

Obituary of Daisy Elizabeth Pitman

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Daisy Elizabeth Pitman was born September 3, 1873, near Ottumwa (difficult to read), Iowa. She was the second daughter and child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pitman. The family moved to the Galilee community in Pottawatomie County in 1883.

She spent her young womanhood in the Galilee community. Daisy Pitman was a very active girl and a fine student in school. She was an able assistant to her mother and father in the care of a large family of brothers and sisters.

She married March 3, 1892 to Nelson L. D. Cary who came to Kansas from Ohio as a young man. To this union were born four children: Ethel, Florence, Harold, and Nelson. Nelson and Daisy Cary first made their home in the Grandview community, from there moving to a farm, southwest of Riley. In the early spring of 1896 they purchased and moved to the Cary farm southwest of Keats. By hard work and careful management they eventually owned 329 acres of land and at Mr. Cary's death in January of 1907, there were considered one of the most successful farm couples in Riley County. They helped to establish the first rural mail route out of Riley.

In the early spring of 1908 Daisy Cary and her four children moved to their home at 925 Osage Street in Manhattan. She took an active interest in the education and development of her children. She was very capable in her dual role of both mother and father. Ethel received her degree from Kansas State College in 1918. Both sons attended college.

Daisy Cary was affectionately known to a large group of Ethel's college friends as "Mother Cary". They called themselves "Mother Cary's children." Her home was always open to this group and many happy events took place there.

Daisy Cary married Paul E. Holmes in November 1918 and the following summer Daisy and Paul Holmes with two sons, Harold and Nelson returned to the home farm in southwest of Keats to make their home. They were very active in church, school, and community activities. The sons attended the high school at Keats.

Daisy Holmes was again shocked and grieved by the death of Paul on September 1, 1925. It was soon after this that her health broke and for the last ten years of her life she was never her real self although she continued her active interest in current news, and in her relatives and friends.

She had made her home in Manhattan with her son, Nelson Cary, since the death of Paul Holmes and had gone to Wichita to be with Nelson last July 1.

Death occurred October 30, 1935, about 10 a.m. in Wichita, at the age of 62 years, 1 month, and 15 days. The immediate cause of her passing was heart failure, but she had gradually grown weaker during the past two years.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters; Ethel, Mrs. J. S. Ralphs, of Eagle, Idaho; Florence, Mrs. Stanley C. Nelson, of Rochester, Utah; and two sons, Harold N. Cary of Wichita. She leaves also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pitman of Manhattan, six sisters, Mrs. Ruth Heath, Montrose, Colorado; Mrs. Grace Springer, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Mrs. Dot Springer, Garrison; Mrs. Cora Signor, Effingham; and Mrs. Orpha Deibler and Mrs. Ruby Lowe of Manhattan and one brother Hays Pitman of Wabaunsee. Two sisters, Taria and Minnie, and one brother, Clyde, preceded her in death. There are 15 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Daisy Cary Holmes was a member of the ? the Riley Chapter No. 292, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Manhattan Orange. She took an unusual interest in these organizations. She was exceptionally well read on current news and political developments.

She enjoyed seen new places and had been in several states, although her home had been in Kansas since childhood. She had many friends in Kansas and outside of Kansas and she felt a keen interest in their accomplishments, joys, and sorrows. Her friends and relatives and her reading had been her chief interests in the ten years in which it was difficult for her to go outside of her own home.

She was a woman who had worked diligently and efficiently, had many joys and much pain and sorrow. She is now peacefully at rest.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Manhattan Wednesday morning, October 23, 1935 at 10 o'clock. Dr. C. E. Holmes was in charge. Beautiful music was furnished by a mixed quartet composed of Paul Cooley, George Givin, Mrs. L. H. Limper and Mrs. V. H. Saffrey, accompanied by Mrs. H. J. Besler. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in the family lot in Sunset cemetery.