

Rose S. Grettenberger, daughter of Johann Christian "John" (1843-1923) and Maria Catherina Louisa (Hoag) (1857-1918) Grettenberger, was born 13 August 1882 Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan. Rose probably graduated as the Class of 1908 from what was then the school house in Okemos and then attended a normal school or high school which gave her a total of 4 years high school education. The Okemos school house only went to a 10th grade level during that era.

Rose came from a large family. One brother, Louis (1895-1964), went thru the 10th grade in Okemos, finished his high school years at Mason, Ingham County, and went on to become a well-known Michigan attorney living in the Grand Rapids area.

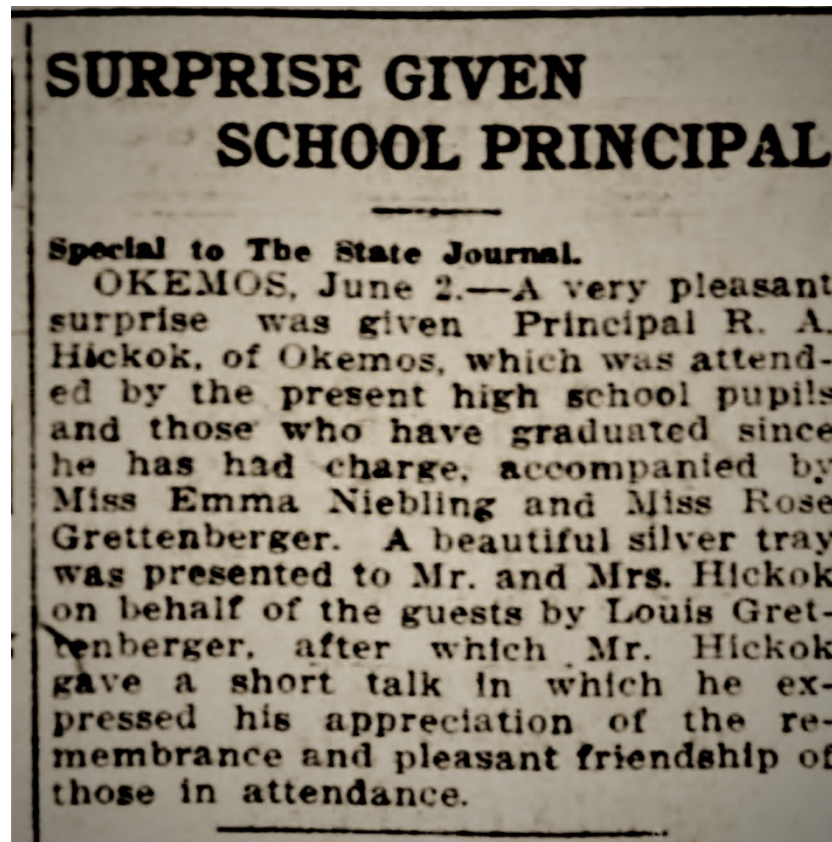
Lansing State Journal, June 2, 1913

Rose was a teacher in the Okemos school for a number of years during the early 1900's. Newspaper references confirm 1911 through 1913.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 17 March 1911

Miss Rose Grettenberger, one of the O. H. S. teachers, is sick, and her brother is filling her place.

Rose wed William Danford Slough 30 June 1920, Okemos, Ingham County. William, born 13 October 1884, Zilwaukee, Saginaw County, Michigan, was the son of William and Clara Lavina (Button) Slough who were married in 1883, Meridian, Ingham County. William Sr. worked as a station agent and telegraph operator for the railroad for over 50 years. His job took him to numerous locals in Michigan and, for several years, in Jefferson Point,



Iowa. William Danford Slough followed his father's footsteps and also was a railroad telegrapher operator. The World War I Draft Registration documents William Danford employed by the Santa Fe Railroad in Arkansas City, Cowley County, Kansas as a telegrapher. William was described as tall with blue eyes and brown hair.

Editor's note: William's middle name was Danford, his middle initial D. Numerous documents and newspaper articles identify William as "William S. Slough."

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Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 3 July 1920

ROSE GRETTEBERGER MARRIED AT OKEMOS

Okemos, July 3, - A quiet home wedding was held at the home of J. C. Grettenberger, Wednesday, when his daughter Rose was married to William Slough of Ellsworth. After the wedding the bride and groom left for Ellsworth where they will be at home to their friends after July 14.



William and Rose would celebrate 30 years and 2 children together. William farmed and also continued to work as a railroad telegraph operator. A son, Kenneth Gordon Slough, was born 14 October 1920 and a daughter, Alice Mary Slough, was born 22 July 1923. Rose traveled often to Okemos to visit family.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Monday 6 December 1948

OKEMOS

Okemos, Dec. 6 - Mrs. Agnes Everett of Okemos and her sister, Mrs. Rose Slough of Ellsworth returned Wednesday from a week's visit with the former's daughter, Lois, near Washington, D. C., at Frederick.

Rose died 9 January 1951, Charlevoix County, Michigan. She was interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 5 January 1951

KIN OF OKEMOS RESIDENTS DIES

Okemos, Jan. 5 - Mrs. Rose Grettenberger Slough, 67, died at her home in Ellsworth Friday.

She is survived by a sister, Agnes Everett; another sister, Anne Fink of Ovid, and three brothers, Herman, William and John, all of Okemos; a brother, Albert of Perry; a brother Ruben of Imlay City and another brother, Louis, of Grand Rapids.

A daughter, Mrs. Alice Fazlollah of Georgia and a son, Kenneth Slough of East Jourdan, and four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held in Ellsworth Monday and burial will be in the Okemos cemetery.

William died at age 80, 3 March 1965, Charlevoix County. The Slough's son Kenneth died 9 March 1999, Charlevoix County. Daughter, Alice Mary died 8 April 2011, Georgia.

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