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THE MARIANA CHANDLER DIARY

In October of 2008 teacher and author, **Brenda S. Greene** of Rensselaer, Indiana, donated to *The Mary L. Cook Public Library* a fragile diary she found in Denver, Colorado many years ago. She was deeply moved by the contents. She often wondered who the young woman was who wrote in it about her Quaker faith and collected spiritual poetry. Brenda found the webpages we had published online about the Chandler family of Waynesville and contacted us to see if our Chandler family was the Mariana Chandler family, and it was. She has kindly donated Mariana's diary to our library. The diary is one volume in an unknown number of journal books. The first five years of the volume (1895-1900) had already been torn out when Brenda found it in the basement of the house in which she was living in Denver. The time covered is from February 4th, 1900 to March 18th, 1906.

To read the diary, go to:

Below is information about Mariana Chandler with links to information about her family in Waynesville, Ohio.



DEATH OF MARIANA CHANDLER (1871-1908)

(Daughter of **Aaron B.** and **Abi Carroll Chandler** of Waynesville, Ohio)

A Graduate of *Waynesville High School*
Class of 1890

Her innate qualities which enabled her to contribute so liberally to her school work and to the intellectual, social and civic activities of our community are surely thoroughly appreciated and will never be forgotten by her many friends.

*~~Anonymous, Miami-Gazette,
September 23, 1925*

The following was published in
The Miami-Gazette on June 24, 1908:

SAD DEATH: Last Tuesday evening Mr. Aaron B. Chandler received a telegram from Denver, Col., to the effect that his daughter **Mariana**, was ill and he immediately started for that city. Word was received here Sunday afternoon that she died at 11:00 that morning. The news shocked the entire community, as she had just recently written to friends here and had said nothing about being seriously sick. **Mr. Chandler** left Denver Tuesday morning and will arrive here Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Up to this time of going to press no arrangements had been made for the funeral.

The following obituary and article were published in *The Miami-Gazette* on July 1, 1908:

L Aid TO REST: In Beautiful *Miami*, Was the Remains of **Mariana Chandler**. The last sad rites of **Miss Mariana Chandler** were held last Friday morning at ten o'clock at the Hicksite Friends church. The coffin was strewn with flowers, and the ceremonies were very impressive. Remarks were made by Matilda Underwood, **Miss Warner** of Selma and **Benj. Hawkins**. Rev. J. F. Cadwallader read the following:

*There is no death! What seems so
Is transition;
This life of mortal breathe
Is but a suburb of the life elysium,
Whose portal we call death.*

In the midst of her days, at the zenith of her usefulness, and after but one week's illness, last Sunday, June 21, 1908 at 11:30 A.M. at Denver, Col., **Mariana Chandler** passed to the rest of paradise. She was the daughter of **Aaron B. Chandler** and **Abi Carroll Chandler**, and was born at Waynesville, Ohio, October 1, 1871 and was in the 37th year of her age. She graduated at the Waynesville high school in 1890 during the superintendency of **Peter Sellers**, and the three succeeding years taught the Spring Branch district school. From 1893 to 1901, a period of 8 years, she taught in the Waynesville Public school; re-elected for the following year, she resigned and went to Denver, Col., where for the past 7 years, in the splendid Clayton School building, she taught the sixth grade.

Thus 18 out of the 37 years of her life, she successfully to a marked degree, followed her chosen profession of teaching. Motherhood is the only profession in all the world more noble than that of the teacher. And where one, as did **Mariana**, combines the mother heart with a good mind, well-stored and trained, success is inevitable. In the passing of **Mariana Chandler**, we have lost of our very best whom to know, was to love. Her mother had preceded her, and she leaves behind a father and brother, **Walter Chandler**, now of Dayton, Ohio to await the call. The deceased was a birthright member of the *Society of Friends*.

All of us who enjoyed her kindly ways and were acquainted with her many virtues, will join in the prayer that she may rest in peace, and that light perpetual may shine upon her.

*I long for household voices gone.
For vanished smiles I long.
But God hath led my dear one on.
And he can do no wrong.*

*I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise.
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.*

*I dimly guess from blessings known
Of greater out of site
And, with the chastened psalmist own
His judgments too are right.*

*I know not where his islands left
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.*

~~**J. F. C. (Rev. John F. Cadwallader)**

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***The Daily News, Denver, Colorado, of June 23 issue prints the following by one who honored her:***

In behalf of hundreds of grateful mothers and of many other hundreds of sorrowing, loving children, I pay tribute of praise to the memory of **Mariana Chandler**, who on Sunday, June 31, passed “*to where beyond these voices there is peace*”.

