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Incorporation of the "King's Daughters' Home for Women" of Springfield, Illinois, was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, June 6, 1893.

The original incorporators were Harriet J. Walker, (Mrs. E.S. Walker) Adelaide Ide, (Mrs. A.L. Ide), Sallie Maxwell, Mabel Cook, (Mrs. John Cook) Olive A. Eggleston, (Mrs. Charles Armstrong), Emma F. Jones, Anna M. Stanton, (Mrs. C.M. Stanton), Nannie L. Souther, (Mrs. Geo Souther), Hattie Herndon, (Mrs Frank Herndon), Medora Scales, (Mrs Y.D. Scales), Elizabeth Brown, Jennie A. Powell (Mrs. James Powell), Emily J. Converse, (Mrs M.B. Converse), Mary Connelley, (Mrs. Geo. Connelley), Kate G. Weber, Cornelia S. Brinkerhoff, (Mrs. John Brinkerhoff), and Ida Prather, (Mrs. S.E. Prather).

The legal name of such corporation is "King's Daughters' Home for Women" and the object for which it was formed, was to charitably aid deserving women and to provide a home for aged women.

The management of the corporation was vested in a Board of 12 Directors, to be elected 4 each year, for terms of 3 years. The first Board of Directors were Harriett J. Walker, Adelaide Ide, Sallie Maxwell, Mabel Cook, Olive A. Eggleston, Emma F. Jones, Anna M. Stanton, Nannie L. Souther, Hattie Herndon, Kate G. Weber, Cornelia S. Brinkerhoff and Ida Prather.

Within 2 years of its incorporation, the present site of the Home was purchased, and the household started in October 1895, in a building which could accommodate but 9 ladies.

WORDS OF INFORMATION.

History of the King's Daughters' Home.

In May 1894 it was agreed that Miss Gertrude Seaman, write a history of the King's Daughters of Sangamon Co. Said history, however, incorporated with these pages, is the work of Mrs. E.S.Walker, a former President of the King's Daughters.

In May 1895, a letter was read from Mr. George Judd, in which he agreed to place an endowment fund of \$1000, on the Home, and expend \$500 additional in repairs, conditional upon the Home being restricted to aged women, only.

In July 1895 a called meeting of the members of the corporation of the King's Daughters Home for Women, met at the home of Mrs. C.M.Stanton, with Mrs. Adelaide Ide, 1st Vice-President presiding.

Mrs. E.D.Matheny offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

Resolved: That this corporation borrow the sum of seven hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750) to be used solely for the benefit of this Corporation, and that there be given a promisory note, with interest not exceeding Seven(7) percent, and to be due at such times as the person or persons making such loan may require.

In May 1898, the age limit for admission to the Home, was fixed at 60 years, and the admission fee at \$200.

In 1899 there was a called meeting, and the admission fee was increased to \$250.

In May 1900, at the suggestion of Miss Gertrude Seaman, the name "Home for Aged Women, was changed to "King's Daughters' Home."

In 1901 nine new circles were organized, making a total of eighteen circles, and six new members were added to the Board.

In 1901 Article 2 of the Constitution was made to read "The Management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, composed of one person from each Circle of King's Daughters paying Twenty-five (25) Dollars or more, annually into the Treasury of the King's Daughters' Home for Women.

Said Directors to be elected by ballot and each one to serve for a term of three (3) years.

Vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors, either by death or resignation, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board, and the vacancies so filled shall be from the Circle whose member died or resigned.

This made it necessary to add six new members to the Board, and the following names were suggested by the delegates from the circles they represent,

Anna Bisch Circle	Mrs. Hazlett
Our Master's Helpers	Mrs. Branson
Lend a Hand	Mrs. Pickering
Workers in His Name	Mrs. Benson
Pure in Heart	Mrs. Paullin
Golden Rule	Mrs. Deal

The secretary cast the ballot for the above named.

Mr. George Judd, Hon. S.P. Wheeler and Mr. Harry Ide were elected to the Advisory Board.

It was recommended that the individual circles discuss the advisability of taking applicants into the Home, from outside Sangamon County, at an increased admission fee, and that the matter be settled at a future meeting of the Corporation.

In Jan. 28, 1902, a disastrous fire wrecked the Home and destroyed considerable of the furniture.

Temporary accommodations were secured at the Springfield Hospital, and, after a week, the Home was opened on East Edwards Street, back of the First Congregational Church, where the ladies were well cared for, until the new Home could be built.

