



Mildred Katherine Grettenberger, daughter of John O. (1868-1944) and Wilhelmina "Minnie" (Kaiser) (1872-1958) Grettenberger, was born 10 May 1901, Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan. Her mother was an 1888 Okemos graduate and a former teacher in the Okemos school. Mildred's father, John, was a druggist, proprietor of a combined drug and grocery business and the postmaster of Okemos.

After her graduation in 1919 from Okemos High, Mildred furthered her education at Michigan State Agricultural College (later Michigan State University) with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics degree in 1923. She taught science and English at South Haven, Van Buren County,

[Lansing State Journal, September 12, 1923](#)

A rectangular newspaper clipping with a light brown background. The text is printed in a black, serif font and reads: "Miss Mildred Grettenberger is teaching science and English in the South Haven high school, this year." There is a horizontal line above the text.

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Michigan for a short duration before becoming a sales representative for The Dudley Paper Company, Lansing, which sold Hammermill Bond paper.

Mildred married Leslie Elwood Buxton on Saturday 25 September 1926 in the Okemos home of her parents. Leslie, born 28 August 1900, Clinton County, Michigan, was probably employed by The Dudley Paper Company the same time as Mildred. The 1930 US Federal Census, Ingham County, Michigan enumerated Leslie as a sales representative for a paper company in Lansing. Not only the Lansing State Journal 1926 wedding announcement but also Leslie's 1951 obituary stated he had been employed by The Dudley Paper Company for 30 years.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 25 September 1926

OKEMOS GIRL BRIDE OF LANSING MAN

Miss Mildred Grettenberger Married Leslie E. Buxton At Home Ceremony

An autumn wedding which was solemnized Saturday at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Grettenberger of Okemos was that of their daughter, Miss Mildred K. Grettenberger, to Leslie E. Buxton of Lansing. Rev. Niles of Okemos Methodist Episcopal church, read the marriage service.

Just preceding the ceremony, "Oh Promise Me" was sung by Miss Mae Schroen, accompanied by Miss Clara Schroen. As the bridal party descended the stairs Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Mrs. Forrest F. Musselman, sister of the bride.

The bride, who entered on her father's arm, was charmingly gowned in white georgette. Her tulle veil was held to her coiffure with pearls and orange blossoms and her shower bouquet was of white and shell pink roses and baby's breath. Mrs. Musselman, who was matron of honor, wore bois de rose georgette and carried an arm bouquet of yellow tea roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Kathryn Grettenberger, was in Nile green georgette trimmed with gold lace while yellow tea roses made up her arm bouquet. Forrest Musselman was best man.

RECEPTION FOLLOWS CEREMONY

During the ceremony and the reception which followed Miss Frances Chambers played harp selections. Bases of autumn flowers were used throughout the room where a three-course dinner followed the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Buxton left later in the day, on a motor tour through Northern Michigan and Canada. They will reside in Lansing upon their return.

Mrs. Buxton is a graduate of Michigan State college with the class of '23. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority. Mr. Buxton is a sales representative for the Dudley Paper company of Lansing.

Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Buehler and family, Mrs. Louise Schroen and family, and Miss Laura Kaiser, all of Saline; Mr. and Mrs. George Grettenberger of Perry, and Mrs. Marvel Bade of Holland.



LESLIE E. BUXTON

Funeral services for Mr. Buxton, 50, of 255 N. Hagadorn rd., Dudley Paper company salesman for 30 years, who died Saturday, will be held from the Gorsline-Runciman funeral home at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. Rev. S. David Evans of the Okemos Community church will officiate. Interment will be in Glendale cemetery. Pallbearers will be Don Holmes, Ernest Schaberg, John Mac-Allan, Lyle Marshall, Walter McComb, Don Crays, Edward J. Frey and Carlyle Parkhouse. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles M. Yates, Lee H. Vaughn, Clyde R. Jennings, Ray C. Pryser, Ralph Hudson, Earl Leonard and William Kinsel.

