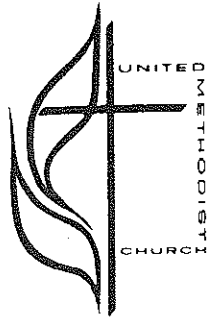


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erling, Kansas, in May 1971. 1974-75, and at Little River in 1979. Rev. Bressler celebrated and other Methodist gave a large

services were held at Sterling. Robert Bear officiated. Burial by his widow.

McConnell) Hainer, was born in Isee County, Michigan. She attended summer seminar school at 1951.

ers at Downs, Kansas. Four years at Springdale, Ark.; Hazelton, Deceased (1923) and

way: "Dad left the farm in the best of four children and the first, Kansas, where I was born. My next charge was in a remote area. His salary total for the year was \$1,000.00. I received ground from friends' trees in the amount of \$1,000.00 on Christmas and Mother's Day. I made a plum pudding with a five-cent note during that of the circuit. I was in the Lord. They retired to the farm. Mother preached at

Irwin presided at funeral. She was in that city. She is

territory. He attended high school and was water for one term. He was

the parents of two children: Elmer (Hardesty) Lohrenz,

a pastor was a fill-in job at the rest of the year he had an old Model T with roll-down top. Member of Kansas West in 1935. Charges served (1930), Partridge-Castleton (1938), Glen (1944), Hazelton (1946), (1955), Bison (1958),

ed Methodist Church for every Sunday. He then attended Methodist Church at

Leavenworth, Kansas, and served in that same capacity for three weeks at Epworth Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Rev. Hardesty was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 150 of Wakita, Wakita Industries Authority, The Lions Club, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Death came April 30, 1982, at Wakita, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church, Wakita, Oklahoma, May 3, 1982. The Revs. Harwood Rowe, Dr. George Graham and Charles Claycomb officiated. He is survived by his widow, one son, one daughter and three grandchildren.

JAMES D. HUFF

James D. Huff was born January 19, 1896, at Rector, Arkansas. He attended schools at Rector, Arkansas, and took many correspondence courses. He was married to Ola Wagner in 1917. They were the parents of three daughters: Lorene H. Hogan and Alma Lee Watson of Austin, Texas. One daughter, Gerene Huff, preceded him in death fifty-six years ago. He was married to Bessie Graebner in 1971.

Rev. Huff became a member of the church as a child. As a young family man he painted houses and was a shoe cobbler at Forest City, Arkansas. He was called to the ministry when he was fifty-seven years of age. For a time he preached in Arkansas and Louisiana before he came to Kansas West as a local pastor. Appointments served as a member of this Conference were: McGill, Nev. (1958); Towner, Colo. (1959); Trousdale (1961); Lyona (1964); Geneseo (1964). He retired in 1967.

Death came July 28, 1981, at Lyons, Kansas. The Rev. Jay W. Anderson officiated at the funeral which was held at Lyons United Methodist Church. Burial was in Lyons Cemetery. He is survived by his daughters, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two brothers.

FRANK WILLIAM LITTLE

Frank William Little, son of Thomas and Rose (Hindman) Little, was born July 13, 1910, at Rolla, Kansas. He was graduated from Rolla High School in 1931 and obtained a Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern College in 1940. In 1943, he was granted a Master of Theology from Illif School of Theology.

In June of 1940, he married Laura Burnett. They were parents of two children: Thomas J. Little and Rosemary K. (Little) Young. Rev. Little was converted and became a member of the church in 1932. He became a probationary member of the Central Kansas Conference in 1940, was ordained a Deacon in 1942, and received Elders orders and became a full member in 1943. Charges served were: Meade-Elsie Chapel (1933), Palestine-Riverdale (1935), Silverdale (1936), Hicks Chapel (1937), Oklahoma, Grainola (1938), Hicks Chapel-Dexter (1939), school (1940), Marquette (1943), Talmadge (1946), Attica (1948), South Haven-Hunnewell (1952), Ashland (1961), Peabody (1965), Sublette (1968), Kismet (1973). He took a disability leave in 1974. He retired to his home in Richfield, Kansas, in 1976, and moved to Rolla, Kansas, where he lived until 1981.

