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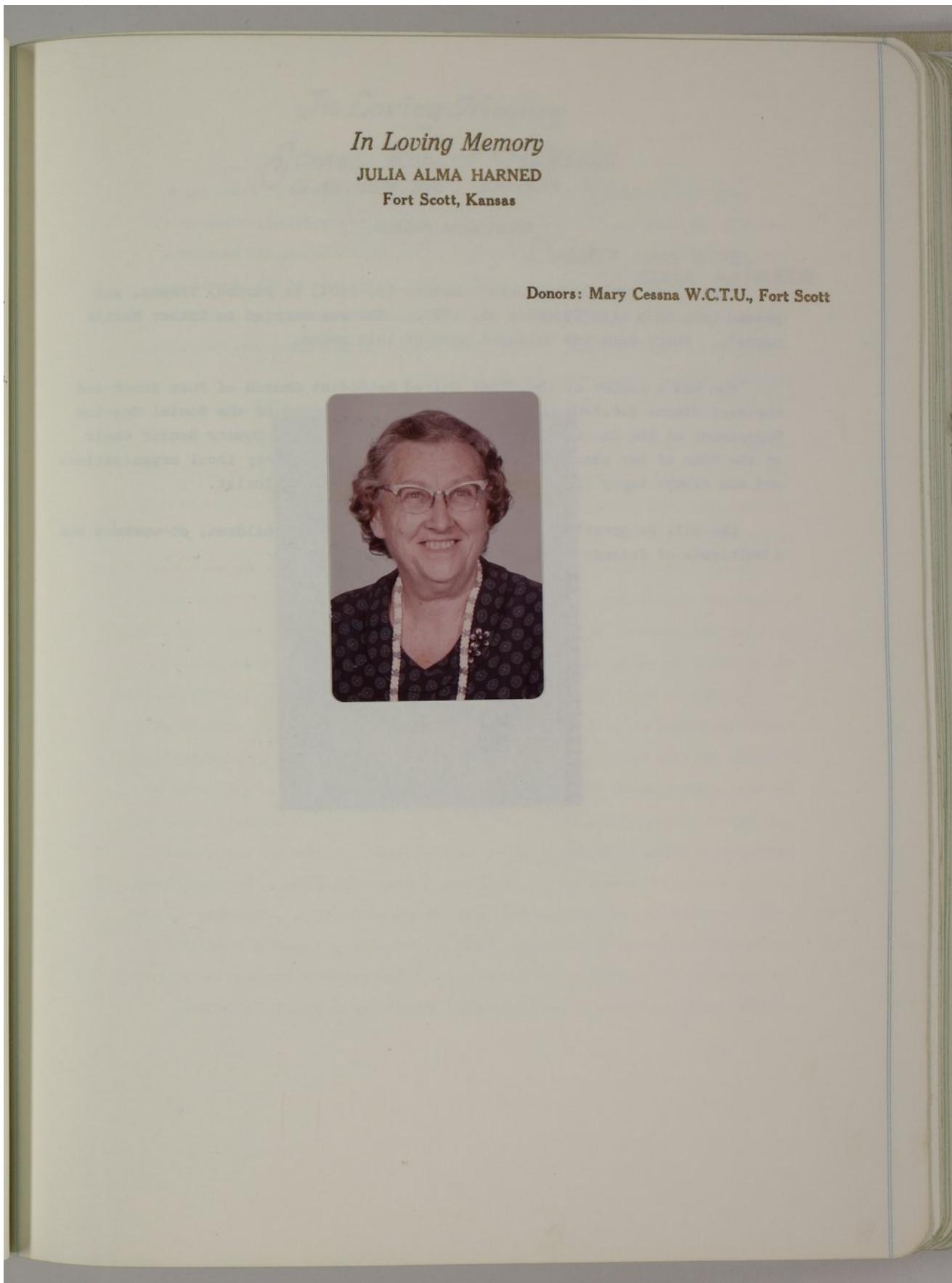
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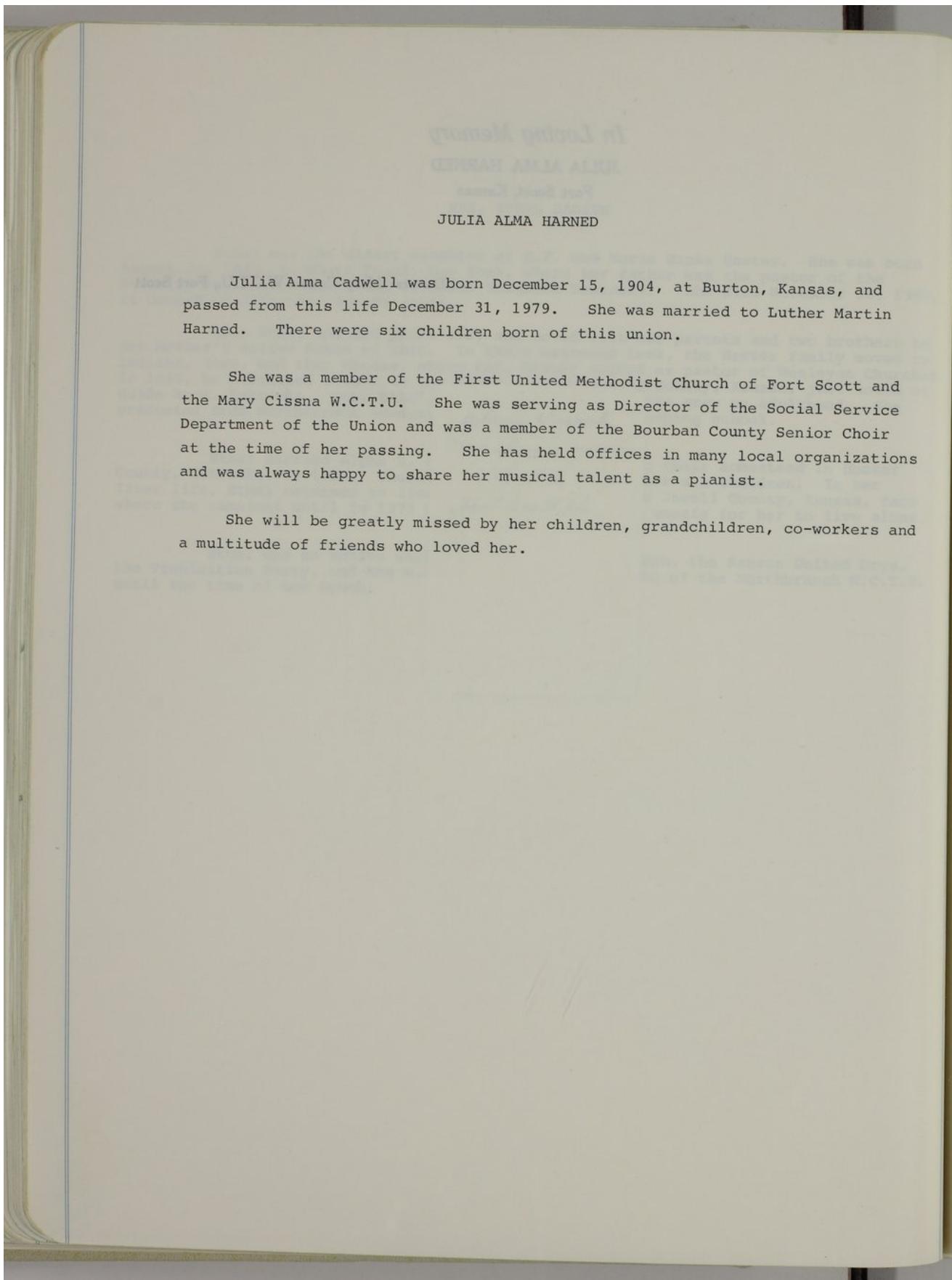


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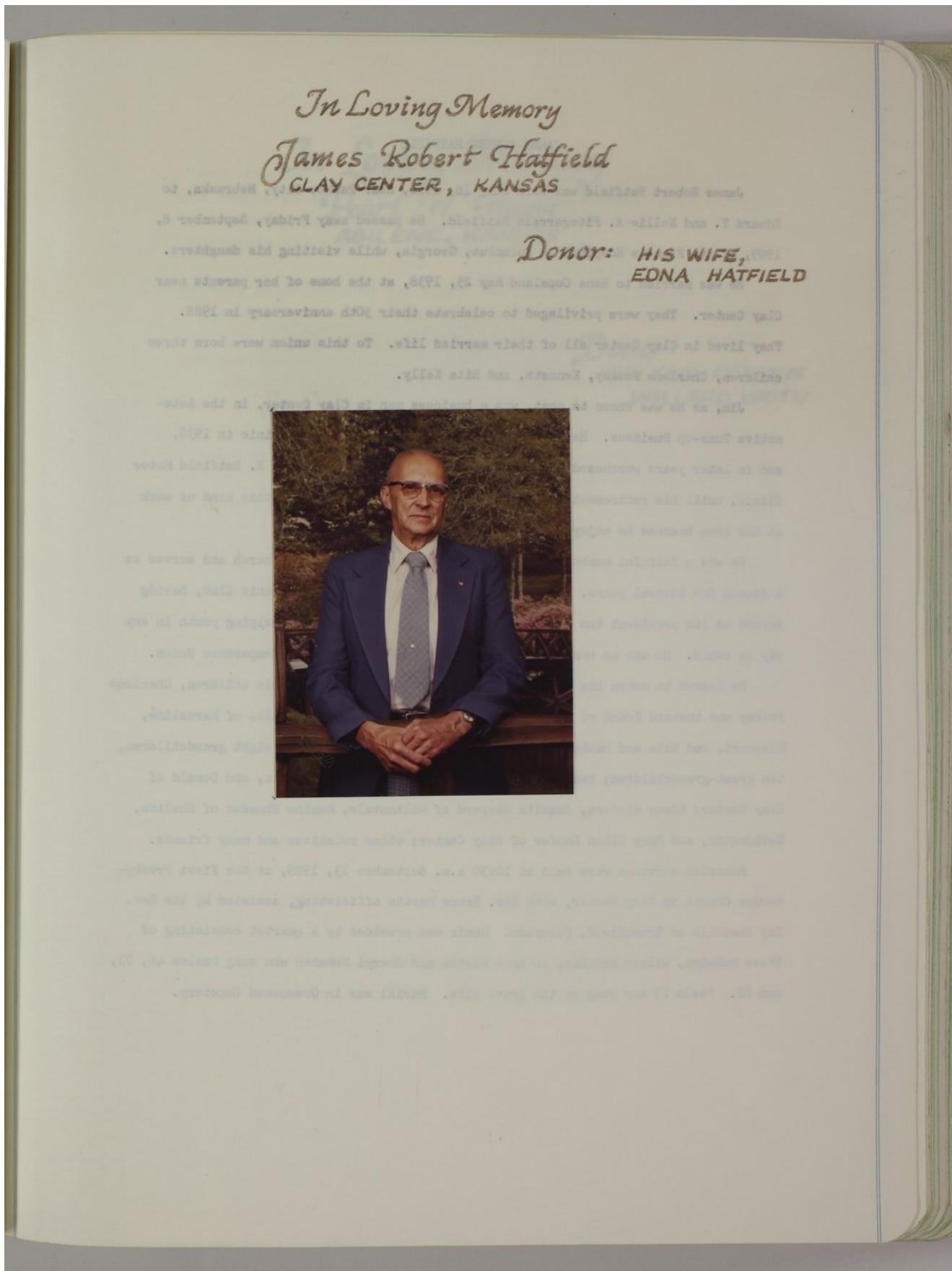


