

Mrs. Martin, Named To School Board, Dies

WON POSITION BY BIG VOTE IN CLEVELAND

Mrs. Mary Martin Passes
Away In Ohio Hospital
Following Stroke

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 24.—The death of Mrs. Mary B. Martin just 12 days after her election to the school board for the third time by an overwhelming vote of 101,074 came as a stunning shock to local citizenry this week.

It is believed that the campaign taxed her strength too heavily. She entered the hospital last Monday for a rest and a check up. She suffered a stroke Saturday evening and died shortly after nine o'clock.



Mrs. Martin was born in Raleigh, N. C., in 1877, the daughter of Winfield Scott Brown and Mrs. Jane Curtis Brown. She was brought here when a small girl, between the ages of seven and eight years old. She received her early training in the local schools. After graduation from Western Reserve university she taught in Arkansas and Alabama until her marriage to Dr. Alexander H. Martin in 1905.

First Elected in 1929

She was first elected to the school board in 1929 and was re-elected in 1933. After resting and traveling two years, her friends urged her to seek the post again. She entered the 1939 race and was successful. She also taught in the Cleveland school system several years ago.

Mrs. Martin worked untiringly for the civic and educational advancement of the Race. She was one of the founders of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She and her husband served with others in founding the Amity Fellowship League which fed an average of 250 persons daily in 1932.

Until recent years Mrs. Martin was a member of Mt. Zion Temple Congregational church. Then she entered the Bahai faith and served as a member of the spiritual assembly and chairman of one of the committees.

Has Four Children

Surviving are her husband, prominent local attorney; two daughters and two sons. The daughters are Miss Lydia Jane Martin and Mrs. Sarah M. Eason. Miss Martin is a graduate of Ohio State and Western Reserve universities. She is a member of the faculty at Arkansas State college.

Mrs. Eason, with her husband, Reginald C. Eason, is working on her Ph.D. at Ohio State.

The sons, Alexander Jr., and Stewart both hold M.A. degrees from Ohio State. Alexander is a lawyer, having received his legal training at New York university.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held Wednesday. The body will be buried in Highland Park cemetery.