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This copy of the Boone Scout will be dedicated as a memorial tribute to Mrs. Bethesda Beals Buchanan the former Historian of the Association and Editor of the Boone Scout. Mrs. Buchanan passed away 28 July 1973 after a short illness. Her many friends and Boone 'Cousins' will be saddened to hear of her sudden passing. Her friendly letters and cheery greetings will be missed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Bethesda B. Buchanan was a person of many talents.

She was the youngest of five children of Nathan Hiatt Beals and Sarah Jane (Johnson) Beals. Her early years were spent on a large farm in Waverly, Iowa. At the age of eleven her parents sold their farm and came to Washington State, settling in Burlington, Washington. Here, her parents also had a farm. Her father was a member of the Washington State Legislature. She attended local schools and the University of Washington, and upon graduating went to Yale University and took graduate work in English and teaching. It was quite unusual for women to go to Yale at this time. Upon returning to Washington State, she taught at Ellensburg Normal School for several years. In 1907, along with seven others, she started what is now known as the Anti-Tuberculosis League of King County, and worked on the first Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Program which had its start in Seattle. Later after this Program had spread across our Country, she was sent by the Anti-Tuberculosis Association to many countries in Europe to set up this program to raise funds to help combat tuberculosis. She retired after thirty-five years with the Association.

As she always was interested in family, it is not surprising that she decided to find out more about some of her ancestors. She decided upon the Boone Branch of her family, as the Beals Family had been quite well researched by members of her own family. She contacted Mrs. Hazel Spraker, Mr. William Boone Douglas and others who were working on Boone Family History. She soon found that there were several other persons who claimed a relationship to the Boone Family. They got together and in 1953 she started our Washington State Boone Family Association. Since she was about the only one who was doing genealogy, she became the Historian of the group. As she had accumulated a large amount of Boone Family records and books, she helped set up the Boone Family Research Center at the Seattle Public Library. To-day we can be very proud of her efforts as there are many books, pamphlets, and family lineages on the Boones and related families which are readily available to all who use the Boone Research Center at the Library.

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About ten years ago Mrs Buchanan founded a scholarship at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, to help deserving students in their studies to work with handicapped persons in institutions. Some of these graduate students from this grant are now working in hospitals, clinics and convalescent homes in the area.

As Historian, in 1956 she put out the first BOONE SCOUT. It has grown to a six page bulletin with a sizeable subscription. She interested the Association in many projects, i.e., sending a representative from New York area to the annual ceremonies at the Hall of Fame of Famous Americans, the project to save Daniel's and Rebecca's graves from being moved to the Capital Grounds in Kentucky, —Daniel Boone Day Seattle World Fair, Seattle, Washington— the ceremonies for dedication of the Daniel Boone Submarine at Seattle and the ceremonies for the restoration of Indian Creek Church in Butler County, Ohio— —to name but a few of the projects she interested the Association.

Although, in poor health for the last few years, she still found time to take part in the various activities of our Association. It will be probably a long time before another member in the group will be as completely dedicated to a definite interest and program. Her many efforts will be greatly missed by the Boone Family and all who knew her—she really was a most unusual person of many talents.