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JAMES ROBERT HATFIELD

James Robert Hatfield was born July 16, 1916, near Pawnee City, Nebraska, to Edward T. and Nellie A. Fitzgarrald Hatfield. He passed away Friday, September 8, 1989, at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Georgia, while visiting his daughters.

He was married to Edna Copeland May 25, 1938, at the home of her parents near Clay Center. They were privileged to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 1988. They lived in Clay Center all of their married life. To this union were born three children, Charlene Foskey, Kenneth, and Rita Kelly.

Jim, as he was known to most, was a business man in Clay Center, in the Automotive Tune-up business. He went to work for H. N. Tuggle Motor Clinic in 1936, and in later years purchased the business and operated it as the J. R. Hatfield Motor Clinic, until his retirement in January, 1979. He continued to do this kind of work at his home because he enjoyed it and liked to help others.

He was a faithful member of the Hebron Reformed Presbyterian Church and served as a deacon for several years. He was a member of the Clay Center Kiwanis Club, having served as its president two different times and was interested in helping youth in any way he could. He was an honorary member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

He leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife of the home; his children, Charlene Foskey and husband Frank of Soperton, Georgia, Kenneth and wife Louise of Marceline, Missouri, and Rita and husband Richard Kelly of Columbus, Georgia; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; two brothers, Earl of Pawnee City, Nebraska, and Donald of Clay Center; three sisters, Juanita Shepard of Miltonvale, Maxine Rhoades of Shelton, Washington, and Mary Ellen Kopfer of Clay Center; other relatives and many friends.

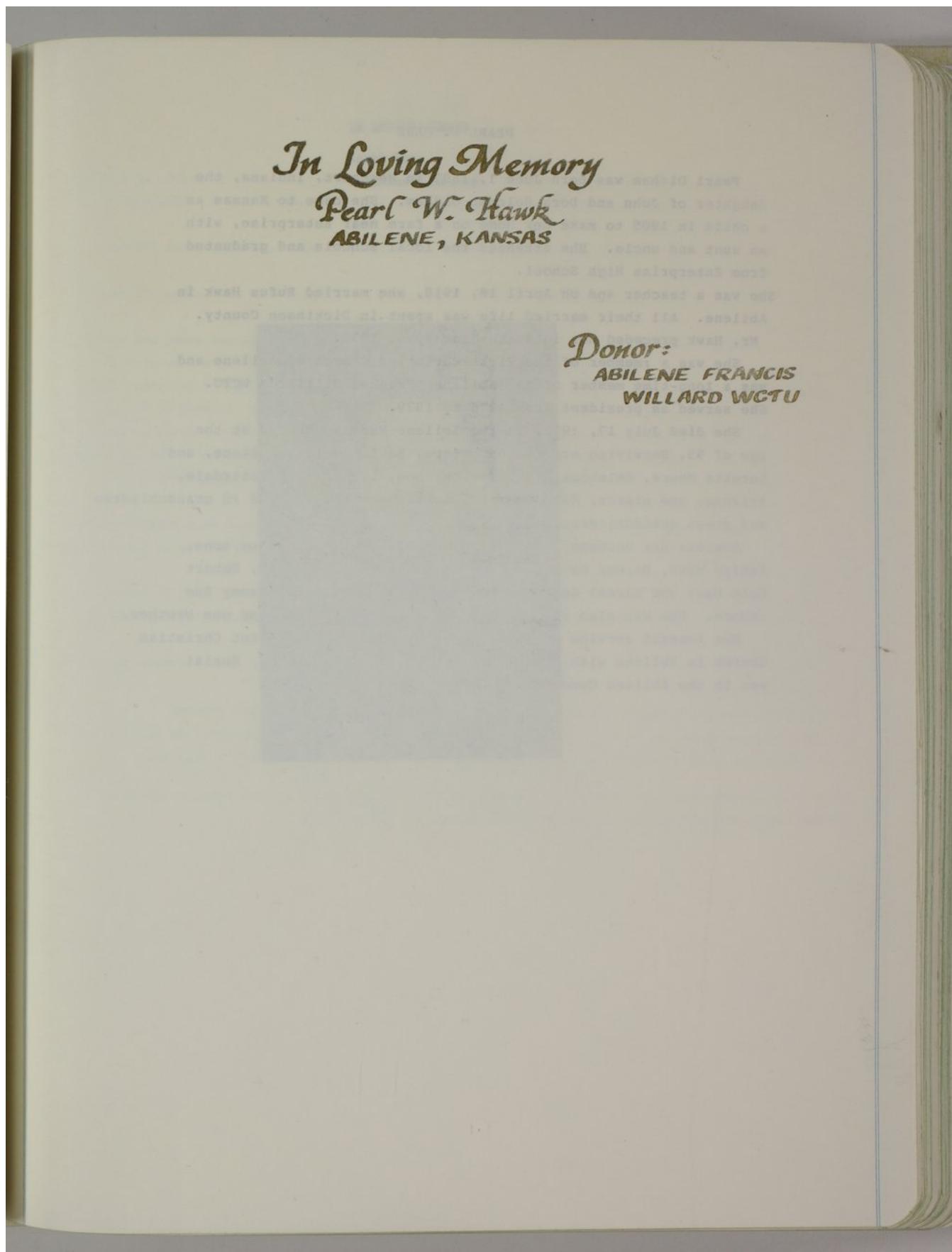
Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. September 13, 1989, at the First Presbyterian Church in Clay Center, with Rev. Bruce Martin officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ray Hemphill of Broomfield, Colorado. Music was provided by a quartet consisting of Steve McMahan, Wilson McMahan, Jo Anne Martin and Sheryl McMahan who sang Psalms 46, 73, and 62. Psalm 23 was sung at the grave site. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

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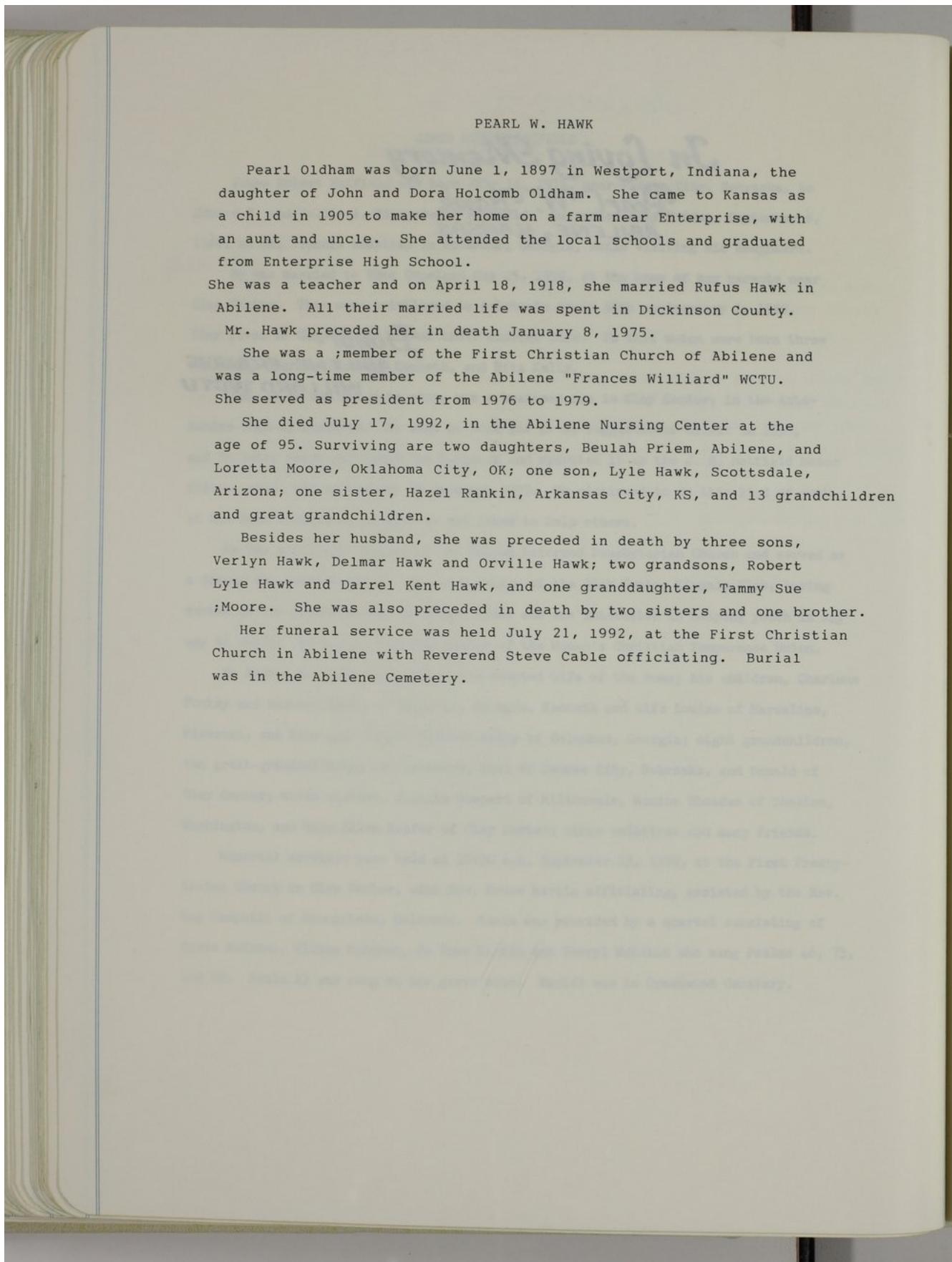
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PEARL W. HAWK

Pearl Oldham was born June 1, 1897 in Westport, Indiana, the daughter of John and Dora Holcomb Oldham. She came to Kansas as a child in 1905 to make her home on a farm near Enterprise, with an aunt and uncle. She attended the local schools and graduated from Enterprise High School.

