Bettie McCombs Drew, Daughter Of Bacone College Founder, Dies

Funeral Services for Prominent Baptist Church Woman Will Be Held Tomorrow

Bettie McCombs Drew, 59, daughter of the late Rev. William McCombs, founder of Bacone college, died yesterday morning at her home, 428 Eastside boulevard, after an illness of more than a year.

Mrs. Drew was born May 2, 1882, near Eufaula. Her father, an early day missionary, was adopted by the Creek Indian nation. Her mother was Indian. At Bacone college, she was a classmate of Adjt. Gen. Patrick Hurley, who later became secretary of war. Her husband, Charles H. Drew, was a classmate of Hurley's.

She was married on December 30, 1903 to Drew, who is one-eighth Creek Indian, at Eufaula. Until 1938, they resided at Eufaula and Wewoka, but then moved to Muskogee so that it would be convenient for their children to attend Bacone. Drew, an attorney, has his office in the Metropolitan building.

Active Church Worker

Mrs. Drew was prominent in the Baptist church, and for 12 years served as president of the Women's Missionary union of the Muskogee, Seminole and Wichita Indian Baptist association which includes 10 counties and was organized in 1851 by her father, H. F. Buckner, Gov. John F. Brown of the Seminole nation, and J. S. Murrow, founder of the Murrow orphanage at Bacone.

In 1928, she was elected president of the Muskogee, Seminole and Wichita Baptist association W.M.U and was reelected for 12 successive years. In 1940 she refused reelection because of her health.

Mrs. Drew originated the idea of gifts of food, clothing and other needed articles to Murrow orphanage
on Washington's birthday. She was active and interested in Tuskegee church, eight miles west of Eufaula, throughout her life. She was born near this church, and she retained her membership there, although while she lived in Muskogee, she attended the Central Baptist church, and was active in the Women's Missionary Union of that church.

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Mrs. Drew is survived by her husband, of the home; a son, Sgt. David D. Drew, now stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas; five daughters, Mrs. Wynema LaZelle, Mrs. Arthur Paschal, both of Muskogee; Mrs. Grace Hawkins, Tulsa. Lorraine and Margaret Drew, both of the home; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Raiford, and two brothers, G. W. McCombs and W. P. McCombs, all of Eufaula. Three of the children, Margaret, Lorraine and David, are graduates of Bacone College.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Tuskegee church she loved so dearly, with the Rev. Aaron Hancock, Methodist, missionary to the Oklahoma Baptist Indian convention, officiating. Burial will be in the Tuskegee cemetery under direction of the Lesch funeral home.

For nearly a year, Mrs. Drew had been a patient at the Indian hospital Claremore, but she had spent the last two months in her own home.