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Mrs. Spraker Dies; Author, Genealogist

Services will be conducted at noon Friday for Mrs. Hazel Atterbury Spraker of 64 Dorchester Road., a genealogist-author who died Tuesday night in Buffalo General Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services will be in Johnson & Wilkins Co. Funeral Home at 448 Delaware Ave.

Mrs. Spraker, born in Minneapolis, was a member of the Boone family and a direct descendant of Daniel Boone, explorer and frontiersman.¹

She compiled a genealogy, "The Boone Family," which is on file in the Library of Congress and is accepted as an authoritative work. In recognition of this book, Mrs. Spraker on her 80th birthday last May 29 received a citation from the Kentucky Historical Society, signed by the governor of the state and carrying its great seal, which thanked her "for outstanding service to Kentucky and Kentuckians in compiling and publishing the Boone family records."

Educated in Chicago and Washington, Mrs. Spraker came to Buffalo with her husband in 1905, the year of their marriage.²

Her husband, now 85, was president of the Atterbury Motor Car Co. and Diamond T Truck Co. until he retired.

Former D.A.R. Officer

Mrs. Spraker, a member of Lafayette Ave. Presbyterian Church, belonged to Abigail Fillmore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Buffalo Chapter, Daughters of American Colonists, in both of which she had held chapter and state offices. The Daughters of American Colonists elected her to honorary membership last month.

Mrs. Spraker also helped found and served as historian of the national Boone Family Assn. For more than 40 years she was associated with the Monday Club, one of the city's oldest women's study groups.

Surviving besides her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Spraker Crawford of Towanda, Pa.; two brothers, Donald and Glenn W. Atterbury of San Francisco, Calif., and twin grandsons, John W. and James B. Crawford.

1. Ella Hazel Atterbury Spraker, in her book "The Boone Family," identified her lineage as follows:

George III

Squire

Samuel

Squire, Jr.

Cynthia Ann Boone and Moody Grubbs

Samuel Moody Grubbs and Mary Brewer

Ella Brewer Grubbs and George Washington Atterbury

Ella Hazel Atterbury and James Randolph Spraker

So the obit is in error. She is a direct descendant of Daniel's father, not Daniel.

[written by Larry DeFrance]

2. She actually married on 20 Apr 1909 in Buffalo. (*The Boone Family*, p. 351)