In Feb. 1902, Mrs. Ide received a letter from Mr. Charles W. Post of Battle Creek, Michigan, offering to give \$10,000 if we would raise a similar amount, all to go towards rebuilding the Home, and we to name the Home for his mother, and once a year, on her birthday to place a few simple flowers in the main living room in memory of a good woman.

The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Board and Advisory Committee, and resulted in Mr. Post agreeing to the proposition to give \$5000 towards the endowment fund and \$5000 towards the building fund, we to raise \$5000 towards the Building fund; the Home to be called The Carrie Post and King's Daughters' Home for Aged Women.

Mr. Judd was authorized to direct the reconstruction of the Home, according to the plans and specifications.

In the new Home there were twenty bedrooms, a room to be used as a sick ward, bathrooms on first and second floor, which, with spacious halls, beautiful reception room, dining

room, etc. and all the modern conveniences, made the Home one of the handsomest in the country.

At the 9th Annual meeting of the King's Daughters' Corporation, held at the Japanese Home, May 9, 1902, Mrs. E.A. Snively offered the following, drawn by a member of the Advisory Board.

Additional By-Law to Sec.V.Art.VII.

Women from counties adjoining Sangamon County, may be admitted to the Home, upon payment of \$500, but every applicant from such adjoining county, must have been an actual resident of such county for ten years and must be of the age prescribed for the admission of inmates from Sangamon County and in all other respects conform to the provisions of the By-Laws respecting applicants for admission from Sangamon County, provided, however, that applicants from Sangamon County, shall always have the preference, and provided, also that no more than one applicant from each of the adjoining counties be admitted, so long as there are applicants from any other adjoining county.

This was adopted.

At the Tenth Annual meeting of the Corporation of King's Daughters' held in the Central Baptist church, May 4, 1903, Mrs. C.M. Stanton, treasurer of the Board, showed her receipts for the year to be \$4,365.25.

Of this amount the circles paid \$811.65. Expenses of the Home for the year were \$1581.99.

Expended during the year, on the buildings, \$16,254.00.

At this meeting, Treasurer Stanton resigned, and her resignation was accepted with regret.

At this meeting Dr. A.L. Converse spoke on behalf of the rug factory, which question was being brought before the King's Daughters', and which, Dr. Converse thought, would aid the Home and make it at least, partly self-supporting.

It being Mr. Post's idea to have a rug factory in connection with the Home, in which all able bodied inmates should work several hours per day. But the idea was very unpopular, and the rug factory did not materialize.

At a called meeting of the Corporation, held at Central Baptist church, Friday Jan. 31, 1904, it was agreed that each circle paying into the treasury of the King's Daughters' Home for Women the sum of \$25.00 annually, shall be entitled to one Director, and to one additional Director for every additional \$25.00 so contributed.

At the Eleventh Annual meeting of the Corporation, held May 2, 1904 in the 1st M.E. Church, Mrs. Harriet Taylor was appointed County organizer.

At the Twelfth Annual meeting of the King's Daughters' Corporation held May 1st in the 1st M.E. Church, Mrs. Palmer reported that two lots in Oak Ridge Cemetery had been donated to the Home, and she wished that the delegates would consider the matter of providing headstones for the four graves already there.

Mrs. Roe moved that each circle be assessed a certain amount towards this fund.

After an amendment to Mrs. Roe's motion, and some

further discussion, a committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of markers, and also the cost of a monument.

And thus was born "The Marker Fund." At this meeting, the Advisory Board, consisting of Judge Wheeler, Dr. A.L.Converse and H.L.Ide was re-elected.

At the Thirteenth Annual Corporation meeting, the Endowment Fund was shown to be \$13,950.05.

At this meeting it was voted to appoint a committee to organize circles.

ADVISORY BOARD.

Five, at first three men, chosen annually at the Corporation meeting, were to constitute the Advisory Board for the Corporation.

Following are the names of members of the Advisory Board.

1901. Hon. S.P.Wheeler, Messrs. George Judd and Harry Ide.

1902. Hon. S.P.Wheeler, George Judd, Harry Ide.

1903. Dr. A.L.Converse, Harry Ide, S.P.Wheeler

1904 " " " " " " " " "

1905 " " " " " " " " "

1906 " " " " " " " " "

1907. A.L.Converse, Harry Ide, J.W.Patton

1908 " " " " " " " " "

1909 " " " " " " " " "

1910 A.L.Converse, Wm. Baker, J.W.Patton

1911 " " " " " " " " "

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Advisory Board, Cont.

