited, far less suggest it; That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret. These things I do promise and in proportion as I am faithful to this my oath, may happiness and good repute be ever mine--The opposite if I shall be forsown.

Prelude	Organist	Ministers:
Scripture	Selected	
Pastoral Prayer		James Little, Meade, Ks.
Obituary		Robert Brooks, Abilene, Ks.
Memorial Message		
Hymn: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"		
Hymn: "The Lord's Prayer"		
Postlude	Organist	

On Wednesday, August 29th at 6:06 P.M., Dr. William Werner Orrison died following open heart surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center two days prior to his 52nd Birthday.

Dr. Orrison though a physician by trade was truly a healer who loved his patients and was a man who gladly gave his life in their service.

His only brother, Keiffer Orrison initiated Dr. Werner Orrison 25 years of gifted Medical Service by sacrificing his earnings for his brothers Werner's education. The Dr's. only sister, Ruth Hester Orrison Novinger has given many years of unrelentless support to her brother showing towering strength in his times of need.

On March 15, 1947, Werner Orrison married Agnes Rutherford Miller, a registered nurse by trade and an endless source of love and devotion to Werner by her nature.

Of those persons in whose memory he will live, included are particularly his children, Agnes, age 15, Mary, age 17, Bill, age 24.

Never has there been a more giving, loving, and sacrificing father to whom his children are forever humbly indebted. Countless are his survivors to include all whose lives he touched especially the numerous nurses, assistants, and technicians who marveled at his skill and infinite energy both early A.M. and late P.M. Three words seemed to have little room in his vocabulary--"NO", "Can't", and "Quit". I never saw him walk on water, but I never saw him try.....

William Werner Orrison, Jr.

### Pallbearers

For Agnes	Jack Painter
For Mary	Arlie Johnston
For Bill	Dick Cottrell
For Sister Ruth	Jack Knott
For Wife Ruth	Willis Lanzrath
	Ronald Shumath

### Honorary Pallbearers: Medical Society

William Trekell, M.D., Gene Wilson, Darell Thorsell, Willis Wolfe, Andy Bartel, Dan Gates, Marvin Woltje, Junior Sawyers, Lloyd Klein, Faye George, Bill Harris, Vernon Jacobs, George Martin, John K. Friesen, John Kaberlien, Laverne Behnke, John Murphy, Bill Fox, Mike Bogan, John Long

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MRS. FANNIE PALMER  
Miltonvale, Kansas

Donor: Miltonvale W.C.T.U.

