

ANNIE ELECTA BRASTED GRAY

Born: June 5, 1861
Ripley Township, Chautauque, New York

Parents: Nathan Russell and Adeline (More) Brasted

Brothers: Nelson Myron, Fred, Alva Jennings

Married: William Fenimore Gray, September 1, 1886
in the home of her parents
Schaller, Iowa by the Rev. Hellner

Died: January 29, 1907 of cancer
Carnegie, Oklahoma

Annie grew up on her parents' farm in New York. She married late at the age of 25; William was 24. Her parents were very supportive of the young couple. Annie and Will went to live in Iowa.

In 1893 Annie and Will and three children left a pastorate in Iowa to go to Hankow, China as missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union. In 1897 they relocated to Rangoon, Burma as pastor of the English speaking Immanuel Baptist Church.

In the summer of 1896 Annie became ill; she was pregnant with Fred Edwin. Fred was born in Hankang, China. The unhealthy conditions and the heat in the low Yang Tse valley probably contributed to her illness. He decided to help open a resort in Kuling so people could get away from the heat.

The Boxer Rebellion was in 1899. In 1899 Annie and the four children returned to Ida Grove, Iowa. Annie and Will thought the move was best for the health and future education of the children. In 1900 Will joined them to settle in as a pastor.

Annie died in 1907 of cancer at the age of 45.

Children:
Bessie Amelia
Luisa Adaline
Allan Brasted
Fred Edwin