- 1912 A.L.Converse, Wm. Baker, J.W.Patton
 1913 " " " L H Coleman " " "
 1914 Wm.Baker " " " " " "
 1915 J.W.Patton, Wm. Baker. Geo.Hemmingway
 1916 " " " "
 1917 " " " "
 1918 Ira B.Blackstock, J.W.Patton, Geo.Hemmingway
 1919 H.L.Patton, Ira B.Blackstock, Geo. Hemmingway
 1920 Ira. B.Blackstock, F.O.Schuster, Geo.Hemmingway
 R.D.Baker, E.D.Henry
 1921 Ira B.Blackstock, F.E.Schuster, E.D.Henry,
 Geo.Hemmingway, John Maldaner.
 1922 F.E.Schuster, E.D.Henry, Robert Brown,
 Ira B.Blackstock, John Maldaner.
 1923 F.E.Schuster. E.D.Henry, Robert Brown
 Ira B.Blackstock, John Maldaner
 1924 E.D.Henry, Ira B.Blackstock, Robert Brown
 Eugene Bone, Louis Coleman.
 1925 E.D.Henry, Ira B.Blackstock, Robert Brown,
 Louis Coleman, Eugene Bone
 1926 E.D.Henry, Ira B.Blackstock, Louis Coleman,
 F.E.Schuster, A.C.Moffatt
 1927 E.D.Henry, Ira B.Blackstock, Louis Coleman,
 F.E.Schuster, A.C.Moffatt
 1928 E.D.Henry, Ira B.Blackstock, Louis Coleman
 Fred Schuster, A.C.Moffatt

Bell, Mrs. Hester.

A faithful helper was Mrs. Hester Bell who for ten years was a resident of the Home, and an occupant of the room furnished by the Abide In Me circle of King's Daughters.

She was tireless in her ministrations to the sick, and was ever at her post in the living room to welcome visitors and to answer the telephone.

Her circle loved her much, and she had one of the most beautiful funerals, ever held in the Home.

Recognizing her worth and faithfulness, the minister in charge preached from the text- "She hath done what she could."

But it was not until after her death, that every one realized all she had been to the Home.

She left a gap behind her that has never yet been entirely filled.

Board Meetings.

The Board of Directors of the Kings Daughters' Home, meets the last Monday of each month, at the Home, if the Home is available at the time of meeting.

Corporation Meetings.

The Corporation meetings are held in May of each year, at some church of the city, the ladies of such church providing a sumptuous luncheon at a nominal price, the proceeds of the luncheon going to enrich the treasury of the church providing the meal.

The all-day meetings of the Corporation are very enjoyable affairs.

Chickens.

It has been the custom of the Management to raise chickens and the management has generally kept the table supplied with eggs and chickens.

Board Members.

The management of the Corporation was vested in a Board of Directors, who were elected by ballot, and their term of office was one year.

Said Directors were to be elected from the membership of the several King's Daughters' circles, as follows:

Each Circle contributing and paying into the treasury of the King's Daughters' Home for Women, the sum of twenty-five dollars annually, were entitled to one Director, and to one additional Director for every additional twenty-five dollars so contributed and paid annually.

The officers of the Board of Directors were to be a President and two Vice-Presidents, to be selected from their own number.

The Board was also to elect a Secretary and Treasurer.

All these officers to be elected annually, and to hold office, until their successors were elected and qualified.

The duties to be such as usually devolve upon the respective official.

Christmas and other Festal Occasions.

The many circles of King's Daughters' are ever on the look out for something to make the inmates of the Home happy.

At the time of the Christmas holiday season, the house is always decorated with Christmas greenery and wreaths and

bells are in all the windows. The tables are adorned with small Christmas trees, and larger trees deck the assembly and living rooms.

Early on Christmas morning, bodies of carolers come and sing Christmas carols and the sweet old songs of Zion. Bodies of young people from the different churches are to be thanked for this lovely beginning of the happiest holiday of the year.

At the breakfast table each lady is delighted to find at her plate, an envelope with a crisp, new one-dollar bill in it, a gift from the Board of Directors, and a gay little box containing a five-dollar gold piece a gift from Mrs. Marjorie Hutton, of New York, who has made an annual gift to the ladies of the Home, for a number of years.

At ten o'clock on Christmas morning, Mrs. Julia Pugh Trainor has been coming for years with a cheering lot of songs. She has often been accompanied by Miss Clemence Dobbins, who has given a number of fine readings.

