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**TUARIES**

**FUS M. T. MAZE, D. D.**

son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley A. Maze, was born in Henry County, Indiana, November 16, 1857. He died in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 2, 1940, at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was on a farm in Tipton County, Indiana, where he provided a home. He attended the public school and a Normal Teachers Training College, after which he entered the teaching profession. He married Miss Katie Goar near Tipton, Indiana, in 1882. They moved to western Nebraska and settled on a frontier farm where they built a sod house by their own hands. They were engaged in cattle raising for about five years. His religious interests were conducted by Evangelical ministers, Mr. and Mrs. in Christian work and were leaders in the church in Nebraska. It is said that it became the first church in the county. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the United States and a good government and worthy officials was

Christian ministry and was licensed by the church at the Shiloh United Evangelical Church near Tipton, Indiana, in 1882. He was ordained a Deacon in 1884 and a Presiding Elder in 1892 at Glenville. After seven years of service he was elected a Presiding Elder and served for sixteen

years in the territory of Oklahoma and organized the Kansas Conference as a Presiding

Member of the Board of Missions in the territory of Oklahoma and organized the Kansas Conference as a Presiding Elder of Western Union College and courageously secured adequate buildings for the campus. Necessary educational units were established during his period of time. He served on the Board of Missions of the Board for many years.

He was elected in 1918 to the episcopal office in the merging of the two branches of the Evangelical Church. His commission from the beginning until the end of his life was of great value. His counsel and sound advice were of great value in the episcopal office until 1934 when he retired to Ohio. The following year he and Mrs. Maze

reaching, for he was a delegate to all the General Conferences and was a delegate to the Board of Missions and advice to all the General Boards. He was a member of the building committee of the church at Pa., and an advisor in the purchase of the property for the Board of Publication, of the Board of Missions for many years.

He represented in the Federal Council of Churches and on the Committee of Administration and on the Foreign Missions Conference. He was a member of the State Council of Churches when he retired.

A faithful companion, one son, a daughter and

at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The funeral was held at 10:30 a. m. on July 4, 1940, at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The funeral was held at 10:30 a. m. on July 4, 1940, at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The funeral was held at 10:30 a. m. on July 4, 1940, at the Calvary Evangelical Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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**MRS. H. SOHL**



Mrs. Caroline Gabel Sohl, born in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, May 18, 1862, died at the age of 78 in Schenectady, N. Y., July 2, 1940. She, with her parents, came to Nebraska at the age of sixteen and settled near Swanton, where she was converted and joined the Evangelical Church.

She married Rev. H. Sohl in 1882 and labored with him for forty years, when they retired in Lincoln in 1920. Brother Sohl preceded her in 1926 into the Great Beyond.

Mrs. Sohl is survived by three sons, one of whom, Ezra H. is pastor of the Evangelical Church at Milford; three daughters, Ida, being the wife of Rev. A. Langenberg of Sutton; and Hulda, the wife of Rev. W. W. Schneider of Mankota, Minnesota; 21 grand-children and 3 great grand-children. Interment was in the Wyuka Cemetery at Lincoln, Nebraska.

**MRS. T. M. EVANS**

Mrs. Martha A. Mullen Evans was born October 26, 1858 in Story County, Iowa, and died in Hastings, Nebraska, at the age of 81 in October 13, 1940.

She was reared in a Christian home, where the early circuit riders were often welcomed. She married Rev. Thomas M. Evans April 14, 1884. That spring they began a ministerial career of forty-four years in the Iowa and Nebraska Conferences. Brother Evans preceded the departed in death in 1928.

Mrs. Evans was vice-president of the former Platte River Missionary Society branch from 1908-1913 and was president from 1913-1921 and served part of that time also on the Conference Deaconess Board.

One son, a daughter and three grandsons survive. Vera, a daughter, died in 1917. Services were conducted in the Grace Evangelical Church at Hastings, Nebraska.

**REV. JOSIAH HOLDEMAN**



Josiah Holdeman was born near Rose Hill, Dark County, Ohio, August 16, 1857, and died in a San Bernardino, Calif. hospital near his home April 18, 1941. Most of his boyhood days were spent in Pennsylvania. He moved to Glenville, Nebraska, as a young man and took an active part in the Evangelical Church.

He felt the call to preach as a lad. A license was granted at Blue Springs, March 18, 1882 by the Nebraska Conference. Being ordained a Deacon at Glenville in 1884 he became an Elder at Aurora in 1886.

The service record of 41 years extends over many fields as follows: Aurora 1882, Lexington, Alma, Cozad, LeMar, Doniphan, Beaver Crossing, Holstein, Hiawatha, Kansas, Hastings, Kearney, Cambridge, Callaway, Lincoln, Geneva, Dawson, Blue Springs, Presiding Elder on the Kearney District (1913-1917), Cozad (second time), Alma, Callaway (second time) and Eddyville with retirement to California in June 1925.

He served as statistical secretary; assistant secretary of Conference; President of the Conference Missionary Society 25 years; a delegate to the General Conference twice; to the Board of Missions three times and as a Presiding Elder for one term.

Rev. Holdeman founded and organized the Evangelical Church at Cozad, Nebr., and retained an honorary relationship with that church until his death.

The deceased married Anna L. Kletzing March 5, 1885. He is survived, after a life of 83 years, by his faithful wife, two daughters and one son. One daughter preceded him in death April 18, 1934. Since 1935 they have lived in Ontario, Calif., where he was an ardent worker in the church.

Funeral services were in Anaheim, California.