

## History of Grace Ruesink

Born May 3, 1877. Attended Adrian High School. Took the four year course in three years. Lowest grade 95, then in numbers, not letters. Boarded with Aunt Nellie Luther for \$1.00 per week and work I could do.

Taught three years in country school, Rome Twp. Salary: \$240 per year. Board cost \$2.00 per week. Taught 6th grade in Wauseon, Ohio. Passed Chicago Teacher examination, so taught seven years in 7th grade there. Married 1906. Five children kept me busy and happy. Teacher in West Adrian Sunday School.

In my old age, living alone, I often think of the trips I have taken. First, as a young teacher, I took a boat trip up to a copper mining town in Northern Michigan. While teaching in Chicago, sister Alice and I spent two weeks in Colorado in a gold mining region, living in a tent at 10,000 feet altitude, where water froze at night. After the children were grown, Will and I drove the car twice into Northern Michigan to Conventions of Welfare Workers. Three times we went to California; once by train, once by plane, once by car. When we went by car, John and Danny took us. At that time we came home via Florida.

Life had always looked good to me. I had an understanding husband and five good children, always trying to please their parents. Also it has been good to know we have a Heavenly Father who knows what is best for us and cares for us and will take us to live with Him when we have finished the life here below. What more could one ask for?