

Thursday, April 1, 1965

Mrs. Elmer Meeker, Former Brooklyn Area Resident, Dies

A former Brooklyn area resident, Mrs. Elmer (Hilda May) Meeker, 85, died Feb. 26 at Texarkana hospital after a short illness. She had been visiting her two sons, Richard of Forman, Ark., and Cecil of Ashdown, Ark.

Mrs. Meeker was born in Tama county, Iowa, on Feb. 5, 1880, and was the daughter of Edward and Ellen House Carpenter. She was a teacher and was united in marriage with Elmer Meeker on March 13, 1900.

They lived in Kansas for seven years before returning to Iowa where they engaged in farming near Chelsea, Belle Plaine and Brooklyn. They later moved to Moberly, Mo., where they lived for 17 years. When Mr. Meeker retired they moved to Baton Rouge, La., and he died there on July 8, 1956.

The Meekers helped to establish the Church of Christ on Foster Street in Baton Rouge, after the group had assembled in their home for some time.

Survivors include six daughters: Mrs. Vira E. Ward of Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Vanetia Hutro of Gulfport, Miss.; Mrs. Altamae Kriegel of Grinnell; Mrs. Daisy Adams of Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Dema Ellsworth of Peyette, Ida., and Mrs. Opal Alcorn of Caldwell, Idaho; six sons: Alvin and Lloyd of Ontraio, Ore.; Harold of Moulton, Iowa; Roy of Clovis, Calif.; Cecil of Ashdown, Ark.; and Richard of Forman, Ark.; 35 grandchildren and 65 great grandchildren.

A son, Edward, preceded her in death in November of 1963. A sister, Mrs. A. C. Blake of Marshalltown, the last surviving member of her family with the exception of her children, died Aug. 19, 1964.

Mrs. Meeker was buried at the New Salem Church of Christ cemetery at Wesson, Miss.

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