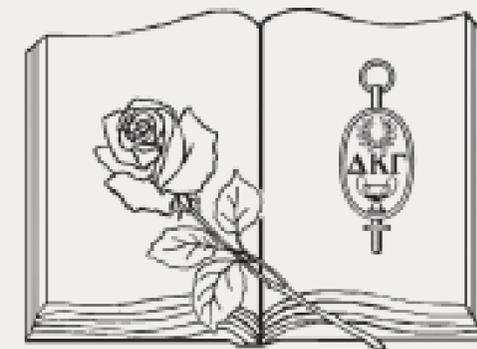


Delta Kappa Gamma

A Brief History





Annie Webb Blanton

Professor
University of Texas

2610 Whitis

First Home of
Delta Kappa Gamma





ANNIE WEBB BLANTON



MAMIE SUE BASTIAN



RUBY COLE



MABEL YOUREE GRIZZARD

Our Founders

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, Austin, Texas

Miss Mamie Sue Bastian, Houston, Texas

Miss Ruby Cole, San Antonio, Texas

Miss Mabel Youree Grizzard, Waxahachie, Texas

Our Founders

Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax, Austin, Texas

Dr. Cora M. Martin, Austin, Texas

Mrs. Lalla M. Odom, Austin, Texas

Miss Lela Lee Williams, Dallas, Texas



RUBY TERRILL (LOMAX)



CORA M. MARTIN



LALLA M. ODOM



LELA LEE WILLIAMS





ANNA HISS



RAY KING

Our Founders

Dr. Anna Hiss, Austin, Texas

Miss Ray King, Fort Worth, Texas

Miss Sue King, Fort Worth, Texas

Dr. Helen Lois Koch, Austin, Texas



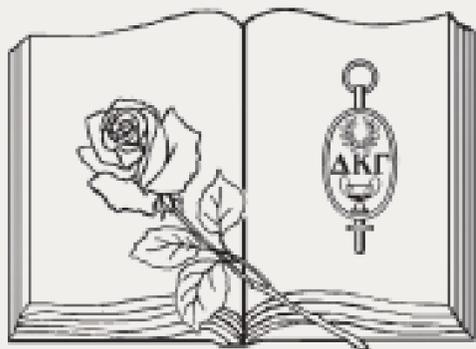
SUE KING



HELEN LOIS KOCH

DKG Constitution

Passed During First Meeting at 2610 Whitis



manner in which Kappa Gamma Delta developed.

The first Constitution listed the five purposes in Article II:

SECTION 1. The first purpose of this Society shall be to unite women teachers who have achieved prominence in the teaching profession; to develop among them a feeling of loyalty, one to another, and habits of cooperation, one with another; and to maintain ideals of the duty which each woman who achieves success in the work of education owes to those who are struggling to uphold high standards in the teaching profession; and to secure fair conditions under which women may work in the schools.

SECTION 2. The second purpose of this Society shall be to confer distinction upon women who are recognized as leaders in the profession of teaching.

SECTION 3. The third purpose of this Society shall be to furnish an organization through which women teachers may work effectively to secure desirable school legislation for the betterment of the schools, and for bringing about just recognition of the services of women teachers and just conditions of work for women engaged in teaching, to the end of a gradual reduction and final elimination of discriminations against women, as compared with men, engaged in the work of education. It is expressly understood and provided that this organization not be used for political purposes.

SECTION 4. The fourth purpose of this Society shall be to afford an organization through which able women teachers may work to secure equal representation and equal recognition of women with men in professional organizations of teachers, whether these associations be city, county, state or national in their range of activities.

SECTION 5. A fifth purpose of this Society shall be to form an organization through which women teachers shall carry on work which shall result in giving financial aid to some of the capable women who are preparing themselves for the teaching profession.

In 1929 it was generally assumed that a woman who had not married by the time she had taught five years was likely to remain in the profession indefinitely. In other words, such a person, in all likelihood, would also be a permanent member of the Society. Then, too, a five-year period would permit chapters to form a better judgment of a prospective member's professional worth. Accordingly, one of the stipulations for membership agreed upon was that the person should "have had not less than five years of experience in the work of the teaching profession."

Fear of criticism is a possible reason for the secrecy of the Society's initiation vows, although, in this respect, the ritual imitates the ceremonies of similar organizations. The Founders agreed that they would not reveal the meaning of the Greek letters, the significance of the colors or the symbols on the key. Knowing that jealousy and retaliation would jeopardize the success of attempts at organizing chapters, the Founders planned for invitations to membership to be extended in the future by Dr. Blanton under the pseudonym of Miss Katherine Graham Dalton, with Box 1741, University Station, rather than 2610 Whitis Avenue, as the mailing address.

