

SISTER M. MECHTILDIS BUTT
245. MARCH 20, 1942

Sister Mechtildis, formerly Anna Butt, died at the Motherhouse on March 20, 1942, at 1:15 a.m. CDT, in her 80th year and the 55th of her religious life. The cause of death was chronic myocarditis, arterio-sclerosis with acute cardiac dilation. Funeral services were held in the Motherhouse Chapel on Monday, March 23, with Rev. Sylvester Eye, nephew of the deceased, as the celebrant. Burial was made in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet, IL, this being our first Sister to be buried there.

Anna was born in Somonauk, Illinois, on August 28, 1862, to Aegidius and Theresia Larch Butt. She was baptized in St. Mary Church, DeKalb, IL, and confirmed in St. John the Baptist Church, Somonauk, IL, the parish from which she entered the community. Anna became a postulant on March 8, 1887, in her 25th year. She became Sister M. Mechtildis on August 11, 1887, when she began her Novitiate. She pronounced her First Vows on August 12, 1889, and Final Vows on August 10, 1892. With Sister Kostka Berchtold, she celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1939. Sister Mechtildis' Mission Record included:

1888-97	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Grades 2,3,5
1897-99	St. Boniface, Chicago, IL	Grade 3
1899-04	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	Kindergarten
1904-05	St. Stephen, Streator, IL	
	Superior/Principal	Grade 4
1905-07	St. Joseph, Galion, OH	
	Superior/Principal	Needlework
1907-08	St. Mary Institute, Bayfield, WI	
	Prefect, Domestic	
1908-09	Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Chicago, IL	
	Superior and Principal	Grade 2
1909-11	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL	Grade 1
1911-12	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	
	Domestic	
1912-18	Annunciation, Aurora, IL	
	Superior and Principal	Grades 1-4
1918-19	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	
	Supervisor of hired help	
1919-20	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	
	Sacristan	
1920-21	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	
	Superior	
1921-34	St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA	Grades 2,3,4
1934-39	Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	
	Needlework	
1939-40	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	
	Infirmary Patient Convalescing	