

Mrs. Lois Hanslovsky loved children and they loved her. She taught elementary students first at the old brick schoolhouse in downtown Okemos and then moved to Wardcliff Elementary when it opened in September 1955. Her gentle but firm teaching methods always established an organized, quiet and disciplined 3rd grade classroom full of teachable children.

Lois Eliza Housel, daughter of Edgar Stuart (1854-1952) and Clara (Ewing) (1862-1901) Housel, was born in Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado. She was the oldest of two children. Edgar, her father, left Iowa as a child and traveled by wagon train to homestead in Colorado. Edgar rode 10 miles daily on horseback to school in Boulder and later in life drifted into the mining industry. After a brother's 1912 death in Michigan, Edgar moved with his children to Ann Arbor and took over the brother's coal business in Washtenaw County.

Lois, having moved to Michigan with her father, was by the 1920 US Federal census located in Washington, DC, living in a household with 4 other single women, and working as a clerk for the US Government. She completed a 4-year degree in the early 1920's at University of Michigan and was married 8 April 1925, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, to Julius Adolph Hanslovsky.

Julius, born 3 May 1895, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, was by World War I employed as a bank clerk. His early business career in finance led him back to Traverse City. Lois and Julius would have two children: Frances Wilma (1930-2013) and Julius "Jules" Irving (1934-2015). Jules later would be a District Court Judge in East Lansing, Ingham County for many years.

The Hanslovsky family, including father Edgar Housel, moved into Ingham County about 1942. Lois had a season of teaching at the Lewis-Chapin Business College in Traverse City and then did a stint at Lansing Secretarial College. She was hired as the "new commercial teacher" at Haslett for the 1944-45 school year (Lansing State Journal, 8 March 1944). While she was

busy with her teaching career, Edgar, her 90-year-old father, sought employment and began working at the Michigan State College farm, "filling silos, digging irrigation ditches, and doing jobs about the farm. He puts in a full nine-hour day - 8 to 6, with an hour for lunch - with the other farm laborers, and asks no special favors, though he admits that his boss is "mighty considerate" " "Mr. Housel faintly remembers the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 and the services that were held throughout the nation in honor of the dead president." (Lansing State Journal Sunday 5 November 1944)

Lois was hired at Okemos Consolidated for the school year 1951-1952. And it was by the 1950's with Julius working as an independent municipal financial consultant in the Lansing area and both children establishing their own careers, that Lois vested her love and skills into her pupils. Lois continued teaching at Okemos, transferring to the Wardcliff Elementary School, until her retirement about 1960.

Lois died 19 November 1972, Lansing, Ingham County. Julius passed away 23 January 1987. They were both interred Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City.

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I have sweet memories of Mrs. Hanslovsky.....she had short, curly blond hair, glasses and a generous motherly figure. Third grade was a good year!

Sherrie Paty Barber '66