Patiently, meticulously the Founders worked through the mass of details that demanded attention that night. Dr. Blanton was authorized to secure drawings for a fraternity key to be submitted by mail to the other Founders for their choice. They adopted the colors—crimson and gold; they discussed additional initiation paraphernalia; they authorized a committee to secure incorporation papers for the state and national Kappa Gamma Delta.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
IN EDUCATION
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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You have been recommended to the KAPPA GAMMA DELTA SOCIETY for membership. KAPPA GAMMA DELTA is a woman's national honor fraternity in Education. Only those are admitted to membership who have achieved distinction in the teaching profession and whose honor and high professional ideals have been vouched for to officials of the society. Our roll of members may include only the upper one-tenth of women in the teaching profession.

If you desire to accept this invitation, you are required to give a pledge that, whether you join the KAPPA

THE FIRST INVITATION

GAMMA DELTA SOCIETY or not, you will never reveal to any one not a member of the order, its purposes or its secret ritual. When you have made this pledge, you will be given fuller information as to what is required of a member, and can then make your final decision.

Membership in this organization should be accepted, not merely for the honor which it brings, but also for the opportunities for service which it affords.

The initiation fee is ten dollars and the annual dues are three dollars. In addition, members are required to purchase the KAPPA GAMMA DELTA key and to wear this emblem on certain occasions.

If you desire to join the KAPPA GAMMA DELTA fraternity, please send me promptly the required pledge.

Sincerely yours,

(MISS) KATHERINE GRAHAM DALTON,

Box 1741, UNIVERSITY STATION,

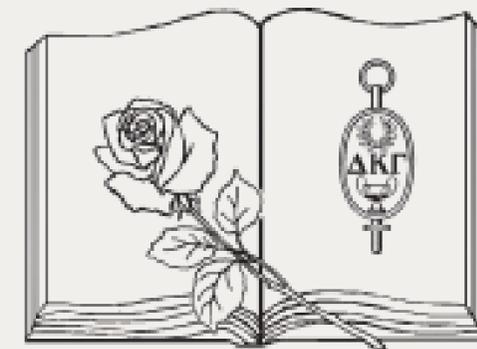
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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DKG Membership

Ms. Blanton asked members keep the organization a secret



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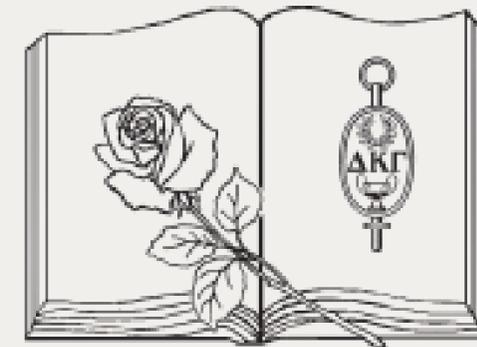
Second Home of
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Littlefield Building

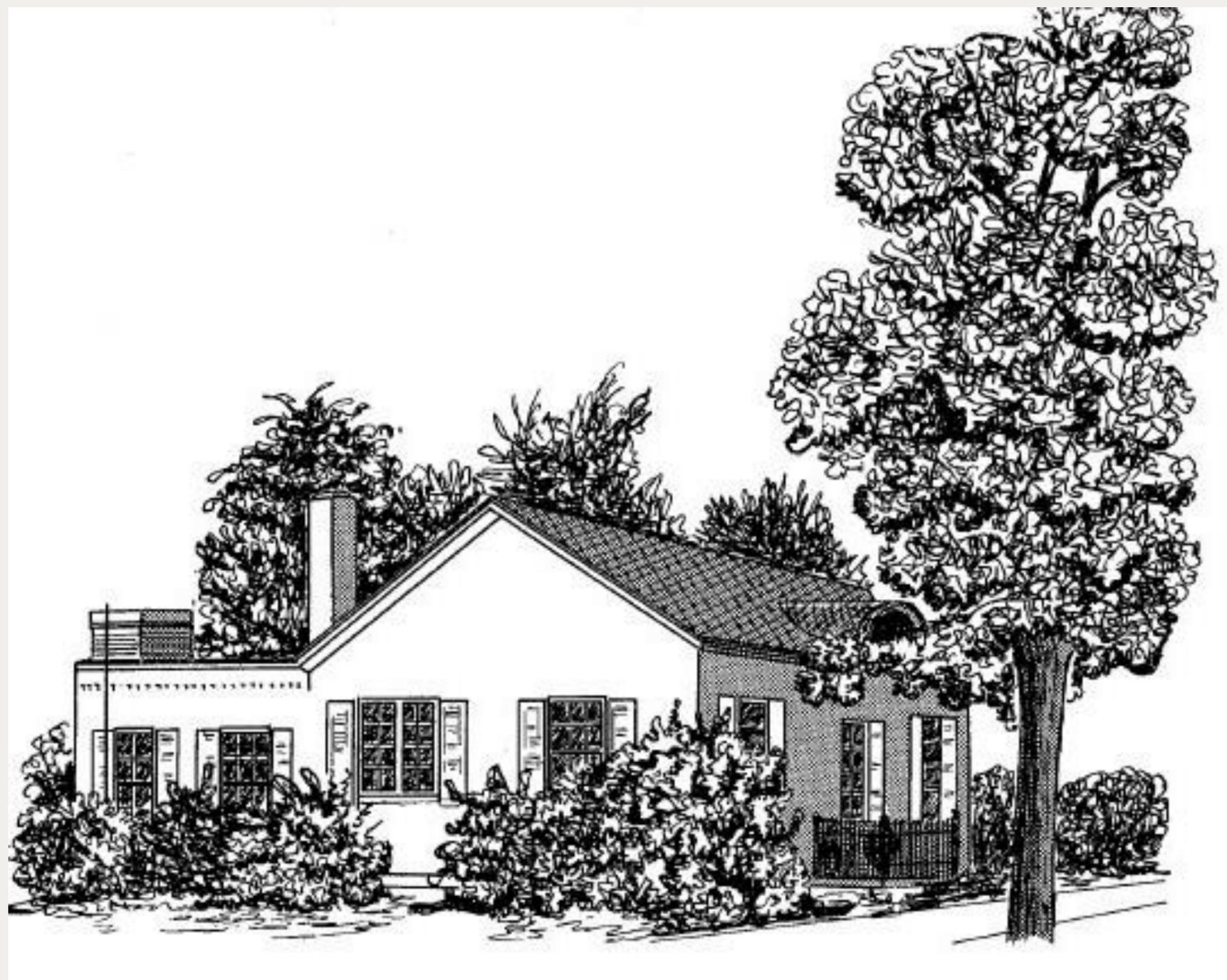
Third Home of
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1309 Brazos St.