She was a teacher and on April 18, 1918, she married Rufus Hawk in Abilene. All their married life was spent in Dickinson County.

Mr. Hawk preceded her in death January 8, 1975.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Abilene and was a long-time member of the Abilene "Frances Williard" WCTU. She served as president from 1976 to 1979.

She died July 17, 1992, in the Abilene Nursing Center at the age of 95. Surviving are two daughters, Beulah Priem, Abilene, and Loretta Moore, Oklahoma City, OK; one son, Lyle Hawk, Scottsdale, Arizona; one sister, Hazel Rankin, Arkansas City, KS, and 13 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by three sons, Verlyn Hawk, Delmar Hawk and Orville Hawk; two grandsons, Robert Lyle Hawk and Darrel Kent Hawk, and one granddaughter, Tammy Sue Moore. She was also preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Her funeral service was held July 21, 1992, at the First Christian Church in Abilene with Reverend Steve Cable officiating. Burial was in the Abilene Cemetery.

Memories, and those of her many friends, will be treasured by her children, Beulah Priem, Loretta Moore, Hazel Rankin, and many grandchildren, the great-grandchildren, and the great-great grandchildren of Rufus and Pearl Oldham. She will be missed by all who knew her.

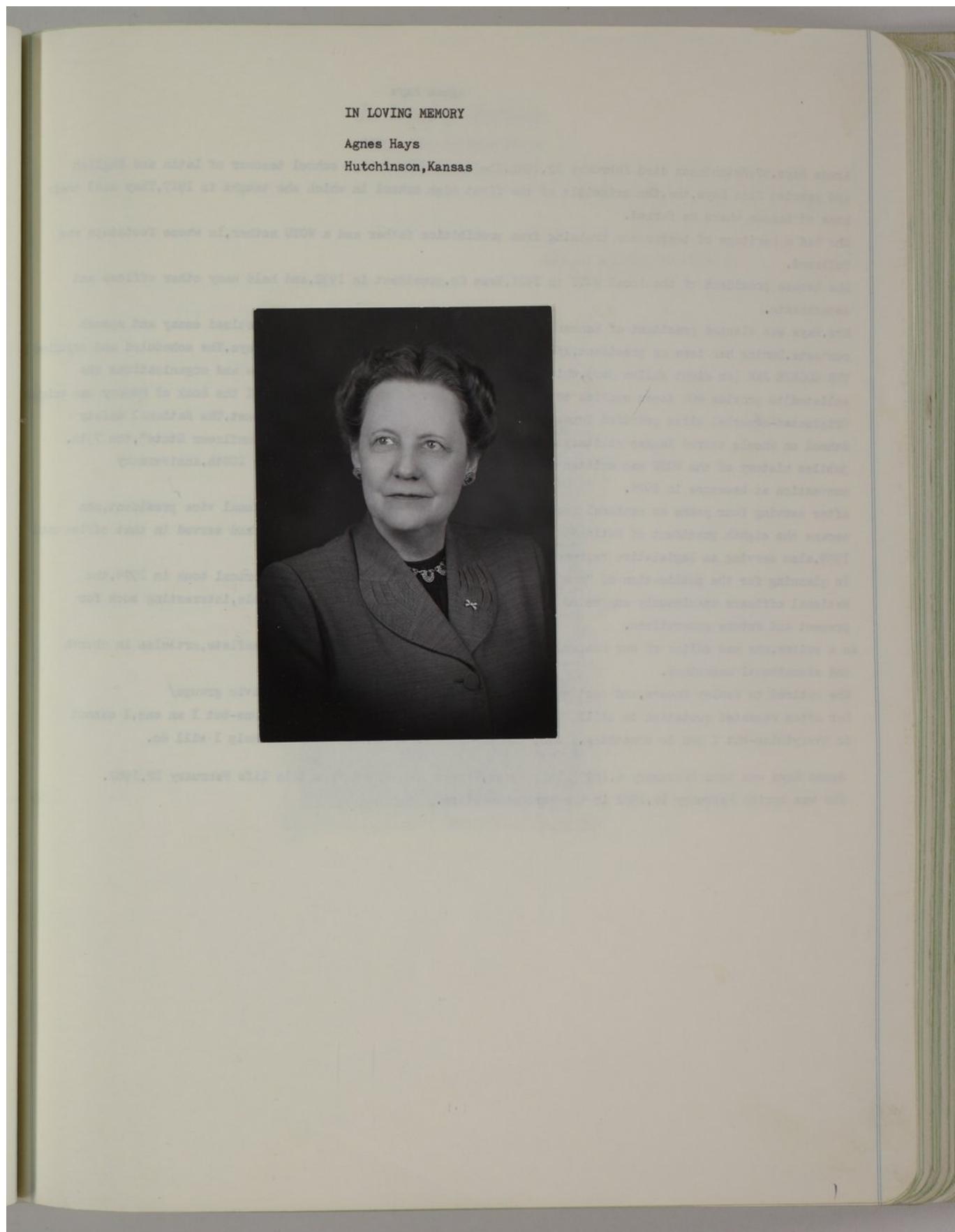
Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., September 21, 1992, at the First Christian Church in Abilene, Reverend Steve Cable officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jim Lewis of Abilene, Oklahoma. Burial was provided by a quartet consisting of Tom Johnson, Eddie McDaniel, Leon Sapp, and Jim Gandy. Memorial service was sung by the Rev. Jim Lewis. Interment was in the Abilene Cemetery.

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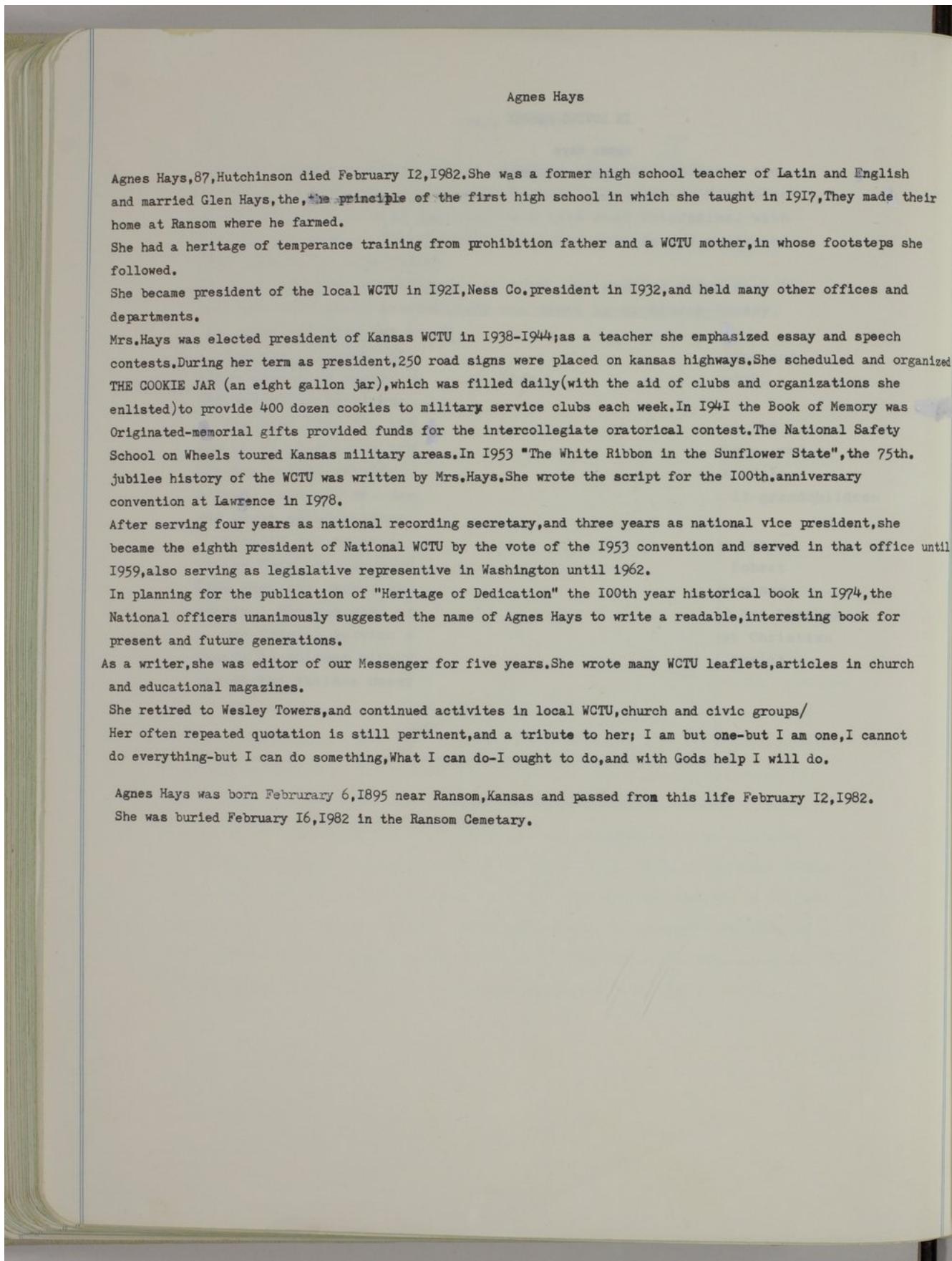


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Agnes Hays, 87, Hutchinson died February 12, 1982. She was a former high school teacher of Latin and English and married Glen Hays, the principle of the first high school in which she taught in 1917. They made their home at Ransom where he farmed.

