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MORION, RICHARD L.
1908-

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Individual Questionnaire for

Biographical Record of Ministers

of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (in America) and its parent synods:
The United Danish Ev. Luth. Church, The Danish Ev. Luth. Church Association
in America and The Danish Ev. Luth. Church in North America.

(Compiled for the Synodical Historical Archives)

Personal Data: (Please give all information you can)

Full name: Richard E. Morton

Born when: 9/2/08 where: Luck, Wisconsin

Baptized when and where: Sept. 2, 1908 Dr. P.S. Vig, Luck, Wisconsin

Confirmed when and where: May, 1923, Luck, Wisc. by whom: Rev. Anders Hansen

If immigrant, date of arrival in America: located where:

Date of ordination: June 17, '34 where: Audubon, Iowa by whom: Dr. N. C. Carlsen

If not in above synods, when and where accepted as member pastor of our synod:

Retired from active ministry when: why:

Located where: occupation:

If dead, what date: where: cause:

Buried where: date

Marriage: (1) to whom Mildred E. Johnson date and place: June 9, 1934, Minneapolis, Minn

Wife's birthdate and place: June 10, 1910, Audubon, Iowa

Her parents: Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Johnson location: Minneapolis, Minn.

If wife is dead, give date

(2) Second wife (if any; give same information about her)

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Children (give names and other information of interest, as occupation, spouse, and present address):

D'Arlene Rae Alford Blair, Nebr.

Richard E., Jr.

Robert J.

Other information on family of historical interest, i.e., members in the ministry, missionary work, teaching and medical professions, etc.:

Educational Training: Give name of institution, location, and when attended.

High Schools: Milltown, Wisconsin, High School

Colleges (Give also degrees attained): Dana College, 1927-1929

..... U. of Minnesota, 1929--1931 B. A. degree June, 1931

Theological Schools: Trinity Seminary, B.D., June, 1934

Honorary Degrees received (give name of institution and date):

D. D., May, 1951, Wartburg Seminary (A.L.C.) Dubuque, Iowa

Other specific training: Graduate work: University of Minnesota, 1931

University of Chicago, 1940

Additional comment on above:

Ministerial Service. Please give in chronological order the names of congregations or charges served, and period of each.

Poy Sippi, Wisconsin, First English Lutheran, 1934-39

Saxeveille, Wisconsin, St. John's Lutheran, 1934-39

Ebenezer (now Atonement), Chicago, Illinois, 1939-44

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BLAIR, WISCONSIN

Offices held in Synod and Districts, and when:

Pres., Illinois District, Sept. 1938-March, 1944

Board of Trustees, Dana College and Trinity Seminary, 1942-44.

Board of Parish Education, 1937-44.

Other activities and official services-at-large (teaching, chaplaincy, editorial, etc., and period of each):

President, Dana College, March 1944----

President, Trinity Seminary, June 1946----

Member of Union Committee (UELC) 1949----

Literary production (books and pamphlets): Give titles and when published.

"God Invites Me", Parish Education text, 1943.

Additional information of interest:

Date July 31, 1954 Signed

NOTE: Our previous biographical records were lost in the tragic fire that destroyed the office building of the Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr., Febr. 15, 1953, where the synodical historian also had his office. This accounts for the detailed questionnaire now. In the case of deceased members of our clergy we are largely dependent upon living members of their family for correct data. Be assured all cooperation in gathering this historically important data will be highly appreciated. Please fill in what you can, perhaps with the assistance of others acquainted with subject. Furthermore, if you have clippings or other material about the person concerned, especially a photo or picture of him, and we may either have it or borrow it, please send it along. All our collection of cuts was also ruined in the fire. If you can refer us to any person, book or paper that can inform us further, we shall be very much obliged to you.

Return this report as soon as possible to

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STATISTICIAN & HISTORIAN
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Parents: Father (give name, birthplace, occupation, residence, etc.)

Soren J. Morton, Luck, Wisconsin, born Denmark, Farmer

Mother (give her maiden name, birthplace, home before marriage, etc.)

Adelphine Bergesen Morton (deceased 1949), born Denmark

MRS. J. S. JOHNSON DIED AT HOSPITAL HERE MONDAY

Mrs. J. S. Johnson, long-time Blair woman and wife of a former Blair jewelry store operator, died Monday at the Community Memorial Hospital. She was 87 years old and a resident of the Good Shepherd Home at the time of her death.

The Johnson family moved to Blair more than forty years ago and for a number of years Mr. Johnson operated a jewelry store. Later he retired from active business and for some time was associated with Bette's Gifts and Jewelry as repair service manager of the watch and jewelry department.

During their reclining years Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived on the 2400 block on west Washington street. Mr. Johnson preceded Mrs. Johnson in death in 1961.

Mrs. Johnson (Anina) was born in Denmark October 26, 1881.

She was the mother of two daughters, one of whom preceded her in death. *Sister of Mrs. Rev. F. W. Thomsen*

She is survived by a daughter, Mildred, who is Mrs. Richard H. Morton, of Lodi, California. Rev. Morton will be remembered as former President of Dana College. In addition to their daughter, there are three grandchildren and three great grandchildren surviving.

Funeral services will be held at the First Lutheran Church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. George Pallesen will conduct the service. Burial will be made in the Blair cemetery under the direction of the Bendorf Funeral Home.

Casketbearers will be Rev. C. C. Madsen, Rev. F. W. Thomsen, A. J. Snowbeck, all of Dana College, and Fritz Wolff, Kenneth Jensen and Lee Daggett, of Blair.

*Blair Enterprise
Dec 12, 1968*

IN MEMORY OF ANINA JOHNSON

October 28, 1881
Denmark

December 9, 1968
Blair, Nebraska

SERVICES AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday, December 13, 1968 - 2:00 P.M.

