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## MRS. ANNA L. GRANT

Mrs. Anna L. Grant, the widow of The Reverend Robert L. Grant, died September 7, 1964. Memorial services were conducted in Enid Thursday, Sept. 10th.

Mrs. Grant was born the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Horner in New Port, Kentucky. She moved with her parents to Anthony, Kansas, and made the 'run' with them into the Cherokee Strip and settled in Enid, Oklahoma, in 1898.

She was married to The Reverend Robert L. Grant, August 16, 1902, in Anthony, Kansas. For fifty years she served as queen of Methodist parsonages throughout Oklahoma. The Reverend Grant died in 1953. They were the parents of Mrs. W. R. Brown, Cherokee, Oklahoma, Mrs. D. S. Waters, Enid, Oklahoma, and R. C. Grant of Chicago, Illinois. The Reverend Don Waters, pastor of The Methodist Church in Lamont, Oklahoma, is a grandson.

Mrs. Grant loved and enjoyed living. She was happiest as the wife of a Methodist minister as she worked with her husband in the many opportunities of service to God and man. While serving at Cleo Springs, she was elected "Parsonage Queen of the Enid District" because of her outstanding heartfelt concern for the people of the parish she served with her husband.

Mrs. Grant was one of those rare souls whose faith in all Jesus taught made her life a pageant of triumph and a joy forever. She grew old gracefully becoming day by day the incarnation of all she believed and loved. Her life was radiant and confident. She knew no dull moments nor periods of boredom. Even after the death of The Reverend R. L. Grant, she grew in her love for the service to Christ to which she had given her life. Her vigor of mind and wholesomeness of spirit made her life a continuing blessing to those who visited with her.

The Reverend John Russell, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Enid, Oklahoma, conducted her final services. He was assisted by the Reverend Don Waters. She stepped from her earthly home to that house not built with hands eternal in the heavens with a reverent curocity and a divine-given confidence.

She made life on this earth a richer and finer experience because she lived and served Christ without reservation.

## MRS. J. F. HENDREY

Mrs. Vesta Farmer Hendrey, the daughter of Sarah and James Farmer, passed to her heavenly reward on July 2, 1964. She was born in Tarrant County, Texas, on March 27, 1876. On December 19, 1894, she was united in marriage to James Fletcher Hendrey. To this union six children were born, two sons having died in infancy. Reverend Hendrey, who preceded her in death on October 3, 1954, was licensed to preach in the Oklahoma Methodist Conference in 1906. From then until their retirement at Roosevelt, Oklahoma, in 1945, this couple devoted themselves to the work of the Church.

Mrs. Hendrey is survived by three daughters, Zelma Schoepflin, Mary Richert, and Naomi Edmundson; one daughter, Ruby Humphrey, having died on June 25, 1964. Altogether there are fourteen grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Hendrey in the Roosevelt Methodist Church, Roosevelt, Oklahoma, conducted by the pastor, the Reverend Cecil Cox. Interment was made beside her husband in the Hobart Cemetery, Hobart, Oklahoma.

## MRS. WILBUR D. (MILDRED LUCILLE) MEASE

Mildred Lucille Mease, wife of Rev. Wilbur D. Mease, was born on May 8, 1918, died September 27th, 1964 and was interred at Abilene, Kansas. She attended Dickinson High School in Chapman, Kansas, and was graduated from McPherson (Kansas) College. In 1949 she graduated from Kansas University Medical School. She was thus equipped for a life of service through the ministry of healing. From 1950 to 1955, she was Night Supervisor at the McPherson County Hospital. She held that same position at the Bethany Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, 1955-56. From 1959 until 1964, she was employed as a nurse at the St. Mary's Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Mease was richly endowed with the qualities necessary for a minister's wife. Her fine Christian spirit and deep faith enabled her to play a wonderful supporting role in her husband's ministry, and endeared her to the people wherever they served. As a minister's wife, she served in the following towns: Guthrie, Cordell, Aline, Ringwood, Ames, Billings, Marland, Lenora and Taloga.

Because of her life of service, many friends have contributed to a Mildred Mease Memorial Scholarship Fund at Oklahoma City University. Gifts for this fund have been received from many, many persons who were touched by her life.

Mrs. Mease is survived by her husband and two children of the home, John Randall and Shari Jean; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kauffman, Abilene, Kansas; two brothers, Ralph Cartner, Abilene, Kansas, Kenneth Cartner, Pocatello, Idaho. Also two step-sisters, Mrs. Eldon Reed, Navere, Kansas, and Mrs. Dale Brown, Lombord, Illinois. Memorial services were held October 4, 1964, in the First Methodist Church, Enid. Ministers, participating in the service were: Dr. Luman T. Cockerill, Dr. Rufus Walker, Rev. Montie Jones, Rev. Kirk Fowler, Rev. John Russell, and Rev. William Allen.

## MRS. CLAUDE A. SIMMONS

Bessie Ward Simmons, widow of the Rev. Claude A. Simmons, was born September 8, 1886, in Crawford County, Kansas. She came with her parents to the Persimmon community in Woodward County, Oklahoma, where the family established a homestead in pioneer days.

She was married to Claude A. Simmons in 1908, and during the 37 years of his active ministry, served with him in the work of The Methodist Church in various pastorates in Oklahoma. Upon her husband's retirement in 1951 they established their home in El Reno, where Mrs. Simmons united with the Wesley Methodist Church, of which she was a member at the time of her death on February 27, 1965.

Mrs. Simmons was a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and had been honored with a life membership by the Society in El Reno. She was loved by all who know her; her humble and gracious spirit strengthened the ministry of her husband and the lives of her children.

Mrs. Simmons was the mother of four sons, all of whom survive. They are: Ross Y. Simmons, Houston, Texas; Alan C. Simmons, Maywood, California; Claude A. Simmons, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Burt R. Simmons, Minco, Oklahoma. In addition, there are four grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. A. L. Tryon, Alvarado, Texas.