After the beautiful songs, rendered by Mrs. Julia Pugh Trainor's exquisite voice, oranges and candy have been passed to each member of the Home, whether present at the singing, or not.

At noon a grand banquet is provided, consisting of turkey and all the "trimmings", goose, plum pudding and all vegetables available.

Nearly always the ladies of the Home are able to come to the table on this occasion.

In the afternoon of Christmas Day, often noted citizens of Springfield have come out and entertained the ladies in

various ways.

Easter morning the singers come and render some beautiful songs and the minister who accompanies them offers prayer, making a happy start for this glorious day.

Sometimes the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed at Easter.

All during the year the various circles are looking after the comfort and pleasure of the ladies in their rooms, some circles putting in a great deal of time sewing for their especial charge.

Each circle gives a dinner or other entertainment once a year, accompanied by a generous donation of fruit, flour, sugar, potatoes, and other things to be used in the Home.

The circles have generously provided table linen and flat silver whenever needed.

Often in the summer time the ladies of the Home are taken out to ride, sometimes around town and through the parks and sometimes going to some town, with a treat of ice cream soda at the stop.

So, the Home is in truth, "The King's Daughters' Home, and the Daughters of The Great King are living every day with their hearts in the Home and no one but the Great King himself knows the love that walls and hedges in this beautiful Home.

Corporation Meetings.

First Corporation Meeting.

The first Corporation Meeting that I can find mentioned was one held May 1911 at the First Methodist church.

I cannot find the number of delegates, but can give the number of Board members.

Good Samaritan	2 members	Mary A. Lawrence	2 members
Helping Hand	2 members	Pure in Heart	1 members
Workers in His Name	1 member	Progress	1 member
Dorcas	2 members	Chautauqua	1 member
Lend a Hand	2 members	Cheerful Workers	1 member
Grateful Daughters	5 members	Willing	4 members
Carrie Post	2 members	Hannah L Palmer	4 members
Work Together	4 members	Opportunity	2 members
Golden Rule	1 member	Whatsoever	1 member
Abide in Me	1 member		

In May, 1928, it was voted to change the time of the annual corporation meeting to the first Tuesday in May, instead of the first Monday.

At this meeting it was shown that there are now (1928) twenty-nine (29) circles of King's Daughters, and that this was the 35th Annual Corporation meeting.

Cows.

For a number of years, a cow was kept, said cow furnishing enough milk to meet most of the demands of the kitchen.

But in 1922, the cow was sold, the management deeming it cheaper and less trouble to buy the milk needed.

Since 1922 no cow has been kept.

Deaths.

Up to the present time (1928) there have been less than a hundred deaths, the list not being available to this writer.

Drive.

During the early part of 1919 a new addition to the Home began to be discussed but it was not till early spring of 1921 that the addition was finished.

On April 12, 1920 the Drive was formally started, with F.E.Schuster, General Chairman, and Mrs. S.E.Prather Vice-Chairman.

The workers were divided into four divisions- A.B.O. and D, with Mrs. Sidney Breesse, Mrs. James A. Jones, Mrs. F.H.Marsh and Mrs. Burton M. Reid as Chairmen of the respective divisions.

A goal of \$50,000 was set, and on the sixth day of the Drive (April 17, 1920) the grand total was \$32,950.

The fund drive was a success and the King's Daughters' went "over the top" in their Drive for \$50,000, the success being assured by a gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. Marjorie Post Close, the daughter of Charles Post, formerly of Springfield, Ill. and whose boyhood home is the site of the "Carrie Post and King's Daughters' Home for Women."

Lot 105 in The Highlands, just south of Hawthorne, on Pasfield, was donated by R.M.Dockum, who had already made a donation to the Drive fund.

Said lot was put up at auction and sold to H.B.Carley for \$140, exactly what Mr. Dockum had paid for it.

W.F.Merriman, Mayor of Williamsville was the auctioneer.

Campaign Director.

Miss Grace Willis of Harrisburg, Pa. was Campaign Director.

Druggists.

For quite a long time, the different druggists of the city subscribed varying amounts of credit as their donation to the Home. These amounts were entered in a book, under the proper heading, and when drugs and other merchandize were needed, some one took the book and got the specified articles, and the cost was deducted from the amount subscribed by the druggist.

This practice lasted for a number of years, but for several years prior to present date, has been discontinued.

Eligibility to Home.

In order to become a resident of the King's Daughters' Home, the applicant must have reached the age of 65 years, the age limit having been raised from 60 years, as at first.

She must be a resident of Sangamon county, or of one of the counties that bound Sangamon County.

