



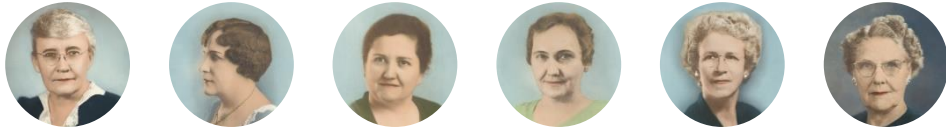
# Our Founders

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

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# Our Founders



**We salute the 12 Founders of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. We honor them for their**

- Clarity of vision
- Enduring faith in that vision
- Fortitude with which they held the course
- Courage as breakers of precedents

**We acknowledge our debt to them for enriched personal lives.**



# Our Founders

**Annie Webb Blanton**

August 19, 1870-October 2, 1945



# Our Founders

## Annie Webb Blanton

- Taught in one-room school, elementary school, high school, “normal” school, university
- Elected first woman president of Texas State Teachers Association
- Became the first woman elected to statewide office in Texas: State Superintendent of Instruction
  - Free textbooks
  - 54% increase in teacher salaries
  - Improvement of rural schools
- Loved gardening, cooking, reading mysteries, and collecting miniature donkeys







PAUDENCE AND I SEND GREETINGS  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
*Annie Webb Blanton*



# Our Founders

## Mamie Sue Bastian

November 27, 1875-February 20, 1946



# Our Founders

## Mamie Sue Bastian

- Taught all grades and subjects in elementary school – loved arithmetic
- Served as principal in several elementary schools
- Worked untiringly for a teacher retirement system, finally successful
- Formed Houston Teachers and Houston Principals Associations
- Brought laughter into any room she entered; loved fun and music
- Initiated the Birthday Luncheon



# Our Founders

## **Ruby Cole**

December 2, 1893-November 21, 1940





# Our Founders

## Ruby Cole

- Dedicated, methodical principal, always working for adequate funding for public schools
- Thorough and meticulous in creating DKG materials for chapter presidents – a perfectionist
- Encouraging in getting DKG to work with other civic organizations for common goals
- Indefatigable in working for restoration of missions, establishment of parks and creation of public library in San Antonio
- Loved her dogs, reading, playing bridge and entertaining



