Edith Fanny Hudson, daughter of Rev. George Herbert (1857-1941) and Emma Laura (Stowell) (1864-1946) Hudson, was born 9 May 1888 in the Okemos area of Ingham County, Michigan. Rev. Hudson was pastor of Okemos Baptist Church from 1889-1892 and one of the 1st rural US mail carriers out of Okemos. He bought a farm near Okemos in 1899 and lived there until his death in 1941.

George and Laura were married in Clinton County, Michigan 11 December 1883. Their marriage produced six children with Edith being the third child. Little is known about Edith's childhood but by the time of her 1914 marriage she was teaching school. She was employed as a teacher in the Kalamazoo area in 1910.

# Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 28 August 1914



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Mrs. Clifford Rix and Miss Edna Hammond entertained at a miscellaneous shower Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Rix at Okemos, in honor of Miss Edith Hudson, whose marriage to Mr. George Bearup of Grand Ledge takes place early next week. Mrs. Oscar Fairbanks and Miss Ruby Hammond assisted the hostesses in serving a two course luncheon.

George and Edith wed 2 September 1914. Edith listed her occupation as teacher while George listed his as "railroad."

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 5 September 1914

# **GRAND LEDGE**

Mr. & Mrs. Bearup have rented apartments in the Winnie terrace. Mrs. Bearup was formerly Miss Edith Hudson, of Okemos.

Stuart Jay Bearup was born 2 June 1917 in Ingham County. He graduated from Okemos High School in 1935. Ross Hudson Bearup was born 16 July 1920 in Ingham County and graduated from Okemos High School in 1937. Both sons had distinguished military careers.

# Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Tuesday July 7, 1942

# **OKEMOS**

OKEMOS, July 7 - Miss Mary Robinson and Miss Dorcas Wolfe, teachers in the Okemos school, are attending Boulder university, Colo., for summer school. Anthony Rapes, agriculture teacher, and Mrs. Edith Bearup, social science teacher, are attending Michigan State college.

# Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Tuesday 25 May 1948

# OKEMOS P.T.A. TO FETE TEACHERS NOT RETURNING

The teachers not returning are: Mrs. Edith Bearup....

Edith probably began teaching English and history at Okemos High School sometime in the 1930's. Mrs. Bearup was very well remembered by her students as she retired in 1948.

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# DEDICATION

#### TO

#### MRS. EDITH F. BEARUP

Sponsor of the Class of "48", and Teacher of Social Studies in Okemos High School, we dedicate this yearbook, in appreciation of her interest, encouragement and loyal guidance of our class.

After fourteen years of service in the Okemos High School, Mrs. Edith F. Bearup is retiring from active teaching, much to the regret of all the students and faculty.

Mrs. Bearup's early life was spent at Clarkston, St. Johns and Okemos, where she graduated from high school. She attended Michigan Agricultural College from which institution she received her B. S. degree in Art.

Her teaching career started at the Leek School in the Aliedon Township of Ingham County. She taught art and music at Schoolcraft and Marcellus and later at Grand Ledge. She came to Okemos High School in 1934 and has helped with Glee Club and taught social studies. Mrs. Bearup has also aided in guidance work, helping the pupils with their problems and in choosing their careers. With such a splendid record of achievement she is more than deserving of

With such a splendid record of achievement she is more than deserving of her well earned relaxation from active duty. Our best wishes shall always be for her. George Bearup became chief deputy sheriff for Ingham County in charge of Lansing City Hall office. In 1930 George was a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff. He was defeated and then fired by the re-elected sheriff.

### Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Monday 8 May 1944

## **EX-DEPUTY DIES**

## **GEORGE H. BEARUP**

Mr. Bearup, 63, former Ingham county deputy sheriff and for many years a commercial agent for the Michigan Bell telephone company, died Sunday night at his home in Okemos.

Born in Martin, Mich., December 31, 1880, Mr. Bearup spent part of his early life with railroads in the capacity of agent and dispatcher. In 1914 he was married to Edith F. Hudson of Okemos, and located in Grand Ledge. He later came to Lansing and in 1920 moved to Okemos where he has lived ever since.

After leaving the telephone company he became chief deputy in charge of the Lansing office of the sheriff's department under Hugh W. Silsby, who in 1930 he opposed for the office of sheriff. In recent years he has been engaged in the real estate business and for the past year was employed by the Wohlert corporation.

Besides the widow, Edith, he is survived by two sons, Captain Stuart Bearup of Camp Rucker, Ala., and Pvt. Ross Bearup of Fort Bliss, Texas, and one grandson. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Gorsline-Runciman chapel with Rev. Paul Vincent of the Okemos Baptist church officiating. Interment will be in Glendale cemetery.

Edith was always very active in Okemos Baptist Church. She loved children and not only taught Sunday School, worked in Vacation Bible School but faithfully taught Bible stories during Junior Church each Sunday. She consistently attended Sunday morning and evening worship services and Wednesday night prayer meeting. Edith represented the church at numerous mission conferences and headed many committees within the church.

It was after attending a Wednesday night service and being let out of a vehicle to cross Okemos Road to her small home that she was stuck by a car and fatally injured.

## Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 17 June 1965

## CAR KILLS PEDESTRIAN AT OKEMOS

An Okemos woman died early today of injuries she suffered Wednesday night when she was struck by a car near her home.

The victim, Mrs. Edith F. Bearup, 77, of 4612 Okemos Road, suffered two broken legs, internal injuries and head cuts in the accident, Coroner Jack Holmes reported.

Ingham County sheriff's officers said she was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Lucille C. Lillrose, 52, of 1557 Haslett Road, Haslett.

The accident occurred in front of 4919 Okemos Road about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Bearup died at 1 a.m. today in Sparrow Hospital.

Mrs. Lillrose told deputies she did not see Mrs. Bearup walking along the road because the victim was wearing dark clothing. She said she was traveling about 25 miles per hour when her car struck the woman.

Mrs. Bearup was born in Hesperia and resided in Okemos and vicinity for 45 years. She was a member of the Okemos Baptist Church, the Okemos Pioneer Club and was a retired teacher in the community's schools.

Surviving are two sons, Stuart of Charlotte, and Ross, with the Army in Hawaii; four grandchildren; two brothers, Ralph Hudson, Okemos and Theodore Hudson, Sarasota, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Ethlyn White, Interlochen.

The body is at the Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel.

George and Edith were interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos, Ingham County.