If she is a resident of Sangamon County, her entrance fee will be \$300, the same having been increased from \$100 to \$250, and thento \$300.

The entrance fee for counties bounding Sangamon is at present (1928) \$600.

The applicant must have been a resident of her county for ten years preceding the date of her application.

She must have no contagious disease and must not be addicted to the use of narcotics or stimulants.

All property over and above the price of her admission, must be turned over to the Board of Directors, to become the property of the Home, the resident to draw interest on same, at the rate of 4% per annum.

First Members of Home.

The household started in October 1895, with 9 ladies as members of the family.

New Building.

On account of a disastrous fire, Jan. 28, 1902, a new residence had to be erected, while the household found temporary quarters on Edwards Street, near 5th, with sleeping accommodations for 20 persons.

The new structure was opened Nov. 10, 1902.

Endowment Fund.

1906	\$13,950.05
1907	
1908	16,218.16
1909	18,233.50
1910	19,783.50
1911	22,945.50
1912	30,950.00
1913	32,700.00
1914	36,832.00
1915	38,500.00
1916	39,100.00
1917	43,002.08
1918	44,262.98
1919	47,200.00
1920	47,400.00
1921	58,100.00
1922	65,422.65

Endowment Fund Cont.

1923	\$67,403.10
1925	71,017.70
1926	81,746.46
1927	107,917.24
1928	111,273.87

Garden.

Owing to the fact that the Home occupies a piece of ground with a 120 feet frontage on Black Avenue, and extending north one whole block, there has been ample room for a garden, and the management has raised a great many vegetables with which to supply the table. Potatoes, however have never been a success.

Tenant House.

Fronting on Ridgely Avenue, the Home owns a 2-family house which rents for \$10 per month a side, and has always been occupied.

Fuel Bills.

The house at present, has hot water heat in the old part, and steam heat in the new addition, and has been kept warm at considerable expense.

Health of Home.

The health of the home, generally, has been remarkable. Diseases, incidental to old age have mostly been the ones suffered by the inmates.

Once erysipelas broke out, but was restricted to two ladies, both of whom recovered.

Health of Home, Cont.

Later Mrs. Emily Parker, occupying the room of the Inasmuch Circle, developed a case of erysipelas, and died. Her case was of such a contagious nature, that her casket could not be brought into the house, for her funeral.

In 1922, over half the residents, and also the Matron, had influenza. As a consequence, one lady (Mrs Roberson) died, and a number of others were ill in bed for some days.

Hutton, Mrs. Edward F.

Mrs. Marjorie Post Hutton, formerly Mrs. A. Close, daughter of Charles Post and Ella Merriweather Post, has been a devoted and generous patroness of the Home.

Some years ago she visited the Home, and made a donation of \$4000, the same to be expended in buying hair mattresses and refinishing the interior of the Home, as it existed at that time.

She also made a gift of \$10,000 at the time of The Drive, which put the amount raised for the new building, "over the top."

She has remembered the Home generously at Christmas times, with various gifts, which of late years, have been checks for several hundred dollars each, and one of the many pleasures of Christmas day has been for each lady to find at her plate at breakfast time, a dainty envelope with five crisp, new one-dollar bills in it, or else a gay little box holding a five-dollar gold piece.

Her father, Charles W. Post, known as the inventor of "Grape Nuts " "Postum", "Post Toasties" etc. died leaving an

estate of \$33,000,000, the bulk of which, amounting to \$20,000,000 went to the daughter Marjorie, now Mrs. Edward F. Hutton, whose husband is himself a wealthy man.

Mrs. Hutton has ever had a "family feeling" for the Home, as it was in one of the rooms of the old building, that she was born.

At one time she sent an immense fruit cake at Christmas, and on Christmas 1937 she sent baskets of candied fruits, nuts and many kinds of candies, which lasted the ladies of the Home for several weeks.

On the occasion of her daughter's wedding, she remembered each inmate of the Home with a little box of wedding cake.

She is held in affectionate esteem by all the ladies of the Home.

Laundry.

Ladies of the Home, who are able-bodied and so inclined, do a large amount of their own washing and ironing, sending only the flat pieces to the laundry.

Some ladies wash and iron for others less able than themselves, at a nominal price, which makes for them a tidy bit of spending money.

The washing of the Home is divided impartially between the two leading laundries of the city, paid for by the pound, and at present writing (1938) amounts to over \$500 in a year.

The ironing is done by the two maids, who are often

assisted by different expert and willing members of the Home.

