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COLLEGE PRESIDENT DEAD

Mulberry News

W. A. Brandenburg Long Prominent in
National Educational Circles.

Nov. 1, 1940

Dr. William A. Brandenburg, 71, president of the College since 1913 and widely known educator, died at 1:45 o'clock Tuesday morning in St. Mary's hospital in St. Louis after having been critically ill for several days.

Stricken with complications while recovering from an attack of collitis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. K. Leedham, in Webster Grove, St. Louis suburb, he was taken to the hospital where he died Tuesday morning. The relapse, due to influenza and kidney trouble, came last Thursday. Dr. Brandenburg went to St. Louis several weeks ago for treatment.

Born Oct. 10, 1869, in Volga, Ia., Dr. Brandenburg was graduated from Drake University and later taught at Capital Park in Des Moines, and was superintendent of schools at Mason City, Ia., and Oklahoma City. He came to the College as president in March, 1913. He held an honorary L.I.D. degree from Mammouth, Ill., College.

Dr. Brandenburg was president of the American Association of the Teachers Colleges and had held many other high positions in the educational world.

Prominent in civic affairs and Masonry, he was president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce in 1927, director of the board for fourteen years, director of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce for several years, served as illustrious potentate of Mirza Temple of the Shrine in 1928 in Pittsburg.

While his reputation as builder and educator grew as the College here developed rapidly from a small beginning, Dr. Brandenburg became well known as a speaker and addressed conventions and educational gatherings throughout the nation.

Long associated with the development of education in Kansas Dr. Brandenburg was of the Kansas State Teachers Association in 1938 and served five years as a member of the committee on accrediting and classification of the American Association of Teachers Colleges.

Dr. Brandenburg served as a member of the state board of education, the state textbook com-

mission and as president of the Schoolmasters Club of Kansas.

When he came to the college in 1913 there were only two buildings on the campus. The school's growth was steady and ten additional buildings were constructed during his tenure.

Joplin Globe

DR. BRANDENBURG

FUNERAL CONDUCTED

Nov. 1, 1940

High State and National Educators
Among Those Who Pay
Last Respects.

Pittsburg, Kan., Oct. 31.—(P)—Funeral services were held here today for Dr. W. A. Brandenburg, 71 years old, for 27 years president of Kansas State Teachers college, who died Tuesday in St. Louis after a long illness.

High state and national officers in the field of education attended services at which the speakers were Dr. O. P. Dellinger, who temporarily succeeds Dr. Brandenburg as president, and F. W. Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg editor. Also officiating at the services were Dean G. W. Trout, retired, and the Rev. V. G. Nalley of the First Christian church here.

Excelsior
College Tuesday, Oct. 29, a man died.

That death ended more than a man's life. It ended an era, a period in the life of the College.

The College was his foster child, and as such he protected it and watched it grow.

Words can mean so much and so little. There are some emotions no language except that of mutual understanding, can express. It is to that medium we must resort to describe our feelings upon the loss of the man who had become the most familiar figure on our campus. Chapel, football games, night entertainment—he was there all the time. It was taken for granted; he attended, not through a sense of duty, but of enjoyment. It was his place. It still is. No man can fill that place, nor ever will. The good a man does will live after him. His name, his college and his spirit are as much a part of this campus as the buildings he planned and lived to see constructed.