

Flora L. Hendley

(6 Dec 1858 – 29 Jun 1945)

The Evening Star, September 26, 1923

**Miss Adelaide Davis Made Supervisor of New School Division
Education Board Also Names Mrs. W.B. Hardy Community Center Head
Survey of Districts is Made At Meeting
Entire System Is Now Arranged in Regular Sequence of Units**

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Kimball Transferred

Ephraim G. Kimball, of the Seventh divisions, will be changed to the Third division, that over which Mr. Haycock now has charge.

Miss Flora L. Hendley, who is now supervising principal of the Seventh division and takes over a portion of Mr. Kimball's old territory in addition to her own. The other portion of Mr. Kimball's old division will be taken over by Dr. Hosmer M. Johnson, who is now supervising principal of the Ninth division, but who will on October 1 become supervising principal of the Eighth division.

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Hendley, Flora L. On Friday, June 29, 1945, at the Emergency Hospital, Flora L. Hendley, beloved sister of Eugene R. Hendley and the late Charles M. and Myra M. Hendley. Friends may call at the Lee funeral home, 4th st. and Mass. Ave. n.e., where services will be held on Monday, July 2, at 2:30 p.m. Friends invited to attend. Interment private.

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Miss Flora Hendley, District Teacher for 50 Years, Dies at 86

Miss Flora L. Hendley, 86, former teacher and supervising principal, who served in District schools for almost 50 years before her retirement in 1924, died yesterday afternoon in Emergency Hospital after a brief illness.

Miss Hendley, who began her career as first-grade teacher, did classroom work at several schools before she became supervising principal of the sixth division in the Northeast section in 1908 -- the first woman to hold such a position in Washington.

Miss Hendley also was a pioneer advocate of retirement legislation for teachers and was a factor in congressional enactment of provisions in this field in 1920.

Organizer of the Teachers Aid and Annuity Association, she served as its president for a number of years, and was also active in the Teachers Immediate Relieve Association. After her retirement, she continued active leadership of the Junior Red Cross, in which she had been interested for many years.

She was born in Newport, Ky., but spent most of her life in Washington.

Miss Hendley made her home at 1854 Wyoming avenue N.W. and is suried by a brother, Eugene R. Hendley, of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Lee funeral home, Fourth and Massachusetts avenue N.E. Burial in Congressional Cemetery will be priate.

School Board Minutes, May 9, 1957

MISS FLORA L. HENDLEY

1876-1924

(retired 9-15-1924)

Miss Flora L. Hendley served the public schools of the District of Columbia from 1876-1924.

Miss Hendley was appointed to a first grade in an old building that stood at the corner of Fifth and I Streets, N.W., where she taught for three years. During this time she was advanced through the grades successively to the sixth grade. In 1881 she was transferred to the Riggs School where she taught nine years. In 1890 Miss Hendley was given the principalship of the Seaton School, where she served as principal for eighteen years. In 1908 she was promoted to supervising principal and assigned to the sixth division. Miss Hendley served for sixteen years as supervisor of the elementary schools in Northeast Washington that composed the sixth division.

For more than ten years Miss Hendley labored unceasingly for the enactment of a law providing pensions for the teachers of the District of Columbia. After many discouragements and setbacks that would have stopped a more timorous person, Miss Hendley and those who worked with her saw their efforts crowned with victory. She had the satisfaction of retiring from her position as supervising principal under the provisions of the act for which she gave so much of her thought, time, and energy.

Her voluntary retirement brought to a close a long record of meritorious service rendered in the public school system. First, as a teacher, then later, as building principal and division supervisor. Miss Hendley contributed richly of her vigorous life to the instruction of youth and to the inspiration of teachers. For sixteen years Miss Hendley was a supervisory official. High professional ideals and wise leadership reinforced by a ripe experience gave her a weight of influence that was of great value in administrative councils.

At the time of her voluntary retirement after forty-eight years of unselfish and outstanding service to the public schools of the District of Columbia the Superintendent of Schools recommended that the Board of Education express its appreciation of the long and valuable service rendered by Miss Hendley, and also express its regret at her retirement.

Miss Floral L. Hendley passed away June 29, 1945.