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Don W. Fragge, Conference Secretary 5519 State Park Drive Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205 Charles E. Davis was born July 28, 1879 at Knightsville, Indiana. He began his ministerial career as a missionary in Malaysia, serving 1912–1918. Charles was admitted on trial in 1911 and became a full member of the Kansas Conference in 1915. He served as Field Secretary of the Board of Missions in Borneo in 1917. He served these churches: in Missouri—Wyaconda; in Kansas—Eudora, Hamilton, Highland Park (Topeka), Hartford, Kincaid-Mildred, Virgil, Americus, Moline, Eskridge-Waushara, Bushong and Grenola.

Retiring in 1952, he had lived in The Methodist Home, Topeka, since 1960.

Mrs. Davis died in 1964.

He died at The Methodist Home on July 13, 1971. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gaile Velinka, Great Bend. Memorial services were at the First United Methodist Church, Great Bend; burial was in the Great Bend, Kansas, cemetery.

Osceola W. Dewey was born August 6, 1883 in Greenwood County, Kansas. He attended Emporia State Normal College in 1909 and graduated from Southwestern College, Winfield, in 1919. Prior to graduation, he served several charges as a pastor, including the Jefferson Community, south of Independence. He was received into the Kansas Conference on trial in 1911, as a full member in 1913.

On December 26, 1910, he married Florence B. Gaston; she preceded him in death December 7, 1969. Children are: Mrs. Winifred Peck, Joplin, Missouri; Charles O. Dewey, Longmont, Colorado; T. DeVere Dewey, Independence, Kansas.

During his ministry he served these churches: Jefferson, Galesburg, Elk Falls, Peru, Altoona, Moline, Waverly, Spring Hill-Gardner, Colony-Welda, Yates Center. After retirement in 1950, he served Moline, Elk City-Sycamore Valley.

He died February 8, 1972, at the Glenwood Estate Nursing Home, Independence, Kansas. Memorial services were at the Potts Funeral Home and burial was in the Independence Cemetery.

Wilber C. Harr was born March 30, 1908. After graduating from Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1932, he served churches in Kansas before being assigned as a missionary in Nigeria, Africa. He returned in 1939 to be Professor of Christian Missions, Evangelical Theological Seminary. To prepare for this task, he completed the S.T.M. Degree in Missions at Union Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. Degree in Anthropology and the History of Religions at the University of Chicago. In 1962, he edited and contributed to the volume, "Frontiers of the Christian World Mission."

Dr. Harr married Juanita M. Nanninga, June 4, 1934.

He had served thirty-two years as professor at E.T.S. and was installed as dean in 1968. During his sabbatical leaves, he served on theological faculties in Asia. During his ministry he trained men and women for missionary service, as well as sensitizing ten generations of students to the world dimensions of the Christian faith.

His children are: Barbara, teacher at Upsala College; David, with the State Department in Vietnam; Stanley, who teaches music in Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Harr died November 27, 1971. Services were held at the Community United Methodist Church in Naperville, Illinois.

William I. Hastie was born August 20, 1886 at Providence, Rhode Island. He attended Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, 1907—1911, and later attended Fairmount College, Wichita.

On September 1, 1910, he married Mary Kathryn Wood in Providence,

He served as a secretary with the YMCA overseas during World War I. He had been involved in religious work in Czechoslovakia and as a Red Cross secretary.

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