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Biography

Warren, Althea Hester

NAME Althea Hester Warren
Occupation City Librarian
Address ~~5561 Eagle Dale Ave.~~ ^{1849 Congress Road} Los Angeles, Calif.
Birth (Date and Place) Dec. 18, 1886 in Waukegan, Ill.

FATHER Lansing Warren
Birth (Date and Place) Dec. 29, 1857 in Cincinnati, Ohio
If Deceased, When Oct. 13, 1900 - Milwaukee, Wis.

MOTHER Emma Newhall Blodgett Warren
Birth (Date and Place) Oct. 18, 1856 in Waukegan, Ill.
If Deceased, When Mar. 6, 1929 in Altadena, Calif.

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM unmarried
Birth of Same (Date and Place)
If Deceased, When
When Married

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)
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Henry Williams Blodgett, grandfather of Miss Warren
led a very picturesque and colorful life in the early days
of Chicago. He served as Federal Judge of the Northern
District of Illinois all during the Civil War Period, con-
tinuing until 1893. Miss Warren's ancestors were among
the early settlers of New England and New York, her mothe-
r's people being English and her father springing from
sturdy New York Dutch stock.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Waukegan High School - 1904; U. of Chicago, PHB. 1908;
Library School U. of Wisconsin, 1911

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Calif. Library Assn.; American Library Assn.; City
Employees Assn.; Municipal League, Woman's Athletic
Club.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Congregational

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1914 - in Los Angeles
since May, 1926

SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

Althea Hester Warren spent her childhood in Waukegan, the little city where she was born, and where she received her first schooling. After graduating from the University of Chicago in 1908, she went abroad until July, 1909. She then entered her Library career by studying in Wisconsin. Her first position as Librarian was in the Burr School Branch of the Chicago Public Library. (Sept. 1911-June 1912). Immediately following this period she became librarian of the Sears, Roebuck Co., whose library was affiliated with the Chicago Public Library. (June 1912-July 1914). She came to California in August of 1914, going to San Diego where she became reorganizer of the San Diego Public Library. (Jan. 1, 1915- Feb. 1, 1916) and its librarian for a period of ten years. The last six years of this time she made her home in La Jolla. Coming to Los Angeles, she entered the Los Angeles Public Library System, where she was made First Assistant City Librarian, with full charge of all the branch libraries. At the death of Mr. Perry, she was appointed City Librarian on Nov. 8, 1933, which position she retains at present.

Miss Warren, as is only natural, is a true bibliophile. She is interested particularly in English literature, and for several years, she has been collecting first editions of rare books. She is very fond of all out-of-door recreation, and loves to go on long walks in crisp weather. She is conscientious and possesses that frank straightforwardness which is found in so many truly great people.

Karel Lynn 1/22/35