Leslie and Mildred had three children: Russell Orin, Mary Christina and John Leslie. Leslie unexpectedly succumbed to a heart attack 14 April 1951 while playing volleyball in Lansing. He was interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 16 April 1951

L. E. BUXTON, 50, DIED IN 'Y' GYM

Heart Attack Suffered in Volleyball Game Fatal

The unexpected death of Leslie E. Buxton, 50, of 309 N. Hagadorn rd., in the midst of a volleyball game marred the Michigan Y. M. C. A. Sports Festival here Saturday.

Mr. Buxton, a salesman for Dudley Paper company, was stricken with the fatal coronary thrombosis attack while the Lansing and Port Huron volleyball teams were playing at 5:43 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Dr. C.A. and F.E. Ludwig, brothers playing on the Port Huron team, administered first aid and the fire department inhalator squad was summoned. Firemen used the resuscitator 25 minutes in an effort to revive Buxton.

Coroner Ray Gorsline was called and he said Mr. Buxton died of an attack of coronary thrombosis.

For years Mr. Buxton had been recognized as one of the "Y's" leading volleyball players. He was a member of the teams which annexed national honors several years ago. He was a native of Meridian township.

He is survived by the widow, Mildred; two sons, John and Russell Buxton; one daughter, Mary, and a brother Walter Buxton, Haslett.

Mr. Buxton was a member of the Okemos Community church and Okemos Lodge No. 252, F. & A. M.

The body was removed to the Gorsline-Runciman funeral home, pending funeral arrangements.

Mildred went back to teaching school after Leslie's death. She retired in 1964 and lived quietly in the East Lansing area until her death 3 September 1996. She was interred with Leslie in Glendale Cemetery.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 5 September 1996

MILDRED GRETENBERGER BUXTON

EAST LANSING

Born May 10, 1901, in Okemos; died September 3, 1996. She was the daughter of John and Minnie Grettenberger. She graduated from Michigan Agricultural College in 1923 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. She taught in South Haven, Okemos and at the Marble School in East Lansing until her retirement in 1964. Mildred was a wonderful mother and an exceptional lady. She was a lifelong member of Okemos Community Church; member of Kappa Delta Sorority; and Chapter AG of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie E. Buxton; her brother, Orin K. Grettenberger; and her sister Marion Musselman. She is survived by her cousin, Kathryn Bjornseth; her sons, John L. Buxton of

Royal Oak, Russell O. Buxton of King of Prussia, PA, and daughter, Mary B. Savage of Parma, MI; 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A service celebrating her life will be held Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m., at Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos, with interment in Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

Sherrie Paty Barber '66

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GRETTEBERGER, MILDRED KATHARINE, "MID" OKEMOS
Home Economics; Letonian; Y. W. C. A.

GROVER, LUCILE, "LU" EAST LANSING
Home Economics; Sororian; Class Swimming (1), (2), (3); Y. W. C. A. Cabinet (3); L. S. C.

HAIGH, JAMES HAROLD, "GENERAL" LANSING
Engineer; Hermian.

HAMPIKIAN, HRAND SEROPE, CONSTANTINOPLE, TURKEY
Agriculture,

HALSTED, HELEN HARTOUGH, "COOTS" DETROIT
Home Economics; Sesame; Sphinx; Class Baseball (2); J-Hop Banquet Committee.

HANIGAN, DOROTHY, "DOT" DETROIT
Home Economics; Sororian; Sphinx; 1922 WOLVERINE STAFF; J-Hop Committee.

HARBISON, WILSON DALE, "RED" BIRMINGHAM
Agriculture; Alpha Gamma Rho; S. C. L.; Y. M. C. A.; Officers' Club.

HEATLEY, LYNN GEORGE, "DAD" NORTH BRANCH
Agriculture; Forensic; Feature Editor, 1922 WOLVERINE; Ag. Club; Y. M. C. A.

HELLI, WAINO JOHN, "Wo" IRONWOOD
Agriculture; Varsity Football Reserves (2); Class Football (1); S. C. L.; U. P. Club; Beekeepers Seminar Committee; Ag. Club; Y. M. C. A.