

ANNIE BILLUPS JOHNSTON

Almighty Providence planted sturdy grain in this untried wilderness. Through these pioneer families a great nation has been wolded. It is with great regret and deep rooted sorrow that we, in our generation, see them gradually vanishing.

Information has reached the DeKalb County Historical Society of the death of one of its members - Mrs. Annde Billups Johnston - on December 21, 1951.

The DeKalb County Historical Society does hereby recognize the loss to the society and community in the passing of Mrs. Johnston and does extend its deep sympathy to the members of her family.

Mrs. Johnston was born in Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia, on March 15, 1876, the daughter of Robert Richardson Billups of Watkinsville, Georgia, and Elizabeth Houston, daughter of Amanda Powell and Washington Jackson Houston, beloved citizens of DeKalb County, and granddaughter of Dr. Chapman Powell, pioneer builder of DeKalb County.

Mrs. Johnston spent her early life in Decatur. She was a graduate of Agnes Scott Academy and a member of the Decatur Presbyterian Church.

She was married to Edward P. Johnston of Watkinsville, Georgia, at the Houston homestead on Webster Street, now Clairmont Avenue, where she was visiting at the time of her death.

"Annde Billups" - as she was affectionately known to her many friends in Decatur - is remembered for many things and in particular for the beauty of her voice. Her singing gave so much happiness to those who heard it on many occasions and much comfort to those who heard it on sad occasions.

"She ceas'd, but left so pleasing on the ear,"

Her voice, that listening still they seemed to hear."

She is remembered not only for the beauty of her voice, but also for the beauty of her Christian character.

Although having no children of her own, those who knew and loved her cannot think of her without remembering her unselfish devotion to her family and friends.

Mrs. Johnston is buried in Watkinsville, Georgia, a town to which she moved shortly after her marriage and where she was living at the time of her death. She loved Watkinsville because she was a part of it and it was a part of her.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore that the Secretary of The DeKalb County Historical Society send a copy of these Resolutions to the family of Mrs. Johnston and further resolved that a copy be placed in the files and upon the minutes of the Society.

Mrs. Camie E. Bond (Lula Sans Bond)

Mrs. Edward R. Terrell (Katharine Ripley Terrell)

Decatur, Georgia  
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