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Letter from Helen Arnold Dodd on life of her mother Louisa
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An Out-line of the Life & History

Mrs. W. C. Arnold

(nee: Louisa Emma Hayes)

King George Co. Shiloh Va.

By
Her Daughter, Helen Arnold Dodd-

Mrs. Arnold was born in 1870, on a farm about two miles from Old Shiloh Village, which consisted of a General Store, a Blacksmith Shop and a Post Office in the Gen. Store.

One of six children by Issiah F. Hayes and His wife Charlotte Moyer Hayes; who came to Virginia soon after the Civil War from Williamsport Pa.

My mother often told me she loved the "Out of doors", especially horse-back riding, when she would ride to spend the

#2 night with her Girl-friend, who lived near the Shiloh Village: through this friend she met my Father, William Edmund Arnold whose Ancestral Home was near the King George Co. Court House.

Young people in those days visited in Fredericksburg Town, and by boat to Baltimore and Washington D.C.:

Her Father built a two story School House at the corner of the picket fence which surrounded the Home yard: and brought School Teachers from Pa. to board there and educate his children (and some of his Grand-children); there were no public schools.

When my Mother was about Seventeen years old, she took the Va. State Teachers examination, and having passed it, began to teach in a small one room school, including all

ages; from seven to 21 years: and had no trouble at all.

She later taught as a Tutor in several private homes in King George Co. Her church was the Old Union Methodist Church, one mile from Shiloh Village: which is still standing, altho it is not being used now: its members having moved away.

She did not teach S. S. there, as I don't believe the S. S. had been organized, but she did play the Organ for Church Services: before the Organ was bought, the Song Leader used a "Tuning-Fork".

After her marriage, she lived in Washington D.C. and attended the Old Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, but was not very active in church work until the older children could be "Baby Sitters", and after moving back to Old Alexandria (now Arlington)

#4 Co.; she joined the Clarendon Meth. Church and served as President of the Women's Missionary Society, that was before Auto travel; so she walked two miles each way for every meeting, including Sunday Service.

As the years passed the children grew up and worked in Washington, so she moved back to Wash. DC. and attended the Old Calvary Meth. Church ~~and~~ the name has been changed to Aldersgate); there she became more active teaching the Woman's Bible Class + became again, President of the Missionary Society and Ladies Aid; until she moved to the farm near Glendale Md. and joined Perkins Chapel; and began to organizing the Women and teach a class in the Sunday School.
Her children followed her example

and became active also.

After so much moving and because the roads were still difficult to travel, she moved to McLean Va., which became her permanent home; there joining ~~of~~ the Langley or Old Trinity Meth. Church.

The Congregation was very small, and the Conference considered it to be a charge of two or three churches: which meant one preaching service a month; so with much persistence and help of the few members, the Conference, ^{decided} to send a student minister.

The Conference later said they were about ready to close the church.

The Ladies Aid-Missionary Society was then organized & my mother became President. She also taught the Womans' Bible Class.

She was still teaching that



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class when she died in Jan
30th 1948, at the age of
78 years - leaving Seven children =
Her Husband ^{died} March 26 - 1955
aged 94 years.

HELEN ARNOLD
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