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Biographical Sketch of Martha Green

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Martha Glennie Greene was born on November 9, 1907 in Louisiana to Myal and Georgia Greene. Belonging to one of Arkadelphia's pioneer families who first arrived from Virginia in 1836, her family was very involved in the community. Her uncle, Rowland H. Greene, better known to everyone as Uncle Doc, was a well-known benefactor to men such as C. Hamilton Moses, president of Arkansas Power and Light Company, and Ouachita athlete Carey Selph. As a young child, Martha dressed up as Martha Washington as her family partnered with the Meador's to host a colonial tea as a fun celebration in February of 1914. As she grew up, she decided to become an educator and attended Henderson Brown College (now known as Henderson State University) as well as Columbia University in New York where she received her bachelor of Education. She moved back to Arkadelphia and taught in the public schools there for several years before taking a supervisor position at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway. During World War II, she was an active citizen who worked with the Federal Works Agency to help set up child care centers in both Arkansas and Texas. In her later years, she began working at the Ouachita Baptist bookstore as its manager from 1969-1974. During this time she was also involved in several other activities and associations in leadership positions including: President of the Women's Library Association, charter member of the Clark County Historical Association, charter member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and fellow for the John F. Kennedy Library. Ms. Greene passed away several years later at the age of 83 on May 25, 1991. She is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery next to her parents and other family members. Though she never married, she left a legacy through her commitment to serving others



and her passion for education. She donated several artifacts that belonged to her and her family to the Clark County Historical Association, and many are housed in the Ouachita library so that others can learn more about Clark County's history as well as life in the late nineteenth century.



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