

Nurse at Pacolet Mills Number Six in New Holland, Georgia

I have been recently contacted by Betty Currie Boney with information about her aunt, Margaret J. Currie. Margaret Currie was the first industrial nurse at the Pacolet Mills in Gainesville (New Holland), Georgia. She served from November 1, 1930 until her death in October, 1952.

Betty is interested in making sure that the memory of her aunt and her accomplishments are remembered. She has furnished us newspaper clippings telling that the medical clinic at the Pacolet Mills in Georgia had been renamed in honor of Margaret Currie. A portrait of her was dedicated to the clinic and was accepted by Winston Garth, a mill executive. These clippings are shown on the next few pages. The children in the picture are Betty and her brother.

Thanks to Betty Currie Boney for furnishing us this material.

In Gainesville, Ga.

Clinic is named in honor of Augusta pioneer nurse

A former Augustan, who was the first industrial nurse of the Gainesville Mill (Pacolet No. 6) of Gainesville, Ga., has been honored by having the clinic named for her.

The nurse, Miss Margaret Currie, daughter of Mrs. Rose L. Currie of Augusta, served from November 1, 1930 until her death in October, 1952. She went to the mill as its first industrial nurse and as her first and only nursing position, serving for 22 years lacking nine days.

Miss Currie received her nursing training at Wesley Memorial Nursing school in Atlanta, which is now Emory University Nursing school.

Ceremonies honoring Miss Currie were held in the lobby of the Gainesville Mill clinic where her portrait was presented by the Gainesville Mill P-TA and unveiled by Mrs. L. P. McNeal Jr., the former Margaret Hulse, who was the first baby born at the clinic under Miss Currie's care.

This ceremony followed an earlier one honoring the late James D. Twitty, another mill pioneer who was the first principal of Gainesville Mill school. A portrait of Mr. Twitty was also presented by the P-TA and will hang in the school office.

Accepted portrait

Winston Garth, Gainesville Mill executive, accepted Miss Currie's portrait and announced that the clinic in the future would be known as the Margaret Currie Clinic.

Speakers at the ceremony, in paying respect to the pioneer nurse, said "Miss Currie administered not only to the health needs of the people in the village, but to their mental and emotional needs as well"

In addition to her duties as industrial nurse, Miss Currie built up an extensive record file of residents of the mill village, which was used both by school and health agencies.

Miss Currie, who was born in North Carolina, had lived in Augusta for some years before entering nursing training, and had a wide selection of friends in Augusta. She was widely known in Gainesville for her civic and religious activities and was a member of the First Presbyterian church there.

Attending the ceremonies were Miss Currie's brother, the Rev. Marion Currie and Mrs. Currie and two children, Martha Elizabeth (Betty) Currie and Peter Bruce Currie of Decatur, Ga.

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PORTRAIT OF HONORED AUGUSTAN UNVEILED — Peter Bruce Currie and Martha Elizabeth (Betty) Currie, children of the Rev. and Mrs. Marion H. Currie, are shown standing beneath the portrait of their aunt, Miss Margaret Currie, after it was unveiled in the lobby of the Gainesville mill clinic at Gainesville, Ga. It was announced immediately following the unveiling that the clinic would be known as the Margaret Currie clinic in honor of Miss Currie, formerly of Augusta, who was the mill's first industrial nurse. She died in October, 1952. Miss Currie was the daughter of Mrs. Rose Currie of Augusta. She attended Augusta elementary schools and graduated from Tubman high school and received her nursing training at Emory university school of nursing.

YOUNG RELATIVES OF FORMER AUGUSTANS—The young niece and nephew of Miss Margaret Currie, Martha Elizabeth (Betty) Currie and Peter Bruce Currie, children of the Rev. and Mrs. Marion Currie of Decatur, Ga., are shown just before a ceremony at which a portrait of their aunt was presented to the Gainesville Mill (Pacolet No. 6) at Gainesville, Ga., to be hung in the Mill clinic which has been named Margaret Currie Clinic in honor of Miss Currie, who was its first industrial nurse. She served for 22 years, lacking nine days, until her death in October, 1952. Miss Currie, who was born in North Carolina, had lived in Augusta for many years prior to leaving for Atlanta where she attended the Wesley Memorial Nursing school, now Emory University Nursing school. She was the daughter of Mrs. Rose L. Currie of Augusta.

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