OFFICIATING

Rev. George Pallesen

MUSIC BY

Congregation

Mrs. Clark Cowing

Organist

" O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go " pg. 402
" The Lord Is My Shepherd " pg. 522

PALLBEARERS

C. C. Madsen
A. J. Snowbeck
F. W. Thomsen

Kenny Jensen
Fritz Wolff, Jr.
Lee Daggett

CONCLUDING SERVICE

Blair Cemetery

There is a tower of strength
For you and me - -
'Tis that which we call faith
And as the sea
Off dashes on the rocks
To no avail
So storms may come to us:
But in the gale
We lean upon that faith
And soon once more
We see a beacon light - -
It is the shore.

FRANKLIN LEE STEVENSON

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the memorial service.

Gene Kinnison, Director

BLAIR, NEBRASKA



In Remembrance

Pastor R. E. Morton, vor Skolebestyrer i Blair, fik Meddelelse at hans Moder, Mrs. Søren Morton i Luck, Wis., var afgaaet ved Døden Søndag d. 3. Juli paa et Hospital i Frederic, Wis. Hun har ikke været rask i længere Tid. Pastor Morton og Familie kørte derop forrige Tirsdag til Begravelsen, som fandt Sted Onsdag fra Kirken i Luck. Pastor C. Krogh forestod Begravelsen. Mrs. Morton, hvis Pige-navn var Adolffina Olina Bergsen, var født i Ginnerup Sogn i Danmark, d. 29. Maj 1879. I Jan. 1900 kom hun til Amerika og blev i Sept. s. Aar gift med Søren Morton i Hutchinson, Minn., hvor de var bosat i fire Aar. I 1904 flyttede de til Luck, Wis., og har haft deres Hjem der paa et Landsted indtil 1941, da de tog Aldershvile i Landsbyen. Deres Ægteskab velsignedes med fem Sønner: Osval i Minneapolis; Ethlar i Winslow, Ark.; Richard i Blair, Nebr.; Stanford i Minneapolis og Donald i Bensonville, Ill., der nu er deres gamle Faders Trøst og Hjælp i den fælles Sorg Pastor Morton var sammen med Formand Carlsen i Chicago til Kandidat R. Berthelsens Ordination i Golgatha Kirke den Dag hans Moder døde. *29. 13 Juli 1949*

Blair, Nebr. Som omtalt i et tidligere Nummer blev Miss Lilah Johnson d. 7. Dec. flyttet fra et Denver Hos-

28. Januar, 1959

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pital til vort her i Byen, da hendes Forældre, Uhrmager Jens C. Johnsons er bosat her. Nu er Lilah atter blevet flyttet, idet Gud hentede hende hjem om Aftenen d. 12. Januar og udfriede hendes Legeme fra mere Lidelse fra en uhelbredelig Rygmarvskræftsye. Og hun var beredt ved en fast Tro paa sin Frelser. Født 12. Dec. 1909 i Audubon, Iowa, hvor hendes Fader havde sin første Uhrmagerforretning, blev hun godt 49 Aar gammel. Hun gik paa Dana College et Aars Tid i sin Ungdom og fortsatte sit Studium paa Statsuniversitetet i Lincoln. Sene- re, da hendes Forældre i 1929 var flyttet til Minneap- olis, tog hun et medicinsk Kursus ved Minn. Universitet og derpaa et teknisk Laboratoriumskursus paa et Hospi- tal i Mpls. I 1946 fik hun Ansættelse paa Lowrie Field Militærhospital ved Denver. Den snigende Sygdom ud- viklede sig, uden hun anede dens Fare, indtil sidste Ef- teraar, da en Undersøgelse aabenbarede den og hun lam- medes, saa hun hverken kunde sidde eller staa. Miss Johnson var virksom i vort kirkelige Arbejde, og en Termin tjente som Kasserer for vort nationale Kvinde- forbund (Women's Mission Society). Begravelsen fore- gik d. 15. Jan. fra vor Kirke i Blair, hvor baade Pastor H. C. Jørgensen og Pastor Fred Hansen talte. Pastor Hansen havde som fhv. Præst i Audubon By konfirmeret Lilah og tog hende til Alters første Gang der. Da Pa- stor H. C. J. var sengebunden et Par Uger, blev Han- sen kaldt til hendes Dødsleje og derved rakte hende for sidste Gang Herrens hellige Nadver til Bekræftelse af hendes Synders naadige Forladelse i Samfund med Je- sus Kristus. Hendes eneste Søster, Mrs. Mildred Mor- ton, var med sin Mand, Dr. R. E. Morton, og deres Dat- ter Darlene, kommen per Bil til Begravelsen og blev her et Par Dage til Trøst for de gamle Forældre, der havde sat deres Alderdomshaab til Lilahs Omsorg. Mrs. John- son er ikke saa rask længere, men Mr. Johnson har del- tids Beskæftigelse som Uhrmager i en af Byens Forret- ninger. Mrs. J. er Søster til afdøde Pastor P. M. Peter- sens Hustru og deres Forældre hørte til vor Blair Me- nighed her i deres og dens Ungdom; Mr. J. er Søn af Uhrmager Mads Johnson, en af Pionererne i vor danske Menighed i Scranton, Ia., og vist ogsaa Lægmissionær en Tid i Iowa Kreds.

To; THE LUTHERSK UGEBLAD

For: IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dr. R. E. Morton, president of Dana College since 1944 and of Trinity Seminary since 1946, has accepted a call to become pastor of St. Paul's American Lutheran Church, Lodi, California. Dr. Morton expects to take over the duties in his new post September 1. 1957