She had a heritage of temperance training from prohibition father and a WCTU mother, in whose footsteps she followed.

She became president of the local WCTU in 1921, Ness Co. president in 1932, and held many other offices and departments.

Mrs. Hays was elected president of Kansas WCTU in 1938-1944; as a teacher she emphasized essay and speech contests. During her term as president, 250 road signs were placed on Kansas highways. She scheduled and organized THE COOKIE JAR (an eight gallon jar), which was filled daily (with the aid of clubs and organizations she enlisted) to provide 400 dozen cookies to military service clubs each week. In 1941 the Book of Memory was originated—memorial gifts provided funds for the intercollegiate oratorical contest. The National Safety School on Wheels toured Kansas military areas. In 1953 "The White Ribbon in the Sunflower State", the 75th jubilee history of the WCTU was written by Mrs. Hays. She wrote the script for the 100th anniversary convention at Lawrence in 1978.

After serving four years as national recording secretary, and three years as national vice president, she became the eighth president of National WCTU by the vote of the 1953 convention and served in that office until 1959, also serving as legislative representative in Washington until 1962.

In planning for the publication of "Heritage of Dedication" the 100th year historical book in 1974, the National officers unanimously suggested the name of Agnes Hays to write a readable, interesting book for present and future generations.

As a writer, she was editor of our Messenger for five years. She wrote many WCTU leaflets, articles in church and educational magazines.

She retired to Wesley Towers, and continued activities in local WCTU, church and civic groups. Her often repeated quotation is still pertinent, and a tribute to her; I am but one—but I am one, I cannot do everything—but I can do something, What I can do—I ought to do, and with God's help I will do.

Agnes Hays was born February 6, 1895 near Ransom, Kansas and passed from this life February 12, 1982. She was buried February 16, 1982 in the Ransom Cemetery.

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MRS. ISA HENDERSON
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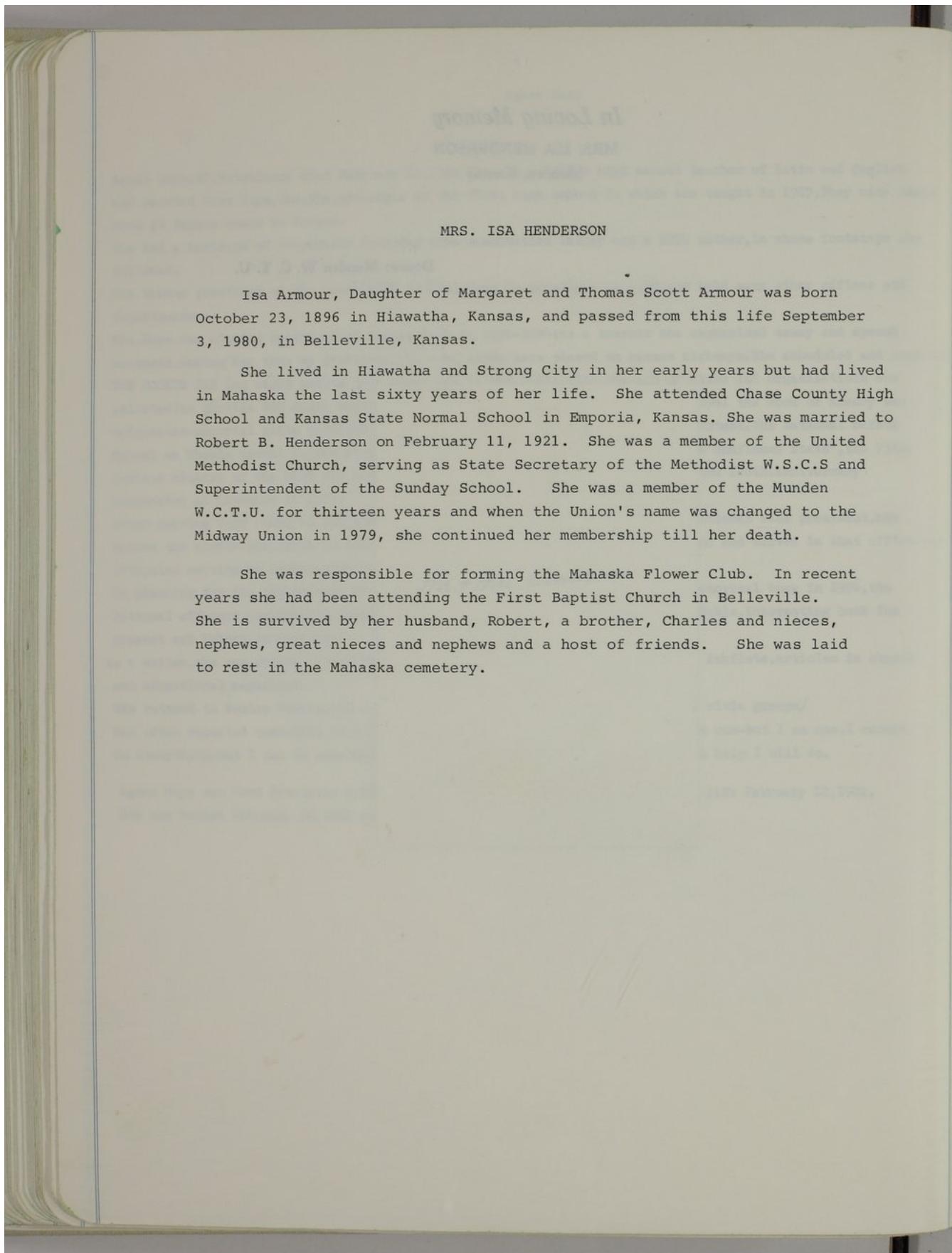
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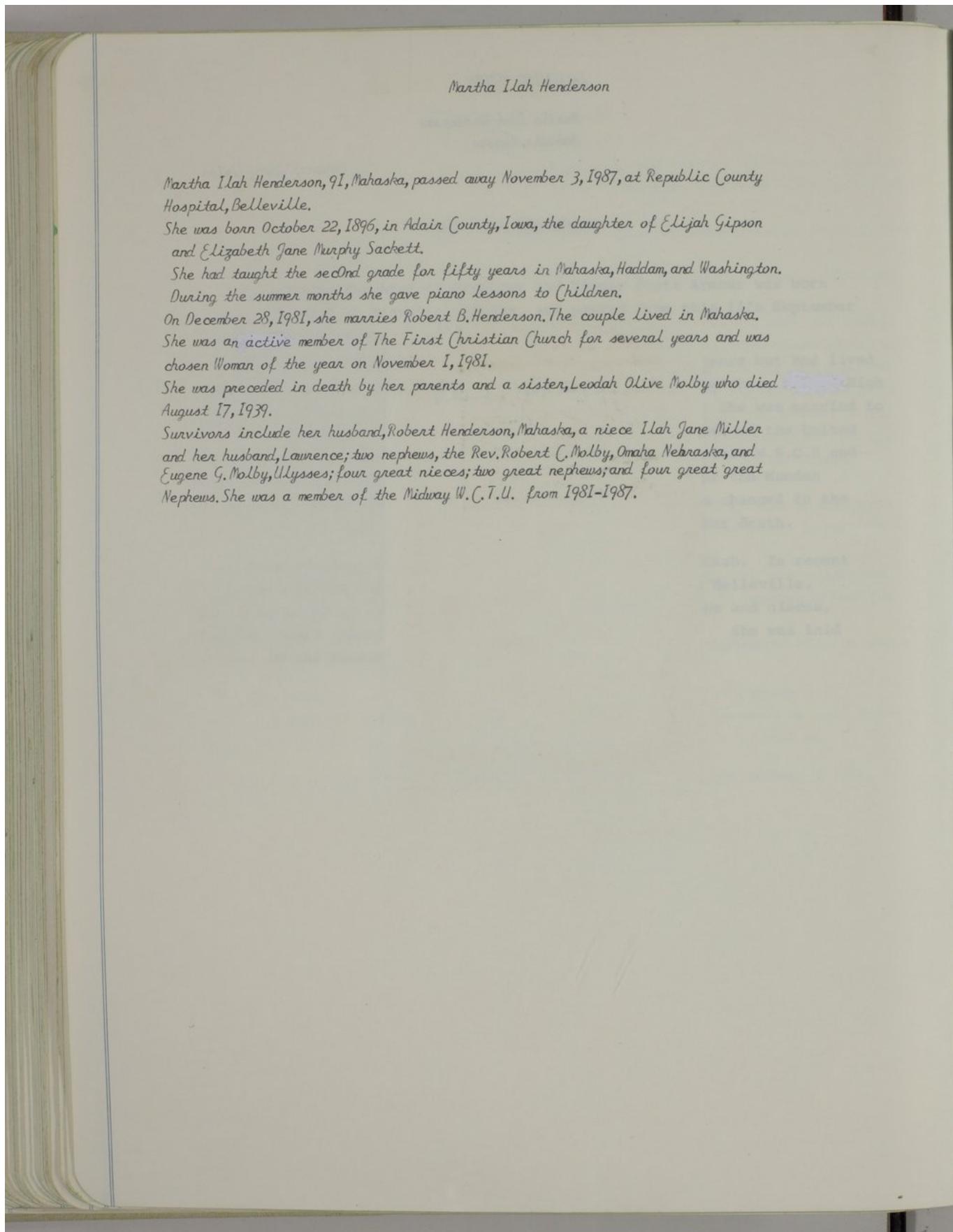
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Martha Ilah Henderson

Martha Ilah Henderson, 91, Mahaska, passed away November 3, 1987, at Republic County Hospital, Belleville.

She was born October 22, 1896, in Adair County, Iowa, the daughter of Elijah Gipson and Elizabeth Jane Murphy Sackett.

She had taught the second grade for fifty years in Mahaska, Haddam, and Washington. During the summer months she gave piano lessons to children.