# Our Founders

**Mabel Grizzard**

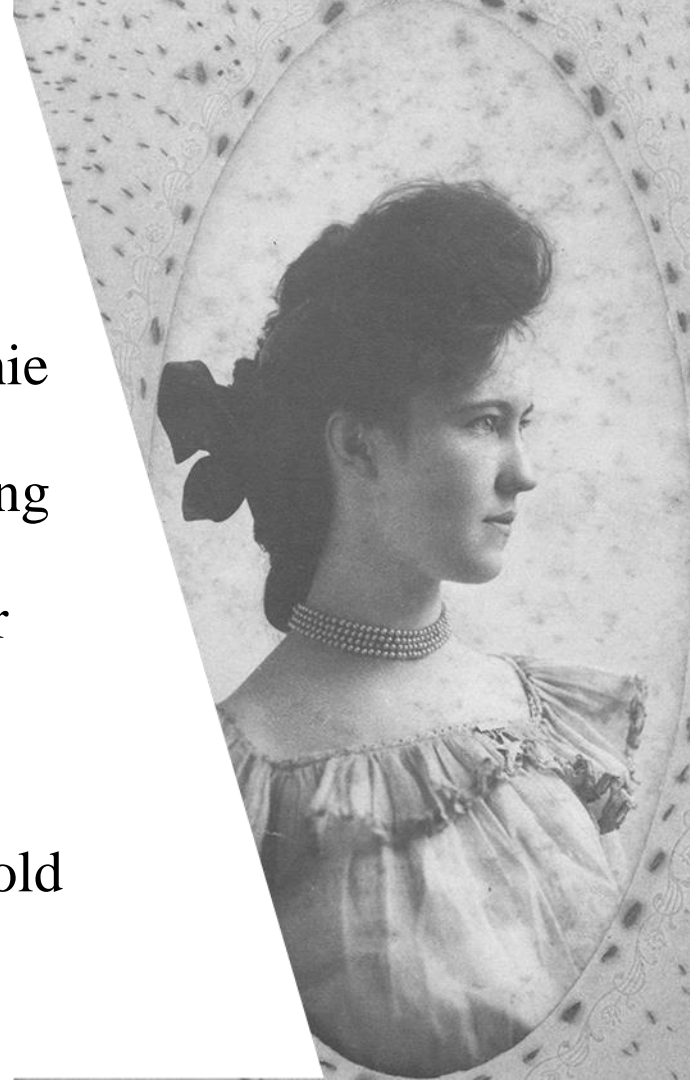
March 22, 1888-July 12, 1968



# Our Founders

## Mabel Grizzard

- Served as teacher and principal in Waxahachie for more than 40 years
- Recognized in her community for contributing to welfare of youth
- Spent summers observing innovative teacher training methodology
- Spent 2 years as elementary supervisor of Texas rural schools
- Enjoyed reading, playing bridge, collecting old books and commemorative plates





# Our Founders

## **Dr. Anna Hiss**

May 11, 1892-January 29, 1972



# Our Founders

## Dr. Anna Hiss

- Head of the University of Texas Physical Education Department
- Instrumental in establishing professional degree for Physical Education
- Member of many organizations; honored by those and many others
- A teller of original stories, a reader of poetry, horseback rider, and, of course, sportswoman, especially in basketball.



# Our Founders

## Ray King

July 13, 1888-January 4, 1979





# Our Founders

## Ray King

- Served as first treasurer of the Society
- Participated in ground-breaking and laying of the cornerstone of the Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas
- Believed in this formula:  
Idea + Vision + Faith + Work = magic
- Taught history and chaired high school department
- Studied and traveled her entire life
- Favored reading as a favorite pastime but loved cooking and playing bridge



# Our Founders

## Sue King

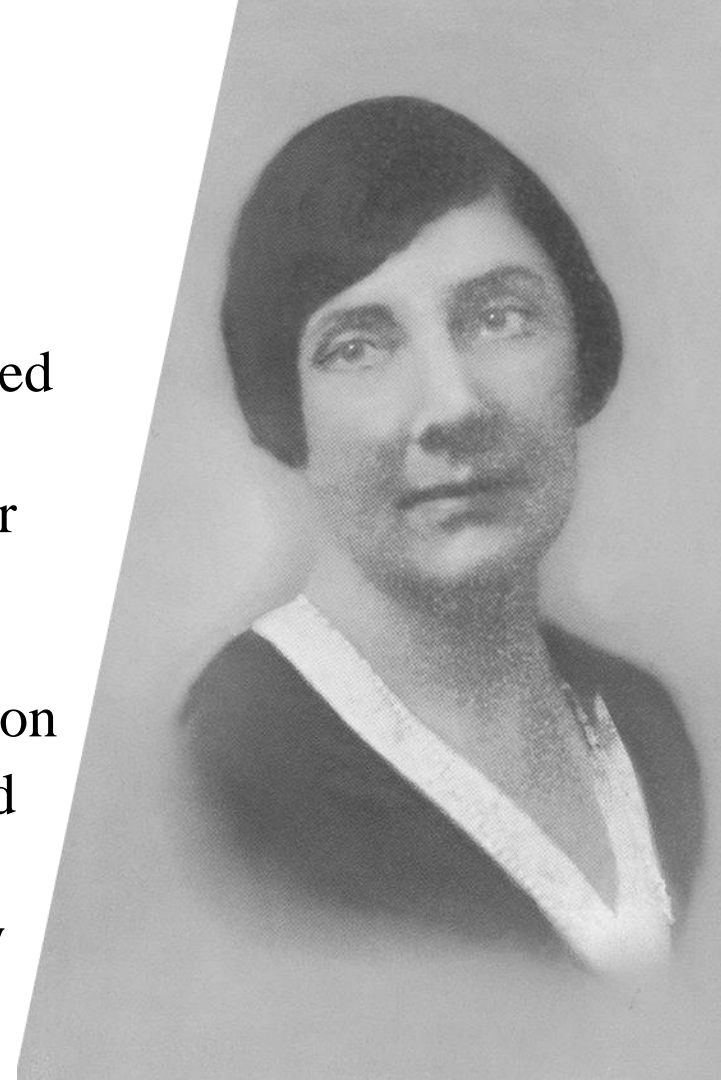
January 8, 1886-May 4, 1930



# Our Founders

## Sue King

- Known as excellent scholar and leader; loved history and languages
- Taught Latin, then history as chair of Junior High History department
- Instrumental in Dr. Blanton's election as president of Texas State Teachers Association
- Loved reading, cooking, playing bridge and tennis
- Died one year after founding of the Society





