



**Marion Louise Grettenberger**, daughter of John O. (1868-1944) and Wilhelmina "Minnie" (Kaiser) (1872-1958) Grettenberger, was born 18 November 1897, Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan. Her mother was a 1888 Okemos school graduate and a former teacher in the Okemos school system. Marion's father, John, was a druggist, proprietor of a combined drug and grocery business and the postmaster of Okemos.

Marion graduated Valedictorian in 1913 from Okemos High School. She furthered her education by obtaining a degree in Home Economics from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1918. Upon graduation Marion was employed as assistant chemist at MAC chemistry station from 1918-1924. On 23 August 1924, in her parent's Okemos home, Marion married Forrest Floyd Musselman.

*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 23 August 1924*

## **PRETTY WEDDING AT OKEMOS HOME**

### **Miss Marion Grettenberger Becomes Bride of Forest F. Musselman**

A late August wedding which was celebrated Saturday at noon was that of Miss Marion L. Grettenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Grettenberger, and Forrest F. Musselman, of East Lansing, who were

married at an impressive ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in Okemos when the double ring service was read by Re. A. Callow of the Methodist Episcopal church of that place.

Miss Mae Schroen, cousin of the bride, sang "Oh Promise Me," preceding the wedding march from Lohengrin which was played by Miss Clara Schroen, of Saline, Mich. To this, the bridal party descended the stairs and took their places in the living room, before a big window which was banked with ferns and flowers. The bridal group was led by little John Elbert Schroen garbed in white, who carried the ring in a fancy basket, and the small daughter of Prof. H.H. Musselman, of M.A.C., and Mrs. Musselman, little Jane Musselman, who carried a basket of roses and daisies, and scattered rose petals as she walked. The little girl wore a fetching frock of honey-dew with a blue hat. Preceding the bride came her sister, Miss Mildred Grettenberger, as maid of honor, in a gown of pink georgette, with an arm bouquet of roses.

The bridal gown was of white georgette trimmed in pearls and the long tulle veil was held in place with a band of pearls. The bride carried a shower bouquet of roses, sweet peas, and swansonias.

Orin Grettenberger, brother of the bride, attended Mr. Musselman, as best man. As the wedding vows were said, harp numbers were played by Charles Randall.

#### Serve Dinner

Miss Laura Kaiser, of Saline, acted as mistress of ceremonies during the wedding and the three-course dinner which was served by Miss Clara Schroen, Miss Melita Kaiser, of Okemos, Miss Kathryn Grettenberger, of Perry, Miss Biebesheimer and Miss Velma Eberly, of Okemos.

Mrs. Grettenberger, mother of the bride, wore a gown of navy georgette and satin.

Mr. and Mrs. Musselman were to leave Saturday afternoon on a wedding trip up the St. Lawrence river, and upon their return will reside at their home, 163 Kedzie street, East Lansing, after Sept. 10.

The bride is a graduate of M.A.C. in the home economics course, and was a member of Letonia Literary society, Omicron Nu, honorary home economics fraternity, and is a member of Lansing Matinee Musicale. She has been assistant chemist at the chemistry experiment station at M.A.C. since her graduation.

Mr. Musselman, who has been connected with the Chesterfield Realty company for the past five years, completed the agricultural course at M.A.C., where he was a member of the Eumonian society.

Guests at the wedding included Ira Musselman, of Cecil, O., father of the bridegroom; his sisters, Miss Ruth Musselman; Miss Minnie Coffin, Sherwood, O.; Prof. H. H. Musselman and Mrs. Musselman, East Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Musselman; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fogle, of Okemos; Walter Ehinger, Albert Ehinger; Miss Clara Ehinger, Lansing; Howard Rather, East Lansing; Miss Ina Butler, East Lansing; Miss Lou Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaiser, East Lansing; Miss Mae Foley, Denton, Texas; Leslie Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaiser and family; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Kent; Edward Grettenberger, Miss E. Grettenberger, Mr. and Mrs. John Schroen, of Saline, Mich.; and Mr. and Mrs. George Grettenberger, Perry, Mich.

Forrest Musselman, born 16 July 1889, Paulding County, Ohio, was a former schoolteacher and honorably discharged World War I US Army veteran. He graduated in 1918 from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) and almost immediately began what would become a life-long real estate career in the Lansing area.

