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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. RUTH EVELYN GRAHAM LESTER
 (Mrs. Dan Lester of Jefferson)

**MRS. DAN LESTER**

All members of the East Texas Historical Association were saddened by the loss of Mrs. Ruth Lester, who died in the early morning hours, Friday, August 30, at her home, Guarding Oak, in Jefferson, following a short illness.

Ever prominent in local, regional, and state civic affairs, Mrs. Lester was especially active in the restoration and preservation of historical edifices and landmarks in the city of Jefferson. Her outstanding work, in association with the women of her area, brought the attention of Texans, non-Texans, and tourists to the charm of the old town on the "Bayou."

Mrs. Lester, the wife of Jefferson's mayor, Dan Lester, was appointed several years ago by the Governor of Texas, as one of the eighteen members of the Texas Historical Survey Committee and the Texas Foundation Committee. She served as president of the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club, the Marion County Historical Survey Committee; and she was a past president of the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Episcopal Church, where she served regularly as organist and choir director. She served also on the Carnegie Library Board, and belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the board of the Jefferson Historical Museum Society and a district officer of Texas Federated Garden Clubs, Inc. She early expressed interest in the formation of the East Texas Historical Association and served as an active member and advisor to the Board of Directors.

Words fail to express the sum of the value of this fine lady's efforts for all of us interested in East Texas history.

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