For the past seven years, ever since the splendid big Clayton school building first opened its doors, **Miss Chandler** has been a teacher in the sixth grade. And during all these years the beautiful influence of the gentle, young Quaker woman has been building itself into the very walls, the very brick and mortar of that schoolhouse, as into the hearts and lives of the boys and girls who have come under her strong, noble guidance. “*She was always fair to us fellows,*” a big boy said this afternoon, while the tear she had taught him not to be ashamed of fell on her coffin lid. “*Dear Miss. Chandler,*” murmured the small girl next to me, “*she hadn’t forgotten about being a girl herself.*” These childish speeches came to me as the touchstones of **Mariana Chandler’s** character. Fairness and sympathy. The fairness which comes from strength and the sympathy which flowers from breadth.

Motherhood is the only profession in all the world more noble than that of teacher. And when, as in this dear woman’s case, the motherhood is joined with the trained mind and the seeing eye, who shall say that the teacher must take second place.

My lasting gratitude to you, Sweet Presence of a Good diffused, for what you have done for one little maid. For the clearness of the lessons you have taught her from books; for the thought fullness and gentleness and womanliness of those truer, nobler lessons you have taught her out of your own brave heart!

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The following was published in *The Miami-Gazette* on August 25, 1909:

Mr. A. B. Chandler is in receipt of a letter from the associates of the late **Miss Marianna Chandler**, who died in Denver, Colorado, June 1908 and who was a teacher in the *Clayton School* saying they have placed a memorial in the school in her memory. The letter says:

We wanted to have some thing that would tell of our great love for her and keep alive the memory of her good work in the school. After much consideration we got one of [Charles Partridge Adams](#) paintings. It is a mountain scene, framed in a mahogany frame, which brings out all the beautiful colorings in the painting. It is symbolic of strength and stability, and as long as it hangs in Clayton School, the strength and beauty of her life will ever be in the minds of all who see it.

*It is marked with this inscription: "In memory of our friend and co-worker, **Mariana Chandler**." Below this are the dates of her entering and leaving Clayton School. The teachers asked me to write to you, thinking you would be glad to know we had done what we could to keep your dear girl ever in the thoughts of the children and patrons of our school. While any of her co-workers remain there, her good work and beautiful life will ever be fresh in the thoughts, but we want it still to be so, in the years when we are scattered and all gone from there.*

Mt. Sopris ~ This 20" X 30" color oil painting hangs in the Teacher's Lounge of East High School, 1445 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado.



Charles Partridge Adams (1858-1942) moved to Denver in 1876 from Massachusetts. He first started painting in 1881. His paintings were first exhibited in Denver in 1886. **Charles Partridge Adams** was proficient in both oil and watercolor. In 1905 he built a studio in Estes Park named "*The Sketchbox*". The building still stands. It was probably from here that **Mariana's** friends bought the painting to the left as a memorial to her. This painting hangs in East High School in Denver, Colorado. Thanks to [Steve Andreas](#), a collector and expert on **Charles Partridge Adams**, for helping to locate this painting.

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**Aaron B. Chandler** was much distracted by the death of his beloved daughter. In the next edition of *The Miami-Gazette* he put this ad, *Between Waynesville and*

*Corwin [the location of Miami Cemetery] a red back memorandum book. Finder, please return to **A. B. Chandler** and receive 25¢ reward (July 8, 1908).*

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The following short obituary appeared in both the *Denver Republican* (Monday, June 22, 1908, p.7, c.1) and the *Daily News* (Monday, June 22, 1908, p.8,c.1):

DIED: Chandler ~ Mariana Chandler entered into rest Sunday 11:15 A. M. at *Park Avenue Hospital*. Friends may view remains today from 1 to 3 P.M. at **Walley and Rollins Parlors**, 1408 Larimer Street. Internment at Waynesville, Ohio.

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**A Tree Dedicated in Mariana's Name ~ *Miami-Gazette*, April 11, 1917**

**TREES FOR THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**: Trees donated to new high school: **W(alter) D. Chandler** in name of **Mariana Chandler**.

Also found on: [http://www.mlcook.lib.oh.us/ohioana/death\\_of\\_mariana\\_chandler.htm](http://www.mlcook.lib.oh.us/ohioana/death_of_mariana_chandler.htm)