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 an earnest Evangelistic preacher, being
 e. He was a conscientious pastor and

e first born, Bessie Leola, and the last
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 Lucile Barnard, near Kingfisher, Okla-
 Mrs. Esther Jones, Wichita, Kansas; Roy
 San Francisco.

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 the age of 69 years, 9 months and

He held pastorates in Elmore City,
 a number of churches in the North

Hinton, Oklahoma.
 of Fort Worth, Texas; three daugh-
 S. Unger of San Diego, Calif., and

Mrs. F. M. Hobbs of Foss, Okla.; two brothers, J B. Arnold of Richland, Washington,
 and Z. B. Arnold of Corpus Christi, Texas; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Wheeler of Strawn,
 Texas, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. E. L. Jorns, District Superintendent of the
 Clinton District, and the Rev. John R. Webb, pastor of The First Methodist Church of
 Clinton.

Burial was at the Newport cemetery, Newport, Texas, on Monday, April 24, 1950.

MRS. WILLIAM CRIDLAND

Mrs. William Cridland was born March 12, 1868, in the Province of Ontario, Can-
 ada. She moved with her parents to Michigan when yet a girl. She was married to
 Rev. William Cridland in October, 1898. Mr. Cridland was for 33 years in the active
 ministry of the Methodist Church serving churches in Michigan and Oklahoma.

Upon Mr. Cridland's retirement they moved to Nowata, Oklahoma, to make their
 home. He died in 1926.

She passed to her reward on October 14, 1950, while visiting in the home of
 a daughter in Arkansas City, Kan. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist
 Church at Nowata and she was laid to rest in the Memorial Park there.

She is survived by four sons and one daughter. One son, Fred W., died in 1910.
 Her surviving children are: W. L. Cridland, Nowata, Okla., R. G. Cridland, Tulsa, Okla.,
 R. W. Cridland, Dubuque, Iowa, Geo. A. Cridland, Galesburg, Ill., and Mrs. John L.
 Conner, Arkansas City, Kansas.

Hers was a life of faithfulness and beauty, asking little, giving much.

MRS. WILLIAM H. PROFFITT

Mrs. William H. Proffitt, nee Emmer Link Baker, was born September 20, 1875,
 in the state of North Carolina, and passed away at Waynoka, Okla., July 5, 1949.

She was married to Mr. Proffitt in 1896 while he was serving as a local Meth-
 odist preacher in Tennessee. Their lives were spent together in parsonages in Tennes-
 see and Oklahoma.

They came to Oklahoma in 1899 and filed on a homestead near Buffalo but later
 sold the relinquishment and Mr. Proffitt gave his time to the ministry. While the
 northwest section of the state was developing, Mr. Proffitt worked for some time with
 the United Brethren Church. Later he became as accepted supply with the Oklahoma
 Conference and then became a conference member in 1921. He was forced to retire
 from the active ministry because of ill health in 1935 and he and Mrs. Proffitt settled
 in Waynoka. He preceded his wife in death in 1945.

Seven children were born to this couple. N. F. Proffitt followed in his father's
 footsteps and became a Methodist preacher. He also preceded his mother in death.
 Six children survive: James Proffitt of Gage, Mrs. Golda Curtis of Waynoka, John Prof-
 fitt of Bartlesville, Mrs. Katherine Marshall of Omaha, Nebr., Mrs. Hassie Mertena of
 Ponca City and Mrs. Bessie Kruse of Oklahoma City. Fifteen grandchildren and two
 great grandchildren also survive.

Both during the years when her husband was in the active ministry and in later years, Mrs. Proffitt's life was given to the service of Christ and His Church. There was no task too humble for her to undertake. She asked only that she might use well the talents which had been entrusted to her. When no car was offered, she walked to do God's errands. She rejoiced to see flowers at the altar of the church on a Sunday morning and planned her garden to this end. These flowers reflected the love in her heart. The gardens around the heavenly mansions and in the parks of God's Kingdom now have another gardener and she is happy there working to maintain the beauty of the better home.

Funeral services were conducted at the Waynoka Methodist Church, July 7, 1949, with Rev. George Parkhurst, district superintendent, Rev. George Baker of Weatherford, and Rev. Henry Morton, pastor, having part.

MRS. LEILA BARRETT

Mrs. Lelia Barrett, nee Moss, widow of the Rev. Frank Barrett, was born at Bells, Crockett County, Tennessee, October 28, 1870. There she spent the morning of her life and began her education in the public school. In 1885 she moved with her family to Paragould, Arkansas. She returned to Bells to continue her education in the Academy at Bells. In 1889 she moved with the family to Portia, Arkansas, and in 1890 to Black Rock, Arkansas. In and around Black Rock she taught school. In 1896 she moved with the family to Jonesboro, Arkansas. There she gave valuable service to the First Methodist Church, teaching in the Sunday School and as a member of the choir.

She married the Rev. Frank Barrett, sometime pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, December 25, 1901. Their home was blessed with five children, Frank M. Oklahoma City; Bessie Lee Wright, Altus, Oklahoma; Louise, wife of Lt. Col. Lillard P. Miller, Tokyo, Japan; Dorothy, Kansas City, Missouri, and J. B. who died in infancy. She also nurtured and helped in the education and training of two other children of Brother Barrett, Hazel Barrett now Mrs. Joe Vance, Kansas City, Missouri, and Katy May Barrett who went to heaven in 1937.

Her four children, her step daughter, Mrs. Vance; two sisters, Mrs. Iren Nickleson and Mrs. Hugh Leary; one brother, Thomas C. Moss, Dallas, Texas; four grandsons, one granddaughter and one great granddaughter survive her.

Her husband, the Rev. Frank Barrett, D. D., was a brilliant preacher and a very great, good man. After thirty-eight years of distinguished service to the church he died at his post of duty as Presiding Elder of the Lawton District May 20, 1929.

For twenty-eight years, Lelia was his faithful and efficient helpmate, the mother of his children, keeper of the home and the first lady of the churches he served. She graced the parsonage homes at Argenta, Searcy, First Church, Texarkana, Asbury, Little Rock, all in Arkansas; St. Luke, Oklahoma City, Altus, Oklahoma, and the District parsonages at Chickasha and Lawton, Oklahoma.

After Dr. Barrett's death she lived a serene and beautiful widowhood. She made her home near her children in Oklahoma City. She was a faithful member of St. Luke Methodist Church. She took an active interest in all the affairs of the church until the olden golden days came when in "age and feebleness extreme" she had to rest under the canopy of her home.

In the early morning of December 7, 1949, she went home to heaven. There crowned with the blessings of her children and with a diadem of good works wrought with her own hands she lives forever and ever with God's great immortals.

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