

SISTER M. CLOTILDE SCHRAMM
239. NOVEMBER 5, 1940

Sister M. Clotide, formerly Mary Schramm, of Freeport, IL, died at the Motherhouse on Tuesday, November 5, 1940, at 8:08 a.m. in her 85th year and the 63rd of her religious life. Her death was due to senile arterio sclerosis and chronic myocarditis. Funeral services were held in the Motherhouse Chapel on Thursday, November 7, at 8:15 a.m. with burial in St. John Cemetery, Joliet.

Mary was born on February 14, 1856 in Freeport, IL, to Marcellus and Francisca Ducker Schramm, both natives of Germany. Mary entered the postulancy in Joliet on August 4, 1877, and began her Novitiate a few weeks later on August 25, as Sister Clotilde. She pronounced her First Vows on August 29, 1877, and her Final Vows on August 5, 1881. Sister Clotilde celebrated the 60th anniversary of her reception into the Novitiate with Sister Seraphica in 1937.

Sister Clotilde's mission record included:

1877-78	St. Mary, Oshkosh, WI	Grades 3,4
1878-83	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	Grades 3,4
1883-85	St. John, Joliet, IL	Directress Grades 7,8
1885-89	St. Nicholas, Zanesville, OH	Grades 7,8
1889-93	St. John, Joliet, IL	Directress Grades 7,8
1893-99	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Superior
1899-06	St. Joseph, Galion, OH	Grades 5-8
1906-11	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	Grades 7,8
1911-12	Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL	Grades 5,6
	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing
1912-13	Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL	Superior/Principal
	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing
1913-16	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Local Procurator
1916-17	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Needlework
1917-33	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Procurator General
1933-38	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Treasurer General
1938-40	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing

When Sister Clotilde died many condolences were sent from former students, as far back as 60 years from St. Francis Assisi, Chicago. Business men and suppliers also sent sympathy notes. Father Giles Strub wrote in his note: "I was deeply grieved to learn of the death of my dear Sister Clotilde. I'm sure the many Tertiaries whose mortal remains were laid to rest in the Third Order habits she made for them, were at the pearly gates with St. Francis to welcome her." In reply the Secretary General wrote the following account:

"While Sister Clotilde's health had been failing for the last couple of years, perhaps she more than she realized or wished to admit, she was seriously ill for scarcely more than a week before she died. For several years past her eyes had given her considerable trouble. Two years ago in the hope of improving her vision she had undergone an operation performed by a doctor in Cleveland. During October of this year she went to Cleveland to have the doctor check on the eye and to get new glasses. She and her companion returned around October 18. After her return she seemed quite as usual. On the 28th she became sick, was taken to the Infirmary, became steadily worse and on All Saints Day received the last Sacraments. Her death followed in a few days on November 5. She had made the trip to Cleveland in the hope her eyes could be helped to enable her to continue her work. Surely, she knew no idle moments in her long and edifying life."