The curtains are mostly laundered by the matron, with the help of various lady inmates of the Home, many of whom are exceptionally fine ironers.

Physicians.

Many of the physicians of Springfield have generously given of their time to relieve the illness of the residents of the Home, asking, and expecting no fee.

Those of the residents who are able to pay, employ their own family doctors, who, in many cases, exact no fee.

Leber, Miss Anna

The history of the Home would not be complete without especial mention of Miss Anna Leber, who entered the Home in the year 1914, and who has been a most efficient, loyal member, ever since.

Miss Leber has been tireless in her labors of love for the Home and has always been a very valuable help, during times of stress, and at all other times.

She has probably canned, preserved and "jelled" thousands of containers of fruit and vegetables.

She has had loving care of the flowers and the Home is thus made brighter by her ministrations.

During the vacations of the Matron, Miss Leber has ably filled her place the affairs of the Home have always been found in a flourishing condition, at the end of the vacation.

Miss Leber has been a great help to the Home in more ways than limited space will allow mentioned.

Matrons.

It has been impossible to get a list of the different Matrons of the Home, but there is one whose name will ever be remembered- Mrs. Frances Greenleaf Bird (not Byrd) who came to be the head of the Home, after a long residence in Mechanicsburg, Illinois.

Mrs. Bird was a very capable manager, being a super-excellent house-keeper and a fine, economical cook.

She was kind and just to the inmates of the Home and was much loved.

When the distractions of her position were too much for her none too strong frame, she was accustomed to retire to her secluded sanctuary and pour out her soul to her Maker and would come forth, refreshed and encouraged.

Mrs. Bird was a firm believer in the power of prayer.

She was Matron for several years, but her health failing, she had to pay the burden down and leave her work for some one else to finish.

And afterwards matrons came and matrons went, some leaving regret in their wake, and some not being regretted, but mostly the Matrons have been women who attended faithfully to their duties.

The present incumbent (1928) is Miss Frances Affleck, who is noted for energy and perseverance.

She is a notable housekeeper, the Home being spick and span, and ready for inspection at a moment's notice.

Miss Affleck is regarded by the Board as the most efficient, careful and painstaking Matron the Home has ever had.

She watches the markets and is able to buy the best food at low cost. Nothing is ever wasted. Leftovers appear on the table in new and appetizing forms, and in some instances are regarded as "better than they were before."

She saves all the old magazines, rags, and paper and sells them to the ragman for considerable sums, which are put away carefully and are spent for fruit and other treats for the ladies of the Home.

Her spring and fall house cleanings are always over by the time other people are thinking of beginning theirs.

She wages an unceasing war upon dirt and vermin and no dark corner is overlooked.

She watches carefully, the condition of the curtains and table linen and mends all such with her own hands.

She is tireless in her endeavor to keep the house sweet and clean, and is the last one to retire at night, keeping her vigil till the last one is in bed, and the last light turned off.

She has her help trained to military precision, and the affairs of the house seem to be ordered by clockwork.

She may be described in a few words- tireless, alert, efficient.

Since the above was written, Miss Affleck died suddenly, on the morning of August 27, just at a little after midnight. She literally gave her life for the Home, having done an unbelievable amount of work around the house, the preceding day.

Her death was a dreadful shock to the Home and to the Board, and to all King's Daughters' and the community.

At the present writing, the position of Matron of the Home is being ably filled by Miss Ella Safford.

The Board will deliberate carefully, before a successor to Miss Affleck is chosen.

Miss Affleck's funeral was held Aug. 28th. She was beautiful, as she lay in her casket, surrounded by many flowers, sent by people from every walk of life.

She was taken to Bay City, Mich, where she now reposes beside her father and mother.

Gone, but not forgotten.

Miss Carrie P. Moore.

Miss Moore has been a resident of the Home for 20 years, and is now (1928) in her 93rd year.

She is an ex-teacher and is a woman of remarkable mind and energy. She is keen-witted, and has a wonderful fund, mentally to draw upon.

On two occasions--1924 and 1925, her old pupils gave her parties which were enjoyed by all the residents of the Home, and were marked by music, flowers, talks and refreshments.

Miss Virginia St. John Hackney.

Miss Hackney, also a resident for 20 years, is a woman of wonderful mind, memory, and attainments. She is an aunt of Attorney Wm. St. John Wines, and is also an ex-teacher.

She performs many deeds of kindness, such as writing

Miss Hackney, cont.

letters for those who can not see, and also reads to such and attends to keeping their business affairs in order.