Fourth Home of
Delta Kappa Gamma



Delta Kappa Gamma

Became an international non-profit
in 1953



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SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS 16th DAY OF June 1953

LEDGER NO. EXEMPT

APPROVED AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS 16 DAY OF June 1953

(Signed) Ellis F. Morris
CHIEF CHARTER DIVISION

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF TRAVIS } KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

At the bi-annual meeting, (National Convention), of the members of the corporation, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, held in accordance with the Charter and Constitution of said corporation, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, State of Illinois, on the 13th day of August, 1952, at which meeting a quorum was present, it was voted to amend the Charter of said corporation so as to permit organization and supervision of units as chapters, with holders of sub-charters or certificates of members, not only in the State of Texas, and any other State in the United States of America, but also in any of the territories or possessions of the United States of America, and in any other foreign country or land, whether it be an independent country, territory, dominion, or possession, thereby changing said organization from a national organization to an international organization.

NOW THEREFORE, we, J. Maria Pierce, Zora Ellis, Sara D. Rives, M. Margaret Stroh, Berneta Minkwitz, Eleanor Bryson, Gladys L. Mersereau, Grace Van Dyke More, Louise Clement, Katherine S. Glendinning, Lela Lee Williams, Eunah Holden, Edna McGuire Boyd, and Eva Gardner, constituting the Administrative Board of said corporation, (there being no stockholders, since the corporation is a non-profit, no capital stock organization), amend the Charter of said corporation so that hereafter the corporation shall be authorized to organize chapters and issue sub-charters or certificates of membership to the chapters and members thereof in the State of Texas, in any State in the United States of America, or any territory or possession thereof, and in any foreign country or land, whether it be an independent country, territory, dominion, or possession, and in this connection, by authority heretofore granted to us, Paragraph VII of the original Charter of the corporation is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“VII

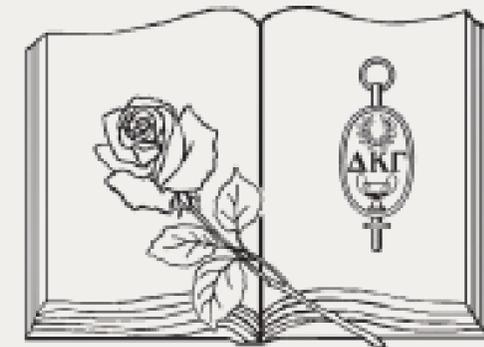
The work of this organization is to be carried on in the State of Texas, in any other State in the United States of America, and in any territory or possession of the United States of America, and any territory, dominion, country, possession, independent nation in any part of the world.

The central organization will issue sub-charters to the several chapters, and organizations in political units comparable to states in the United States of America, and membership certificates to individual members.”

International Convention

2018 Delta Kappa Gamma Convention





Allow DKG to continue its international work for women educators at a new Austin location.

Vote No on the recommendation to zone the property historic.