On December 28, 1981, she marries Robert B. Henderson. The couple lived in Mahaska. She was an active member of The First Christian Church for several years and was chosen Woman of the year on November 1, 1981.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Leodah Olive Molby who died August 17, 1939.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Henderson, Mahaska, a niece Ilah Jane Miller and her husband, Lawrence; two nephews, the Rev. Robert C. Molby, Omaha Nebraska, and Eugene G. Molby, Ulysses; four great nieces; two great nephews; and four great great Nephews. She was a member of the Midway W.C.T.U. from 1981-1987.

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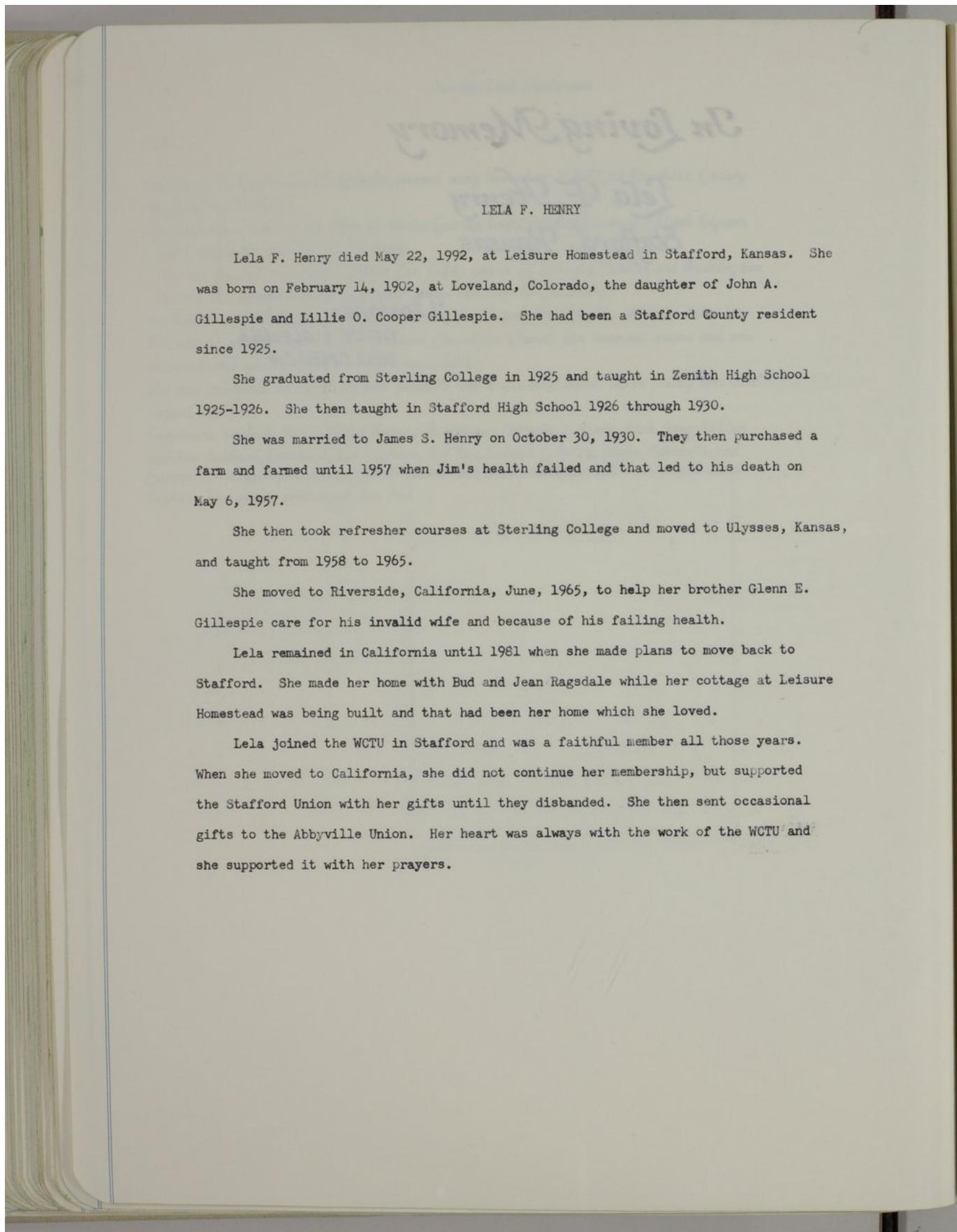


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LELA F. HENRY

Lela F. Henry died May 22, 1992, at Leisure Homestead in Stafford, Kansas. She was born on February 14, 1902, at Loveland, Colorado, the daughter of John A. Gillespie and Lillie O. Cooper Gillespie. She had been a Stafford County resident since 1925.

She graduated from Sterling College in 1925 and taught in Zenith High School 1925-1926. She then taught in Stafford High School 1926 through 1930.

She was married to James S. Henry on October 30, 1930. They then purchased a farm and farmed until 1957 when Jim's health failed and that led to his death on May 6, 1957.

She then took refresher courses at Sterling College and moved to Ulysses, Kansas, and taught from 1958 to 1965.

She moved to Riverside, California, June, 1965, to help her brother Glenn E. Gillespie care for his invalid wife and because of his failing health.

Lela remained in California until 1981 when she made plans to move back to Stafford. She made her home with Bud and Jean Ragsdale while her cottage at Leisure Homestead was being built and that had been her home which she loved.

Lela joined the WCTU in Stafford and was a faithful member all those years. When she moved to California, she did not continue her membership, but supported the Stafford Union with her gifts until they disbanded. She then sent occasional gifts to the Abbyville Union. Her heart was always with the work of the WCTU and she supported it with her prayers.

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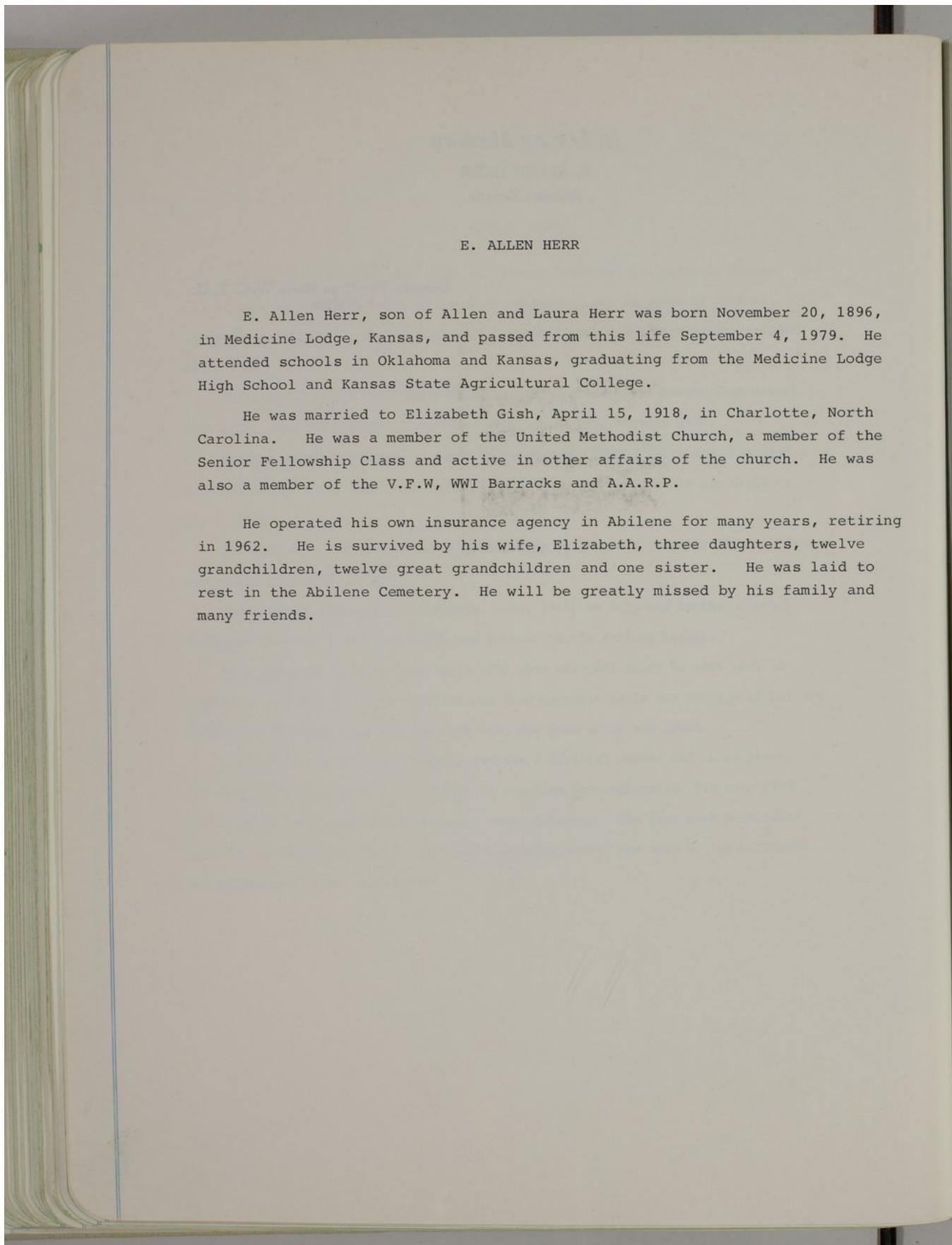
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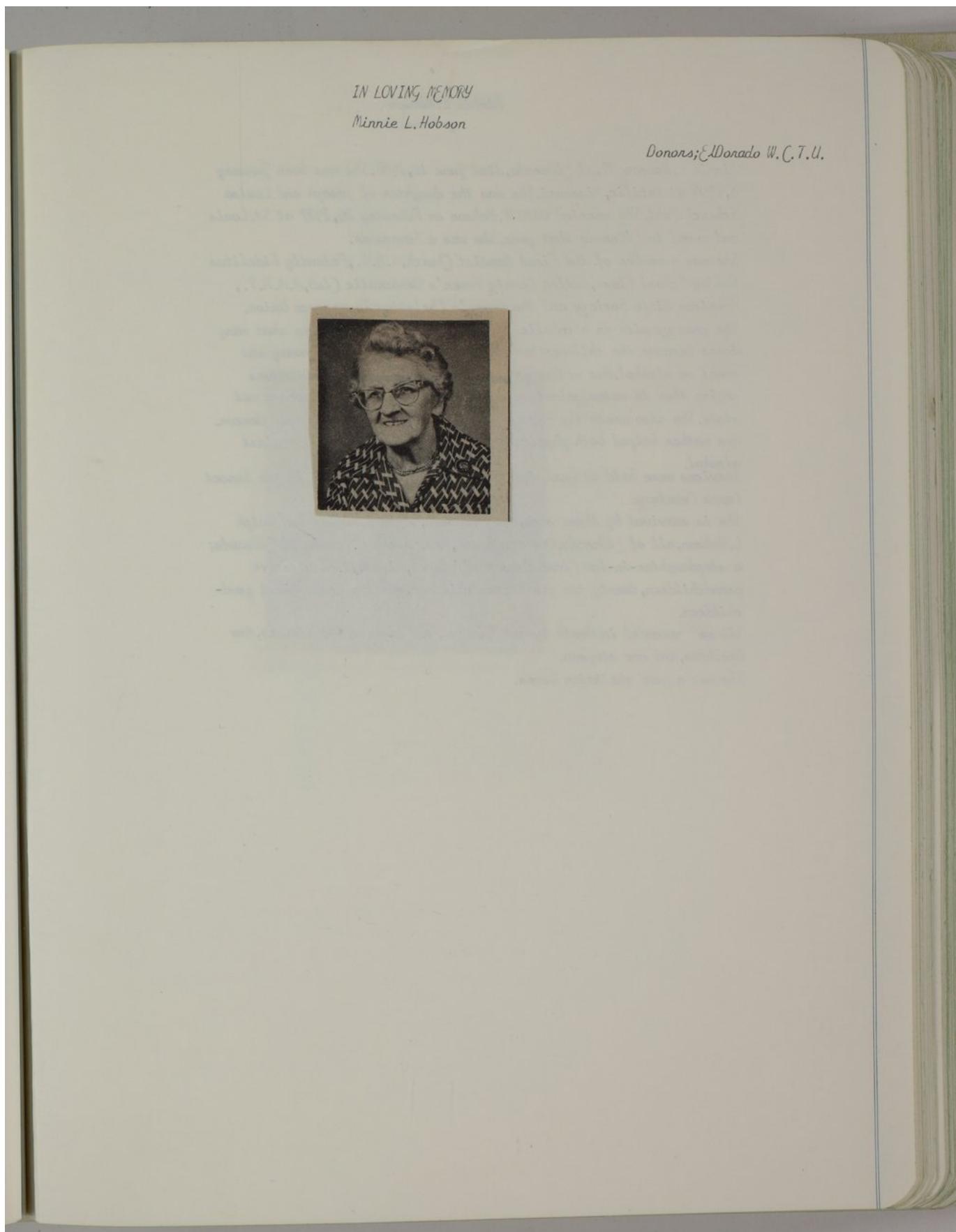