*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Monday 20 October 1924*

## **FOREST F. MUSSELMAN**

Anticipating a continued growth of the real estate business in East Lansing, due to the new boulevard and Franklin avenue pavement, the

Musselman Realty company has opened an office at 208 Abbott road where a photo shop was formerly located. Forest F. Musselman will be manager of the office. Real estate, rentals, loans, vacant, and improved residence

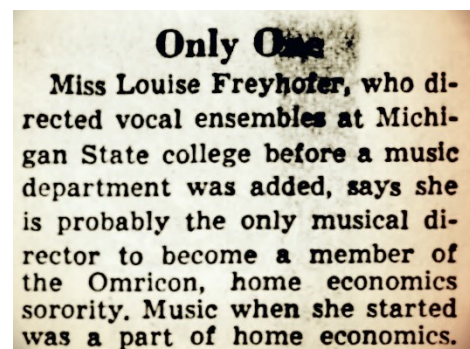
Lansing State Journal, December 24, 1924



property will be given special attention, along with collections on contracts, and other general real estate service. Negotiations are now underway with some well known insurance companies for the writing of fire, tornado and other lines of insurance.

Marion had a great love of music and the piano. While a home economics major at M.A.C., Marion studied piano under the direction of **Miss Louise Freyhofer**. Music at the college was then part of the Home Economics Department. Miss Freyhofer (1874-1970) was the talented music director in the Home Economics Department and became mentor and friend to Marion. Marion would go on to teach piano in her private home for more than 50 years.

Lansing State Journal, October 16, 1955



Forrest and Marion had two daughters; Marilyn Ruth and Betty Louise. Forrest died 6 December 1961, Lansing. He was interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 7 December 1961

## **REAL ESTATE MAN DIED**

### **Forrest F. Musselman Was 72, Long Active In E. Lansing**

Forrest F. Musselman, 72, of 140 Oakhill ave., East Lansing, whose real estate activities paralleled the rapid growth of the university city for nearly half a century, died Wednesday in a Lansing hospital.

Mr. Musselman entered the real estate business in East Lansing in 1919, soon after he graduated from Michigan Agricultural college. Prior to his entering college he was a school teacher in Ohio public schools five years and served during World War I.

He was born in Ohio on July 16, 1889.

Long active in civic affairs, Mr. Musselman was a past president of the Lansing Board of Realtors and of the Lansing Exchange club. At the time of his death he was a director of the Ingham chapter of the Michigan State Alumni association. A loyal supporter of Michigan State university athletics, he was a member of the Downtown Coaches club.

He also was a charter member of the Service Bowling league, having bowled with it 26 years. Mr. Musselman also was a charter member of the Sherwood lodge of Free Masons of Ohio, transferring his Masonic activities to Lansing and becoming a member of Lansing Commandery 25, Knights Templar, Capital Caravan club; Capital Chapter 9, R.A.M.; Lansing Council 29, R. and S. M.; Central Michigan Scottish Rite club; Elf Khurafeh temple of Saginaw, and DeWitt Clinton Consistory. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Mr. Musselman was a member of Peoples church of East Lansing, Sigma Nu fraternity, the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Lansing, and William Riker Johnson Post 205 of the American Legion.

Surviving are the widow, Marion; two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Ledebuhr, East Lansing, and Mrs. Betty Eiler of Dayton, O.; three grandchildren; two brothers, H. H. Musselman of East Lansing and Dale T. Musselman of Pontiac, and a sister, Mrs. Grace Hetrick of California.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman funeral home. Dr. Wallace Robertson of Peoples church will officiate. Burial will be in Glendale cemetery, Okemos.

After Forrest's death Marion continued to teach and mentor music students until 1990. She died 6 May 1996, Ingham County. Marion was interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

*Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 8 May 1996*

## **MARION GRETTENBERGER MUSSELMAN**

### **East Lansing**

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## *Ex-Local Musician Dies at 96*

Miss Louise Freyhofer, 96, a resident of East Lansing for more than 40 years, died Wednesday at a Grand Rapids nursing home.

From 1919 to 1963 she had been a piano teacher and was active in a number of local music organizations.

A native of Roseville, she received degrees from German-Wallace College, the music college of Baldwin University, and served as head of the piano department at Central Wesleyan College in Warrenton, Mo.

She later went to Berlin, Germany, in 1900 to study at the Stern Conservatory and upon her return in 1902 she became head of the piano department at Michigan State University.

She held this position until 1919 and also directed the university choir and girls glee club.

Miss Freyhofer was an honorary member of the Lansing and East Lansing Music Teachers Guild and the Greater Lansing Music Teachers Association. She was an honorary life member of the Michigan Music Teachers Association, a member of the Lansing Matinee Musicale, a life member of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, a member of the East Lansing Women's Club and an honorary life member of the American Association of University Women.

She was also a member of Peoples Church and the WCTU.

A memorial service is being planned at Peoples Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the M.J. Clark Memorial Home Chapel, Grand Rapids, and burial will be in Woodvale Cemetery, Berea, Ohio.

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Miss Freyhofer was close friend, teacher and mentor of Marion Grettenberger. Louise Freyhofer was a "legend" in the local music community and was a great influence on many.