# Our Founders

**Dr. Helen Koch**

August 26, 1895-July 14, 1977



# Our Founders

## Dr. Helen Koch

- Renowned professor of child psychology at University of Chicago
- A perfectionist who valued her students
- A dreamer who hoped that DKG would become an international organization as a way to protect children around the world
- A gifted pianist, she taught children to play piano
- A world traveler who delved into cultures



# Our Founders

## Ruby Terrill Lomax

February 7, 1886-December 28, 1961





# Our Founders

## Ruby Terrill Lomax

- Brilliant scholar
- Dean of Women and Associate Professor of Classical Languages at University of Texas
- Assistant to her husband, John Lomax, in collecting folk ballads
- First parliamentarian of the Society
- A welcome, enjoyable speaker to audiences



# Our Founders

## **Dr. Cora Martin**

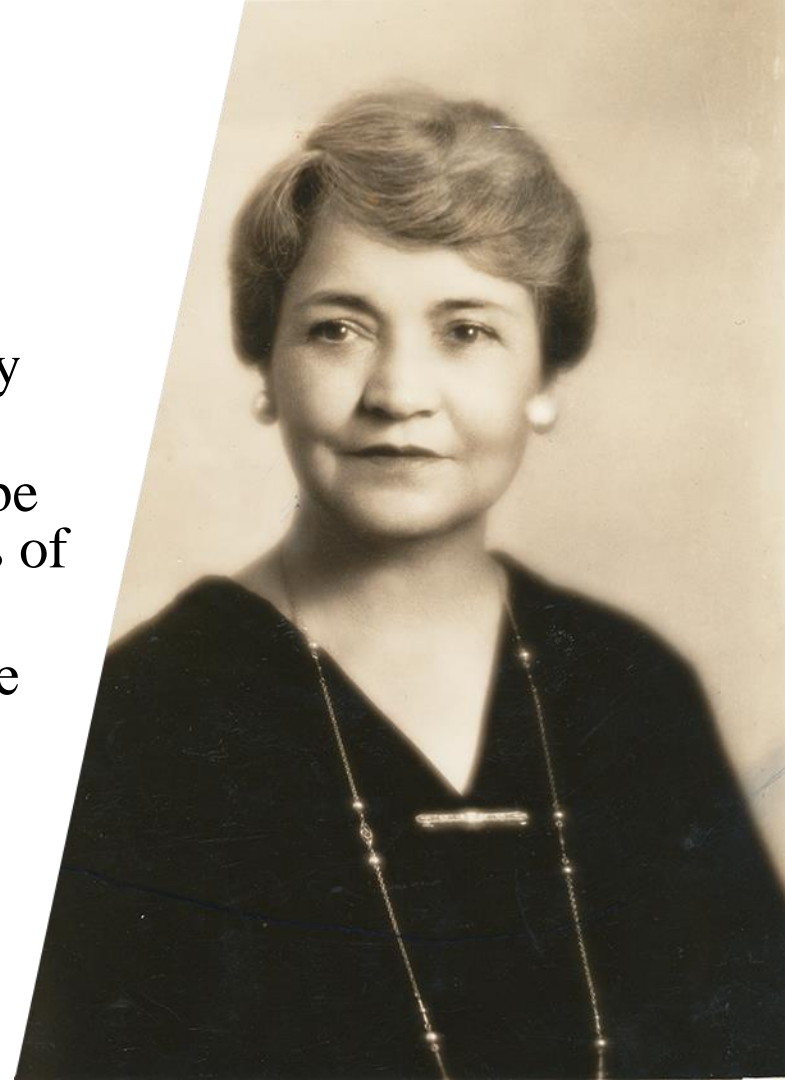
November 27, 1884-April 23, 1965



# Our Founders

## Dr. Cora Martin

- Organized the Department of Elementary Education at the University of Texas
- Believed that content of readers should be meaningful to children, so wrote a series of books that reflected this philosophy
- Selected “keeper of the records” after the founding of DKG
- Involved in many installations of state organizations and chapters
- Loved to sing, write, travel and read historical fiction