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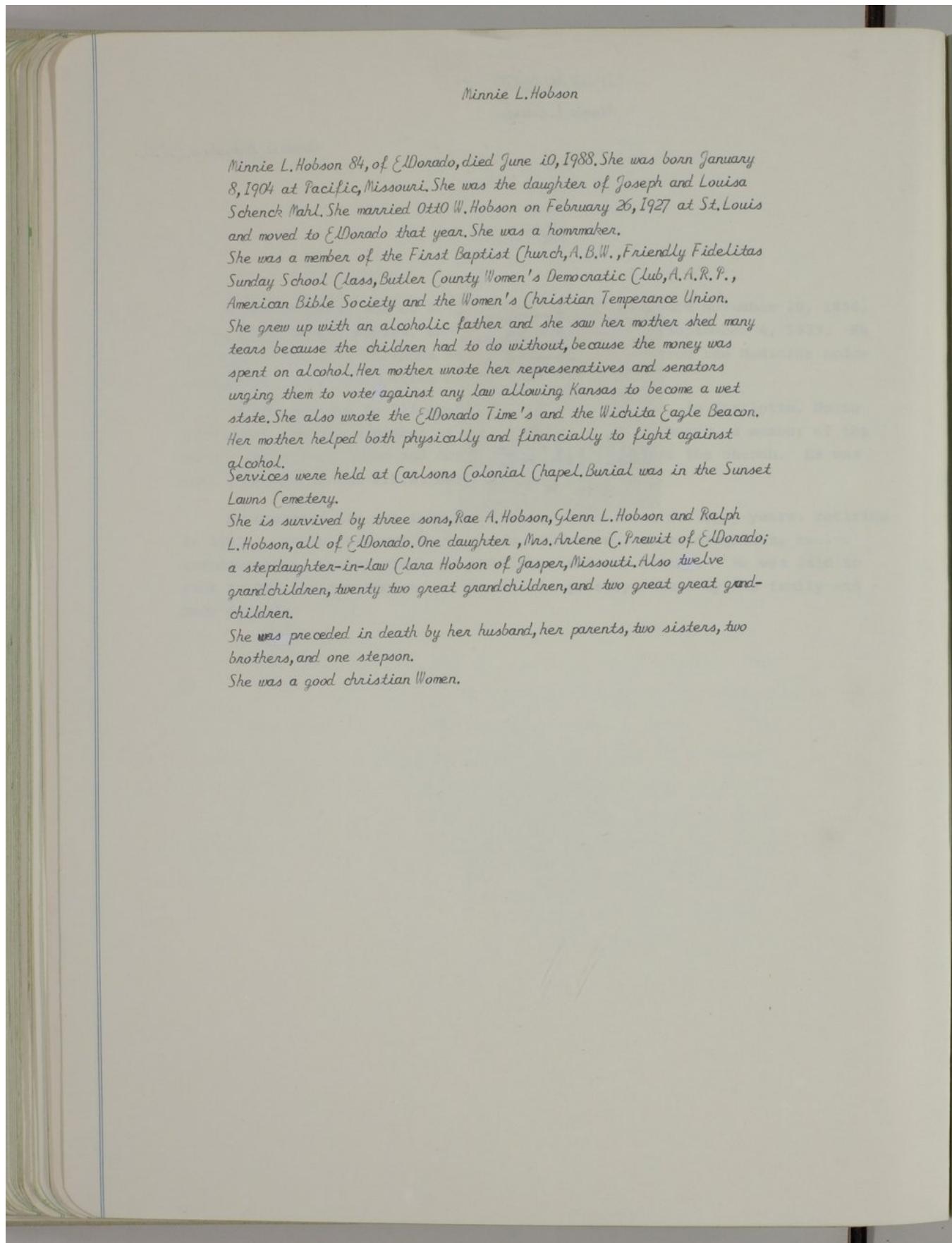
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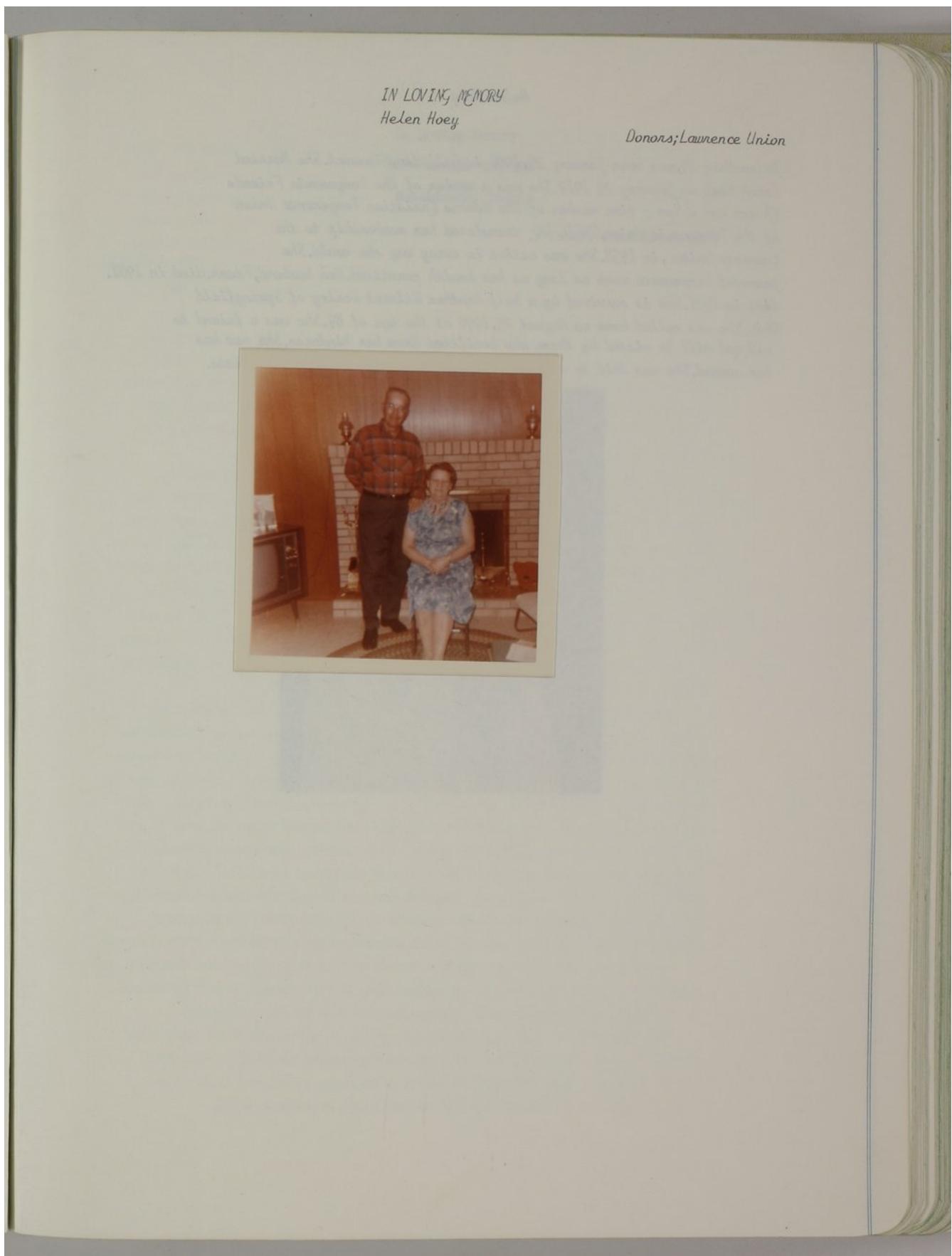