Rev. Little entered Morton County Hospital for longterm care in 1981. He died in Elkhart, Kansas, December 30, 1981. Funeral services were held January 3, 1982. The Rev. Wesley Davis and Rev. J. Thomas Smith officiated. He is survived by his widow, his son and daughter, and two grandsons.

DORAN NATHANIEL McALLISTER

Doran Nathaniel McAllister, son of George H. and Nancy (Moore) McAllister, was born May 20, 1895, at Thornfield, Missouri. He earned a GED certificate and took correspondence courses and summer school at Kansas Wesleyan University. He was granted a Reverend Doctor of Ministry from that school.

December 25, 1915, he married Katy May Grabeel. Seven children were born to them: Earl C. McAllister, Springfield, Mo., John N. McAllister, San Bernadino, Calif.,

E. Ruth (McAllister) Manning, Salina, Ks., G. Thomas McAllister, Salina, Ks., Louise May (McAllister) Chambers, Augusta, Ks., Gladys (McAllister) Cagle, Derby, Ks., and Jackie McAllister, deceased.

He joined the church in early childhood. Rev. McAllister was a fourth generation Methodist minister. He was surrounded by the church all of his life. He was admitted as a probationary member of Central Kansas Conference in 1931, received Deacon's orders in 1933, and was ordained an Elder in 1935. Charges served were: Portis (1930), Luray (1935), Gypsum (1937), Ransom (1941), LaCrosse (1943), Oakley (1945), Satanta (1949), Mulvane (1952), and Belleville (1957).

Rev. McAllister led his family through the depression and the dust storms with no severe complications. During those years his designated salary usually was not paid by the end of the fiscal year and he just "marked it off." In spite of this he gave generously to the church.

During his middle years he developed a hobby of working with rare woods. He was a member of the International Wood Collectors Society of America. He collected wood from all over the globe and made a cross from every piece. He created many designs. He also made letter openers, leaf trays, canes and wall hangings. These items have been distributed through the years to relatives and friends. Many people in the United States, plus Alaska and Hawaii, have some of his woodwork for a lasting remembrance.

Rev. McAllister retired in May 1960 and resided in Branson, Missouri, and Mulvane, Kansas. He continued to preach, when invited, at various churches in both Branson and the Mulvane area. He gave lectures at the Mulvane High School a number of times.

Death came September 13, 1981, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. Funeral services were held September 15, 1981, at Mulvane. Rev. Richard Wilke and Rev. Harold Steinbach officiated. Burial was in Mulvane Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, three sons, three daughters and seventeen grandchildren.

ROBERT OLIVER SCHMIDT

Robert Oliver Schmidt, son of William Friedrich and Lena (Pohl) Schmidt, was born May 21, 1894, at Freeport, Kansas. He was graduated from Freeport Grade School in 1911, from Anthony High School in 1915, and from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, in 1919. He earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Divinity from Asbury College.

He married Blanche Marie Blackburn, April 16, 1915. Two children were born to them: the Rev. Robert O. Schmidt, Jr., and Florence (Schmidt) Clark, deceased.

He first joined the church in 1902. He was granted probationary status in the Central Kansas Conference in 1920, was ordained a deacon in 1923, and was granted Elders orders in 1925. Churches served were: Bluff City-Burchfield (1920), Castleton (1922), Bushton (1923), Haven (1924), Freeport (1926). He took voluntary location in 1927 and returned to the itineracy at Bluff City (1931), Windom (1932), Hardtner (1933), Ford (1935), Sawyer (1937). He took voluntary location again in 1937. He returned to the active ministry at Clifton (1951), Sedgwick (1956), Hope (1958). Rev. Schmidt retired to Wellington, Kansas, in 1959.

He died May 19, 1981, at Arlington, Texas. Rev. W.L. Garner preached the funeral service May 21, 1981, at Arlington, Texas. Burial was at Forest Park Cemetery, Anthony, Kansas. The Rev. Robert O. Schmidt, Jr. officiated. Survivors are his widow, one son, and six grandchildren.

MARY LUCY THIBAULT

Mary Lucy Thibault, daughter of Dr. Henry and Corinne (Johnson) Thibault, was born December 11, 1902, at Scott, Arkansas. She was graduated from Scott High School and studied by correspondence. She attended Southern Methodist University