

## Celebrating Women's History Month Mabel Brown Martin

Society Editor of the *Dayton Daily News*

Excerpts from the Dayton Daily News concerning the death of Mrs. Mabel Brown Martin.

"In her death there has passed out of the life of many circles one who but the tide of friendship had been closely bound to many people in Dayton. Mrs. Martin was for a number of years society editor of the Dayton Daily News and in this capacity came into intimate contact with many women of Dayton. Her services in this connection were invaluable; the friends she had, and they were legion, were the result of many years of associations here and her sparkling manner and her keen interest in many civic enterprises in which the women of Dayton were concerned had served to constantly increase the number of those who accounted her their friend.

Mrs. Mabel Brown Martin was born in Dayton and received her education in the public schools. But the broad experience which she gained from her newspaper activities gave Mrs. Martin a broadness of conception and intelligence in things pertaining to Dayton beyond that which any schooling could yield. She identified herself with movements which had to do with the city's development and cheerfully gave of her time and her talents for any good thing which appealed to her finer instincts as being worthy of her efforts.

Mrs. Martin will be sadly missed in Dayton, and in a particular way among her newspaper associates, with whom she was always popular. Her presence in the editorial rooms of the Daily News always served as a happy moment and to think that one so well-known and who seemed but such a short time ago among those with whom she had associated in the newspaper work, is gone comes with a double grief to intimate friends."

- Dayton Daily News, October 24, 1918

Mrs. Martin was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Brown and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Catherine (Benham) Van Cleve Thompson, a pioneer settler in Dayton. She was married to Robert Martin who was with the Dayton Power and Light Co. for several years and who later associated with the Domestic Engineering Co. (Delco-Light) offices in Charleston, W. Va. Mrs. Martin and her mother, Mrs. Alice J. Brown, had taken up residence in Charleston six months



before Mabel's death.

Mabel Brown Martin died at her home in Charleston, W. Va. on October 24, 1918. Burial was made in Woodland Cemetery in Section 52 Lot 2709 after services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Hale and Rev. Daniel Brownlee in the Woodland Chapel.

"And so she passed away-out into that vast unknown; into that undiscovered country that the poet writes of-silently, almost before we knew that the relentless hand of Death was outstretched toward her. We had wished, we who had known her and had been associated with her in the office of The Daily News, that she might have been spared for added years of usefulness. The inspiration which her presence always brought is not fled, now that she is gone; but, rather, in the inmost precincts of our hearts she still lives, a noble character. She is enshrined within the memory of each of us, because we of the newspaper office knew in a particular way her wholesome, beautiful life. "There is no death," to us; "what seems so is transition." Amid the clicking of the telegraph keys, the rattle of typewriters, the sound of the telephone bells, the hum of linotype machines and of printing press-so much a part of the daily newspaper life-we pause to shed a tear at the passing of one whom we admired and loved. Then to our tasks again, with this simple thought: She has been sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approaching her grave "like one who wraps the mantle of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

- Dayton Daily News, Friday, October 25, 1918

Mabel Brown Martin wrote a column called "Dayton Women Who Have Made Good." Here she would give the background on a woman or group of women, interview her/them and describe the wonderful and remarkable activities that she/they was/were involved in or had accomplished. Over the next couple of weeks and months, we will bring to you some of her columns as they were written. We hope you will enjoy this series of "Dayton Women Who Have Made Good."

Sources: Dayton Daily News and Dayton Journal



Mabel E. Brown Martin  
1878 - 1918  
Section 52 Lot 2709



Samuel E. Brown  
1845 - 1911  
Section 52 Lot 2709

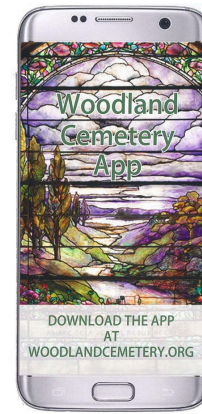


Alice J. (Dickey) Brown  
1853 - 1928  
Section 52 Lot 2709

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