

Papers of Katharyn C. Leachman (1893-1976)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY, 2003

Following the death of Katharyn C. Whitaker Leachman (2 September 1893 – 26 October 1976) some of her genealogical papers were donated to the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY. Jerry Long organized the loose documents and arranged them into a five-volume set of books that were bound and placed in the family histories section of the Kentucky Room.

Katharyn C. Leachman (1893-1976) of McLean and Daviess Counties, KY, was an avid genealogist and historian for many years. She was a member of the Captain William Rowan DAR Chapter of McLean County (served as their chapter historian and genealogical records chairman), Filson Club, Kentucky Heritage Council, Kentucky Historical Society (served as McLean County area chairman for the Kentucky Historical Highway Marker program) and was a charter member of the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY.

McLean County News, Calhoun, KY, Thursday, 28 October 1976, p2:

Mrs. Kathryn Whitaker Leachman, age 83, of 706 E. Fourth Street, Owensboro, died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 25 at the ODC Hospital.

Born September 2, 1893 in McLean County near Buel, she was the daughter of the late Robert Howard and Jo Houston Whitaker. She was the widow of the late W.E. Leachman, who preceded her in death on September 14, 1970.

Mrs. Leachman attended schools at Cynthiana, Logan College at Russellville, Owensboro College and Mt. St. Joseph. She taught in the McLean County School System for some 40 years.

A member of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, she also held memberships in: the Captain William Rowan Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Livermore; The Filson Club, Louisville and The Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort.

She was very fond of history and genealogy, and spent numerous hours researching on those subjects.

A correspondent for the McLean County News, she had written Cleopatra News for more than a fourth of the past century.

She and her husband operated a general store at Cleopatra from 1923 to 1948. She still maintained a home there.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Wilhelmina Lebold, Route 1, Utica; a son, Loyd G. Leachman, Owensboro; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Verna W. Robertson, Route 1. Utica.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Muster Funeral Home, Calhoun, with entombment in Calhoun Cemetery.

The Bulletin, West-Central Kentucky Family Association, Owensboro, KY, Volume 1, No. 2, September 1968, p.10: List of charter members..... Member #78 – Mrs. Katharyn C. Leachman & William Ellis Leachman, R.R. #2, Cleopatra Place, Calhoun, KY 42327.

The Bulletin, West-Central Kentucky Family Association, Owensboro, KY, Volume 9, No.4, Winter 1976, p.48: Mrs. Katharyn C. Leachman, another Charter Member of WCK:FRA, died on 25 October 1976, at the age of 83. She was born in McLean County, KY and taught school there several years. She was a member of Capt. Wm. Rowan DAR, The Filson Club, and the Kentucky Historical Society to which she contributed much information for Kentucky Historical Highway Markers. Survived by a son, Lloyd, a daughter, Wilhelmina Lebold, 6 grandchildren, 14 g-grandchildren and a sister, Verna W. Robertson.

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Calhoun Cemetery, McLean County, KY

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The family donated the following papers of Katharyn C. Leachman to the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library. They represent only a portion of her collection. A large part of her papers were included in an auction of the estate of her daughter, Wilhelmina Lebold (1916-1992), held in Daviess County on 3 October 1992 and were not included in the donation to the Kentucky Room.

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