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Helen Hoey

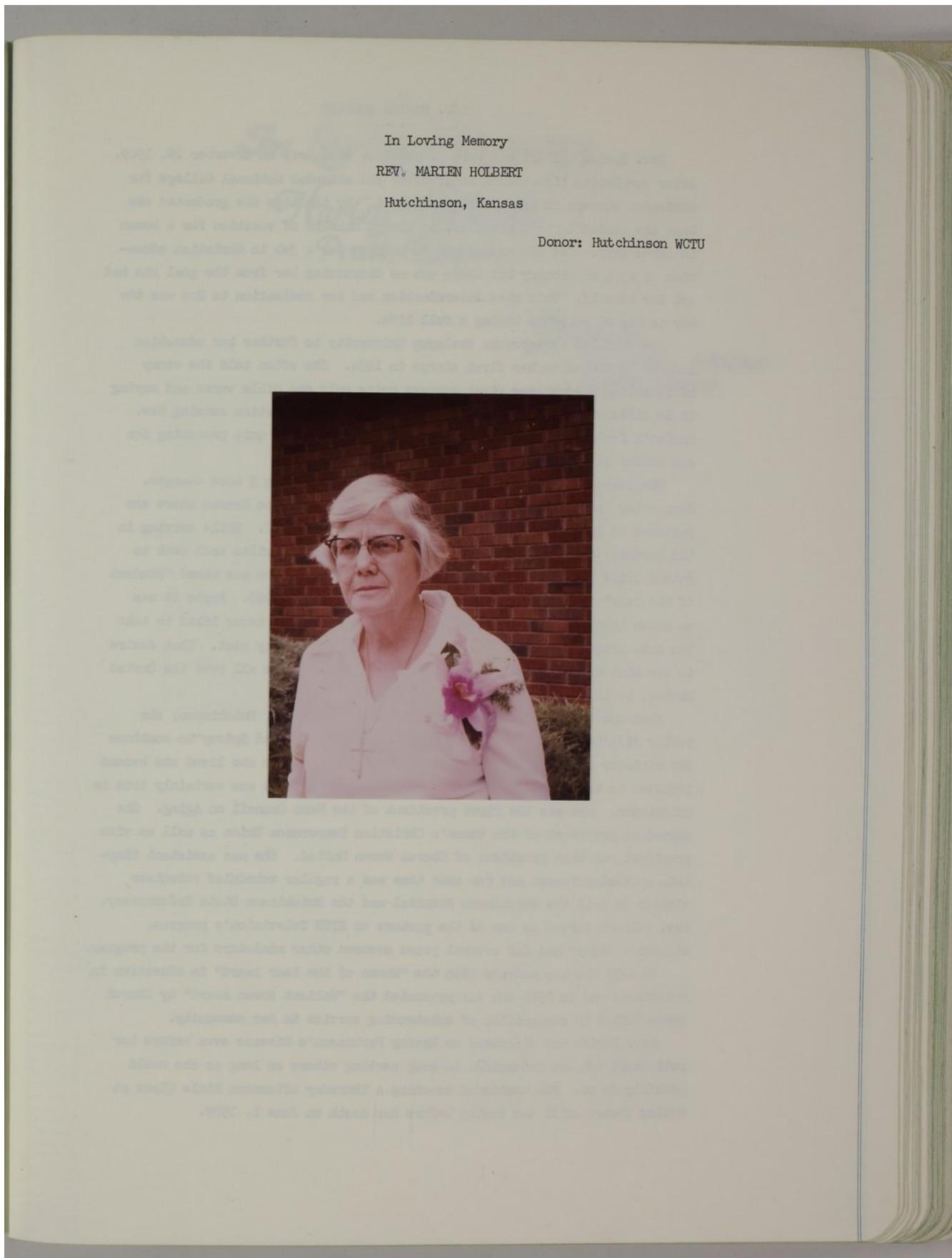
Helen Hoey 89, was born January 29, 1901 in Gallatin, Missouri. She Married Frank Hoey on January 29 1919. She was a member of the Tonganoxie Friends Church and a long time member of The Womens Christian Temperance Union of the Tonganoxie Union, UNTIL SHE transferred her membership to the Lawrence Union., in 1958. She was active in every way she could. She promoted Temperance work as long as her health permitted. Her husband, Frank, died in 1981. She is survived by a half brother Wilmont Worley of Springfield Ohio. She was called home on August 25, 1990 at the age of 89. She was a friend to all and will be missed by those who benifited from her kindness. She now has her reward. She was laid to rest in Hubbel Hill Cemetery, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

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REV. MARIEN HOLBERT

Rev. Marien Holbert was born at Sedalia, Missouri, on November 28, 1909. After completing high school in Sedalia, she attended National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Missouri. By the time she graduated she knew she wanted to be a preacher, an almost unheard of vocation for a woman in those days. She was encouraged to prepare for a job in Christian education or as a missionary but there was no dissuading her from the goal she had set for herself. This same determination and her dedication to God was the key to her 80 years of living a full life.

She enrolled at Nebraska Wesleyan University to further her education and was appointed to her first charge in 1934. She often told the story of stumbling through her first message using only one Bible verse and saying it in different ways. A little old lady in the congregation sensing Rev. Marien's feeling of inadequacy, made her promise not to quit preaching for one month; she was always thankful for that lady.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree while serving 3 more charges. Soon after her graduation in 1941, she was transferred to Kansas where she pastored in 10 more charges until her retirement in 1977. While serving in the Paradise United Methodist Church, she commuted 500 miles each week to attend Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. She was named "Student of the Year" in 1959 and earned her Masters Degree in 1960. Maybe it was on these trips that she learned to love to travel. She never liked to take the same route twice even between her home and the county seat. That desire to see what was over the horizon took her in later years all over the United States, to the Holy Land, and to Alaska.

When she retired in 1977 and moved to Wesley Towers, Hutchinson, she really didn't retire. For 2 years she drove to Zenda and Spivey to continue her ministry at least 3 or 4 days each week. Everywhere she lived she became involved in the community as well as her church and this was certainly true in Hutchinson. She was the first president of the Reno Council on Aging. She served as president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as well as vice president and then president of Church Women United. She was assistant Chaplain at Wesley Towers and for some time was a regular scheduled volunteer visitor at both the Hutchinson Hospital and the Hutchinson State Reformatory. Rev. Holbert served as one of the pastors on KTVH Television's program, "Pastor's Study" and for several years secured other ministers for the program.

In 1975 she was honored with the "Woman of the Year Award" in education in Hutchinson and in 1985 she was presented the "Valiant Woman Award" by Church Women United in recognition of outstanding service to her community.

Rev. Marien was diagnosed as having Parkinson's Disease even before her retirement but was determined to keep serving others as long as she could possibly do so. She continued teaching a Thursday afternoon Bible Class at Wesley Towers until two months before her death on June 1, 1989.

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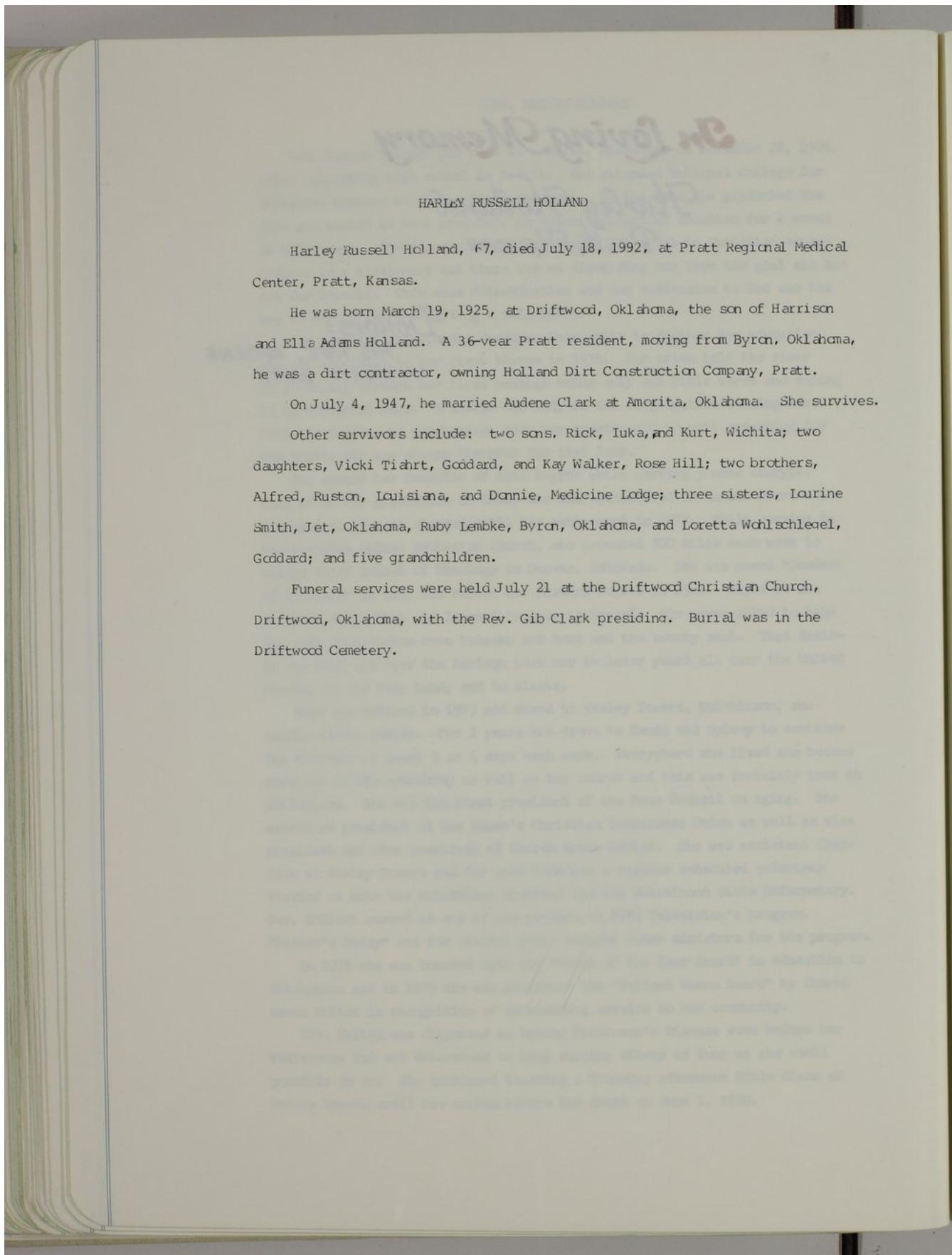
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Myrtle Lucille Homsey

Myrtle Lucille Homsey was born on January 8, 1906 on a farm in Union, Arkansas to Edgar and Mattie Raney. She was the first born of a family of six children, Randall, Harold, Ima, Maurice and Don.

