

Teacher Years Stricken

School Was Named For Her

When the name of "Rebecca Grubaugh School" is carved on the front of the school building on Western avenue this fall, the white-haired teacher for whom the building was renamed in the spring of 1948 will not be there to see it.

Miss Rebecca Grubaugh, who taught for 56 years through several generations of Mansfielders, died at 3 a. m. today at General hospital.

She had been in failing health for the past year, but it was not until the middle of August that she decided to give up teaching and sent her resignation to the Mansfield board of education. Then, three weeks ago last Thursday, she was taken to the hospital, critically ill.

"Beckie" as she was affectionately known to everyone who knew her, was remembered during those three weeks with more than 300 cards, innumerable gifts and telephone calls.

Miss Grubaugh, through her enthusiasm for her job, her love of children and her courtesy to everyone with whom she came in contact, became a tradition in Mansfield teaching history. When the Western avenue school was renamed for her a year ago, it established a precedent in school lore. "She was the first teacher for whom a building was named while still 'on the job.'"

BORN IN CITY

Miss Grubaugh was born on Springfield street, where the T. R. Sammons Advertising firm now stands. She had lived here all her life, her whole life woven with the things that concerned Mansfield, its churches, civic and teaching activities.

Her parents, James and Rebecca Chandler Grubaugh, were pioneers in this vicinity.

She began her teaching career in 1895, later attending Ashland college, Ypsilanti, Mich., Normal school and Kent State university.

Successively, she taught at West Fifth, Bushnell, and Newman school, joining the teaching staff at Rebecca Grubaugh school in 1912 and remaining there as a staff member until her resignation on Aug. 15.

She was a member of the First Methodist church, its missionary society and a devoted participant in all the church activities. She was a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's club and belonged to the Jared Mansfield chapter, DAR, the First Grade Teachers club

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Miss Rebecca Grubaugh

the funeral home.

Death Claims Miss Grubaugh

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of the city and the Mansfield City Teachers association. Miss Grubaugh also was a member of the Ohio Education association and the National Education association.

Supt. of Schools W. L. Miller, who first conceived the idea of renaming Western avenue school after the teacher who had taught there for 36 years, was shocked today by her death.

PAYS HER TRIBUTE

"She was one of the finest individuals I have ever known in the teaching profession," he said. "She was a born teacher and had an inherent love to children. She always was gracious and pleasant in all her contacts both with school officials and parents. We will surely miss her in the school system."

Jesse Clark, principal of the Grubaugh school where Miss Grubaugh had taught so long, echoed Miller's words.

"Miss Grubaugh had a gift that was unusual. There was never any criticism of her work. It was a case of perfect understanding both of the children whom she taught and the problems of their parents. She had that and whatever else it takes to make a successful teacher."

Surviving Miss Grubaugh are a brother, William R. Grubaugh, Mansfield; four nephews, Arthur and Francis Gates of Mansfield, Kenneth Grubaugh of Burlington, Vt., and Russell Grubaugh of Dayton; three nieces, Mrs. Mary Midlam and Miss Esther Grubaugh of Marion and Mrs. Marion Morton of Detroit; five grand-nephews and two grand-nieces and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Finefrock funeral home at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday. Rev. Charles W. Stoneburner, pastor of the First Methodist church, will be assisted by Rev. Carveth P. Mitchell in conducting the services. Burial will be in the Mansfield cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

OBITUARY

GRUBAUGH

Mrs. Rebecca Chandler Grubaugh, a native of Mansfield, died Monday, September 2, 1949, at the Western Avenue hospital, Mansfield, Ohio, after a long illness.

She was born in Loudonville, Ohio, and was the daughter of James W. Grubaugh and Rebecca Chandler.

She was a member of the Mansfield City Teachers Association and the Ohio Education Association.

She is the widow of James W. Grubaugh, who died in 1912.

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Stoddard has not been served with the arrest warrant.

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WIDOW, 81, DIES

Mrs. Grubaugh Stricken at Home of Daughter.

LOUDONVILLE—Mrs. Emma Grubaugh, 81, widow of James Grubaugh, died Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Isabel Martin in Orrville, after a long illness.

Mrs. Grubaugh was born a few miles west of here, the daughter of James and Nancy Russell, and had spent her entire life here, going to her daughter's home recently.

She is survived by five sons and five daughters. They are Chalmers and Willis of Loudonville, and James, Howard and Wilbert of Akron; Mrs. Mae Mapes, Mrs. Iva Brubaker, Mrs. Maude Haeferlie and Mrs. Nettie Jones, all of Akron; and Mrs. Martin at Orrville. A sister, Mrs. George Billingsley, Mansfield, and a brother, Thomas Russell, Loudonville, also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Perryville Lutheran church, with Rev. J. H. Kuhlman, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn cemetery.