The New Addition.

The plans of Henry J. Reiger, architect were submitted to the Board and accepted.

The addition to be built on the west side of the old building and to be a part of the same structure.

To include twenty bedrooms for the inmates, two hospital rooms with nurses' room adjoining, a diet kitchen, the office, the matron's room, with private bath, two rooms for help, with bath and rest room, room for Board meetings, new kitchen and dining room and four bathrooms.

The estimated cost was \$30,000, but that did not include furnishings.

Before the building was started, the price of building materials had increased.

Nurses.

For a long time no resident nurses were employed, occasional nursing being resorted to in cases of extreme or protracted illness.

During the "flu" epidemic in 1923 when over half the residents of the Home were ill at once, and one death occurring, the matron, Miss Affleck, cared for the sick, alone and single handed, finally coming down with the "flu" herself.

At that time a nurse was engaged and ever since a nurse has been on the staff of helpers of the King's Daughters' Home.

Post, Mrs. Caroline Lathrop

Mrs. Caroline Lathrop was born at Hartford, Connecticut, Nov. 27, 1824.

She was married in that city Oct. 10, 1854 to Charles Rollin Post and came at once to Springfield, Illinois, where she resided till the family moved to Fort Worth, Texas in 1887.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Post three sons, the late Charles W. Post, manufacturer of cereals, Grape Nuts, Postum, etc. of Battle Creek, Michigan, Arthur A. Post of Fort Worth, Texas, and Carroll L. Post of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Her life in Springfield was marked by great activity in religious affairs.

She was a charter member of the First Congregational church.

She was very hospitable, and her home on Black Avenue and Sixth Street was the scene of many religious and social gatherings.

Many missionaries from all over the world have been entertained at this home, which is now the King's Daughters' Home, to which Charles Post, her son, made many bountiful donations, and who, in loving remembrance, asked to have it named after his mother- Carrie Post.

The young women and girls of the First Congregational Church, were, at Mrs. Post's suggestion, organized into a circle known as "The Jennie Chapin Helpers," and "Aunt Carrie" as she was affectionately called, directed their labors as long as she remained in Springfield.

Post, continued.

When she moved to Fort Worth, Texas, she still kept up her activity, slackening only when age began to hinder her, and she then devoted her time to knitting slippers, hundreds of which are scattered over the United States and many dollars have been added to the Lord's treasury by their sale by different missionary societies.

Mrs. Post was one of the founders and first contributors to the Y.W.C.A. of Forth Worth, Texas.

She has written many beautiful poems and songs, beginning to write poetry at the early age of seven years.

Her poems have been collected into a dainty, white-bound volume, under the title, "Aunt Carrie's Poems," and a copy is in the book case of the King's Daughters' Home.

In 1915, a speaking likeness of her, taken about one month prior to her death, was presented to the King's Daughters' Home by her husband C.R. Post, and now hangs over the mantel in the living room, and, by the request of her son, a bouquet of simple flowers is to be placed beside it on the anniversary of her birth, Nov. 27, each year.

Caroline Lathrop Post died Oct. 17, 1914 at Fort Worth, Texas, aged 90 years.

Her husband, Charles Rollin Post, the last surviving member of the Guard of Honor which accompanied the body of Lincoln, the martyred President, from Washington to Springfield, in 1865 died in Fort Worth aged 93 years.

He was laid to rest in Oak Ridge cemetery, by the side of his wife, Caroline Lathrop Post.

Presidents.

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1893-4	Mrs. E.S.Walker
1894-5	Mrs. E.S.Walker
1895-6	Mrs. E.S.Walker
1896-7	Mrs. Vesta R.Torrey
1897-8	Mrs. A.L.Ide
1898-9	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1899-1900	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1900-1	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1901-2	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1902-3	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1903-4	Mrs. M.M.Hazlett
1904-5	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1905-6	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1906-7	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1907-8	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1908-9	Mrs. John M. Palmer
1909-10	Mrs. John M. Palmer, President Emeritus.
1909-10	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1910-11	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1911-12	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1912-13	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1913-14	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1914-15	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1915-16	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1916-17	Mrs. S.E.Prather

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1917-18	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1918-19	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1919-20	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1920-21	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1921-22	Mrs. S.E.Prather
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1925-26	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1926-27	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1927-28	Mrs. S.E.Prather
1928	Mrs. S.E.Prather

Receptions.

A number of receptions have been given, at some of which a silver offering has been accepted.