# Our Founders

**Lalla M. Odom**

April 8, 1874-April 13, 1964





# Our Founders

## Lalla M. Odom

- Earned a degree from the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Taught famed humorist Will Rogers and maintained a friendship with him
- Refused to accept discrimination when told she could not be hired as a teacher because of her marital status – Board changed the policy
- Served as teacher of mathematics and chair of Department at junior high level
- Turned first spadeful of earth for headquarters building
- Loved her sons, Texas, wildflowers and politics



# Our Founders

**Lela Lee Williams**

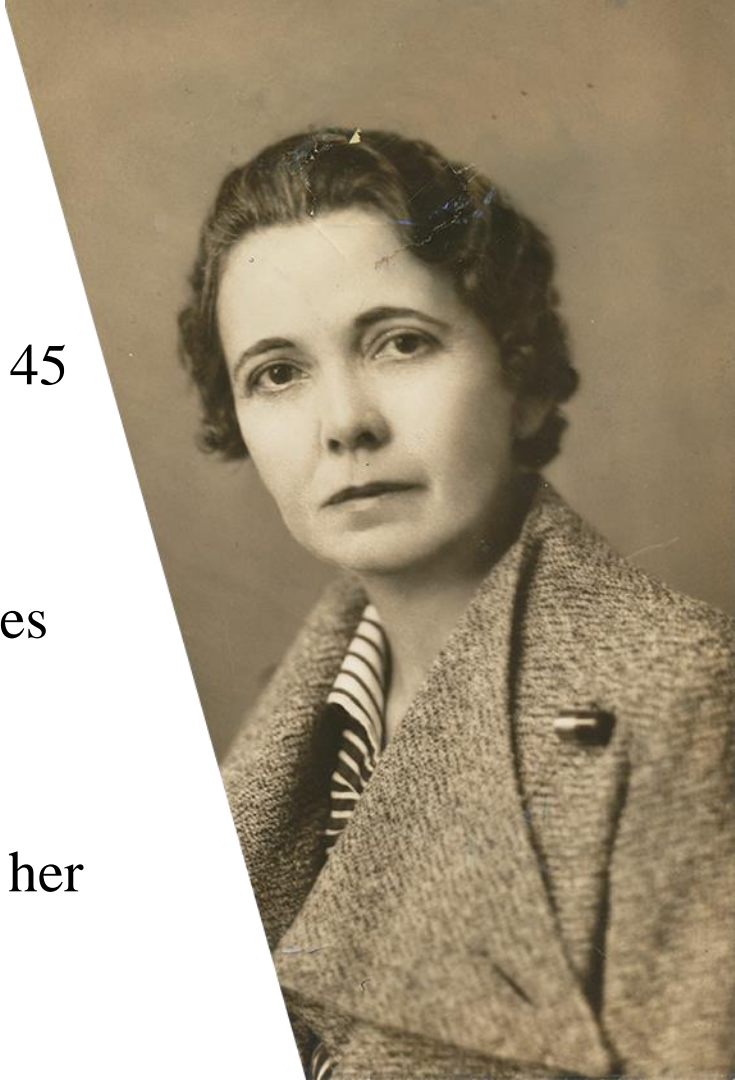
July 20, 1883-February 18, 1971



# Our Founders

## Lela Lee Williams

- Associated with Dallas, Texas, schools for 45 years
- Dedicated to improving the education profession
- Appointed Director of Auditorium Activities and wrote a book on the subject
- Served as first recording secretary of the Society
- Enjoyed inviting friends and colleagues to her home



# Our Founders

**Let us live the legacy that these visionary women began.**

Let us continue to

- Clarify the vision of the Society
- Have enduring faith in the work of the Society
- Find the courage to review, question and refine precedents