Among her fondest recollections of her early life in the Ozarks are; 'picking blackberries and eating peaches from trees around the farm, running up and down creeks splashing in the water, or feeling the dry cool sand, drinking water from cool springs'. Other memories important to her were family gatherings which seemed always to include music provided by family members, and a particularly special trip to a 'camp meeting' that was the time that she remembers when God entered her life. Farm life in those early days also included some real tests of her strength, patience, and courage as she learned to deal with the hoeing of rocky cotton and cornfields, milking cows, avoiding snakes and a serious bout of pneumonia at age 15. The effects of this illness remained with her for the rest of her life.

In 1923 her family moved to Shamrock, Oklahoma. Myrtle graduated from Shamrock High School and later attended Hills Business College in Oklahoma City. It was during this period of time that she met ~~her~~ her future husband, Essa B. Homsey, while attending a special church program in Depew, Oklahoma. They were married on Jan. 31, 1928 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On Dec 25th. 1930 she gave birth to Edward in Oklahoma City. Following a series of moves due to E.B.'s work in the oilfields, they established a home in Cleveland, Oklahoma. While in Cleveland, she gave birth to a daughter, Donna on ~~on~~ Dec 27, 1935.

Myrtle and E.B. began attending the Free Methodist Church in the mid 30's while in Cleveland. The church and her faith were a major focus of her life and led to a decision for the family to move to McPherson, Kansas in 1945 in order that their children could receive a Christian education.

Shortly after moving to McPherson, Myrtle began work in the endorsement department of the Alliance Ins. Co. where she remained until retirement in 1971. Since living in McPherson, she has been an active member of The McPherson Free Methodist Church.

At various phases of her life, she enjoyed music, sewing, travel, sightseeing, ceramics, cooking for scouts, tracing her roots, and most of all touching the lives of people she knew and loved. Her strength in character and faith in God sustained her through her later years and enabled her to maintain an optimistic outlook through an extended hospitalization, which ended with her death on the afternoon of Sept. 2, 1982.

Grieving her passing is her husband E.B., one daughter Donna Wiley, Spokane Washington, one son Edward of Rochester N.Y., a sister Ima Wallis of McPherson, a brother Don Raney of Seminole Oklahoma. She leaves four grandchildren, other relatives and innumerable friends.

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Glenn Long Hoover

Gleen Long Hoover, was born February 8, 1916, the son of Charles D., and Harriet Augusta Long at the farm home, in the big Sandy Community, east of Toronto. He Passed away August 6, 1987, at the Fredonia Regional Hospital, at the age of 71 years and six months.

From June 1935 to 1938, he was in the CCC, and helped construct, what is now the Woodson County Lake. In March 1941, he was inducted into the US Army, 27th Armoured Infantry Battalion. He saw action in Central Europe, was wounded at the crossing of the Remagen Bridge Remagen Germany. He was awarded a Purple Heart, and spent a year in hospitals. He received first aid in Holland, and was flown to England and from there to California, then to Camp Carson, Colorado. He was Honorable discharged in May 1945, at which time he was awarded several medals of honor. After his recovery from war injuries, he served the Toronto two years trucking, after which he attended a machinery school in Coffeyville and worked there a year, and at Wichita Aircraft until he retired in September 1971 because of disability.

He was a life member of the Disabled War Veterans, a member of the Toronto Wesleyan Church, of which he was Sunday School Superndintendant, and an Honorary Member of the Toronto WCTU and the Golden Agers Club.

He was united in marriage to Marguerite Northrop Glenn on March 9, 1958. They retired in Toronto and became active in the Toronto community, and traveled extensively. Glenn was happiest when working in his garden or helping others.

He is survived by his wife Marguerite of Toronto, one son, Norman Hoover of Benton, stepsons Clay Glenn, Denver, Colorado, Ray Glenn, Medicine Lodge, Vernon Glenn, Augusta, Ronald Glenn, Mountainside, N.J. one stepdaughter, Helen Swingley, Avorth, Ga. Two brothers, Lloyd, Toronto, Charles, Williams, Oregon. Three sisters, Orpha P. Rocha, Lemoore, Ca., Clara O. Willinger, Cunningham, Bonnie B. Misegades, Suisun, Ca. twenty two grandchildren, and twenty one great grandchildren. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held at the Campbell Funeral Home in Eureka with the Rev. Wayne Ware of Ferdinand officiating. Internment was in Maude Cemetery, Cunningham Kansas.

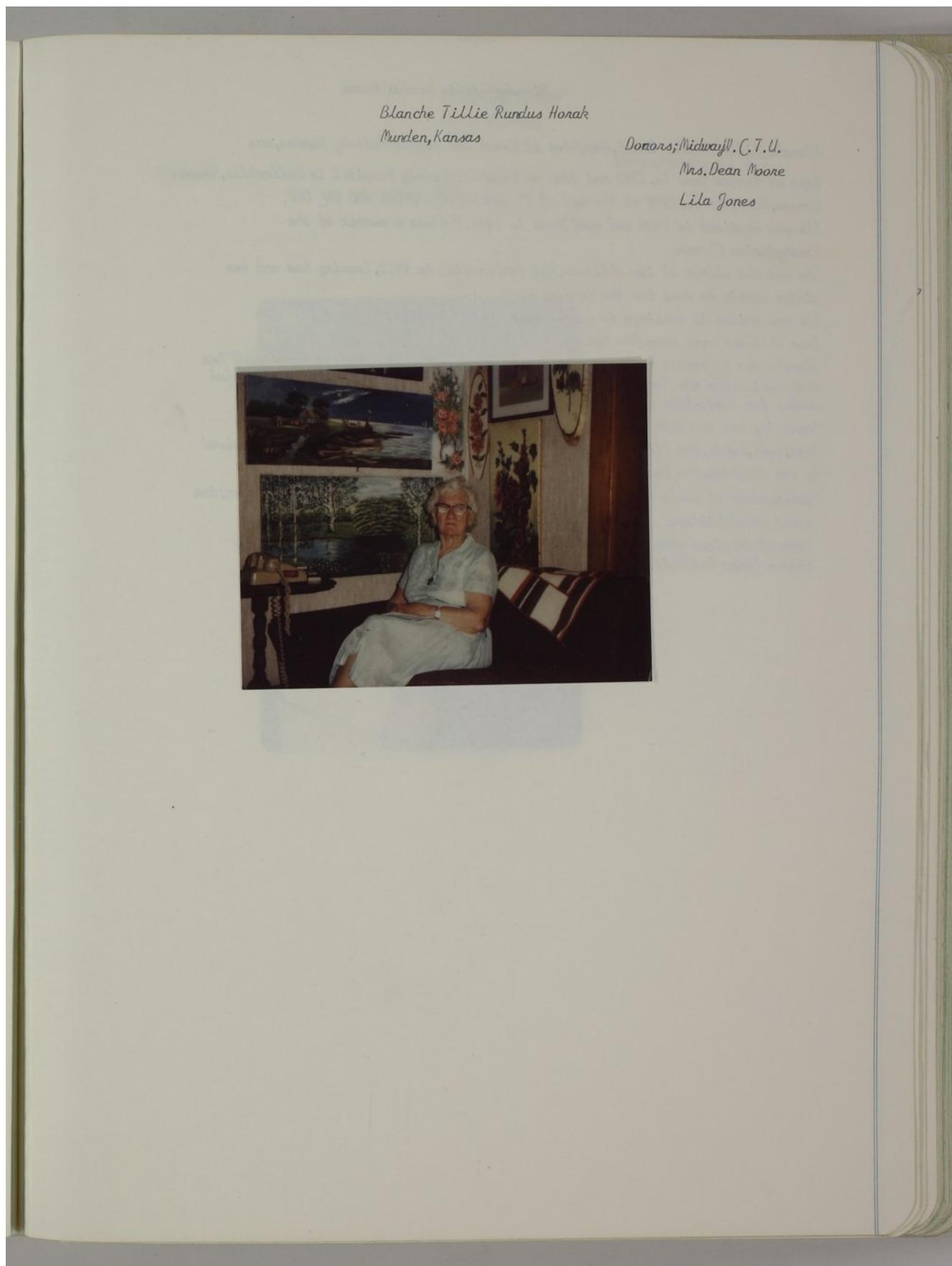
A Memorial was established with the Toronto Wesleyan Church. He is sadly missed by his wife, family and friends. Also by the WCTU Members, where he was a willing worker.

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Blanche Tillie Rundus Horak
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Blanche Tillie Rundus Horak

Blanche Tillie Rundus Horak, daughter of Frank and Sophia Pelesky Rundus, was born at Munden June 10, 1892 and died at Republic County Hospital in Belleville, Kansas, November 11, 1989 at the age of 97 years FIVE MONTHS AND ONE DAY. She was baptised in 1900 and confirmed in 1903. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She was the oldest of ten children. Her Mother died in 1912, leaving her and her sister Sophia to care for the family.

She was united in marriage to George Henry Horak in 1915 and to this union four children were born. Her husband died in 1942.

Blanche was a Charter member of the Munden WCTU, joining in 1925. She continued her membership when the Munden Union changed their name to Midway. She was a faithful member for sixty-four years, and a prayer warrior for the work of the WCTU.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, six brothers, Bohumil, John Bert, Luld, Lumir, and Victor. Three sisters; Sophia Louise, and Bertha. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jerome (Marjorie) Saback of Emporia, three sons, William of Norton, Harry of Santa Monica, California and Eugene of Munden; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Zion Evangelical Church of Munden, conducted by Pastor James Woldhuis. Burial was in Tabor Cemetery.