The opening, May 26, 1921, was attended by hundreds, notwithstanding the fact that there was a heavy rain on the afternoon of the day.

Since 1921 there has been a reception on October of each year, till 1927, when lack of funds, caused the reception to be omitted.

Religious Meetings.

On Sunday afternoons, there are services held in the living room of the Home, conducted by persons who have been secured by a committee appointed for that purpose. The committee consists of

Religious Meetings, Cont.

a chairman, who appoints a different King's Daughter each month to look after the matter of getting singers and speakers for the service. The different churches have responded courteously when asked for the loan of their pastors and choirs, and outside laymen and amateur musicians have generously given of their talent and time.

Once a week, on Tuesday a Bible class is held, and the Sabbath School lesson is taught to the ladies.

On Wednesday of each week a meeting is held in the living room.

Begun primarily as a prayer meeting, led by the ladies themselves, and afterward by Mr. Samuel Kerns, it has now become a regular church service held by the students of Concordia College, who regard it as a privilege to come to the Home on this occasion, it being good practice for them and also accustoms to addressing audiences.

Secretaries.

1893-4	Miss Emma F. Jones
1894-5	Miss Emma F. Jones
1895-6	Miss Olive Eggleston
1896-7	Miss Olive Eggleston
1897-8	Miss Olive Eggleston
1898-9	Miss Lou Moody
1899-1900	Miss Lou Moody
1900-1	Miss Lou Moody
1901-2	Miss Lou Moody

Secretaries, cont.

1902-3	Miss Lou Moody
1903-4	Mrs. William T. Eads
1904-5	Mrs. F.H.Marsh
1905-6	Mrs. F.H.Marsh
1906-7	Mrs. F.H.Marsh
1907-8	Mrs. F.H.Marsh
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Frank Godley
1908-9	Miss Emma Jones
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. J.T.Grimsley
1909-10	Mrs. J.T.Grimsley
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. S.A.Bullard
1910-11	Mrs. H.B.Snively
1911-12	Mrs. J.B.Inman
1912-13	Mrs. J.B.Inman
1913-14	Mrs.J.B.Inman
1914-15	Mrs. H.B.Inman
1915-16	Mrs. J.P.Lindley
1916-17	Mrs. J.P.Lindley
1917-18	Mrs.J.P.Lindley
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1927-28

Mrs. J.P.Lindley

1928

Mrs. J.P.Lindley

Treasurers.

1893-4

Mrs. H.K.Weber

1894-5

Mrs. H.K.Weber

1895-6

Mrs. H.K.Weber

1896-7

Mrs. E.A.Snively

1897-8

Mrs. E.A.Snively

1898-9

Mrs. A.L.Converse

1899-1900

Mrs. C.M.Stanton

1900-1

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1901-2

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Conclusion.

The King must surely be pleased with His Own.

For, in 1886, the Order of King's Daughters was created, and in 1895 the local Daughters of Springfield and Sangamon county had a comfortable Home with a number of aged ladies living in it, free from the cares and worries of life, and free from the spectre of the Poor Farm that haunted, maybe, more than one.

In less than 9 years, the idea of a Home for Women was born, grew up and was in active business, all through the devotion of the noble women, whose names appear on the foregoing pages of these records.

Conclusion, cont.

It was a brave and hazardous undertaking, and was steered by faith in the King. And the King helped His Own.

With no endowment fund, the Home started. It has become a popular charity, and, during late years, hardly a wealthy person has made a will without generously remembering the King's Daughter's Home.

Owing to these legacies, and other sources of revenue, the endowment fund is now (1928) around \$112,000, and will be further augmented, after several more estates are settled up.

The building has also grown, the last addition being the gift of Springfield, and Sangamon County, and the Post family.

There are 29 circles, and they are all enthusiastic over the work of caring for the residents of the Home.

Some of the circles buy clothing for the residents of their rooms.

The hospital rooms are amply provided with all things needed, and are occupied a good part of the time.

Even the last resting places of the residents are provided, there being a beautiful lot in Oak Ridge Cemetary the deed to which is held by the King's Daughters' Corporation.

Many of the residents have been interred on their own family lots, either in Oak Ridge, or in other towns.

It is a haven of rest, this Home, and the hearts of the Daughters of the King are ever warm with love for those who partake of their hospitality.

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Conclusion, cont.

No one needs loving care as do the aged, the homeless and the infirm.

And as the King looks down into the hearts of His Daughters, and sees what is engraved there, He, no doubt, pronounces this plaudit--"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Proverbs, 31:29.

