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Royal Frederick Martin, B.P.E., A.B., M. Ed., LLK. D.

Place of Birth: On a farm near Green Camp, Green Camp Tp., Marion County, Ohio.

Date: May 25, 1887.

Due to father's sciatica rheumatism, moved to Marion O. shortly afterward.

Parents: John Christopher Martin, a native of Baden-Baden, Germany and Catherine Rosa Clara Berringer of Richland Tp. Marion County, Ohio.

1905: Was graduated from Marion High School having completed the Commercial Course.

1905: Entered Martin Boehm Academy, Otterbein College, Westerville, O.

1905: Saw first football game while dressed as a player at Ohio State. O.S.U. 5-Otterbein 5.

1906-8: Otterbein College.
Vice President Sophomore Class.
" " Y.M.C.A.
Member of Philomatheia.
Second President of the Student Varsity "O".
Member of Athletic Board.

1908: Capt. of the track team.

1908: Capt. elect of the football and track teams for 1908-9.

1908: Entered the International Y.M.C.A. Training School, later Springfield College of Springfield, Mass.
Pres. of the First Year Class, (Junior).
Vice Pres. of the Middle and Senior Classes.
Second Editor of the College Paper, "Springfield Student".
Member of the Student Senate.
Student Manager of the Woods Hall Dining Room.
Played Football three years.
President of the Student Association.
Member of the championship inter-literary society team. (Philomatheia)
Supt. of the Eastern Ave. Church Sunday School for three years and teacher of the High School Girls' Sunday School class for two years,

1911: Was graduated in June with the degree of Bachelor of Physical Education.

1911: June 21st., was married to Miss Goldia Ferne Gelbaugh of Marion, O.

1911: Accepted position as physical director of the Y.M.C.A. in Brandon, Manitoba.

1912: Accepted position as physical director of the Y.M.C.A., Canton, O.

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- 1913: Sept. 1st., came to Otterbein College as Coach of all athletics and physical director for both men and women. Attendance was voluntary. Taught ten hours in the Martin Boehm Academy.
- 1914: In June was graduated from Otterbein College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.
Coached the last football and baseball teams to play on the field between the Science Building and the Alumni gymnasium.
Coached the first football and baseball teams to play on the present football field.
- 1915: Son, Donald Ray, was born in Marion, O., Oct. 21st.
- 1916: Built house on the north-west cor. Home and Center Sts.
- 1917: Accepted a position at Marion O. High School as physical director.
- 1918: Coached all of the athletic teams at Marion High School.
- 1919: Returned to Otterbein College to organize the Physical Education department and as Athletic Director.
Athletic Director for twenty four years.
- 1922: 75th Anniversary of the founding of the College. In the pageant, Mrs. Martin, Donald and I participated. My role "The Spirit of Darkness"
- 1919-1957: Do not remember many of the dates of the following:
Secured recognition of the Physical Education Department as a department.
Assisted in Getting Otterbein in as a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference.
Chairman of the first Health Committee.
Supervised the first "Scrap Day".
Dr. ~~E. J. Phipps~~ Howard deputized Dr. Vance and me to investigate and secure a unit of the R.O.T.C. We secured a branch of the Ohio Wesleyan Air Force Unit.
Deputized by President Howard as the liaison between the military and the College.
Deputized by President Howard to find the location where the Scioto Conference met when it determined to found Otterbein College. and to secure an appropriate marker for same. This was placed near ~~Asheville~~ Ashville.
Coached base ball several seasons. This was my only coaching.
- 1929: Had a part in designing the Alumni gymnasium
- 1930: Managed the Central District Class "B" High School Basket Ball Tournament in the new Gymnasium.
Member of Alumni Council from its inception to 1957.

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- 1937: Received the Master of Education degree from Springfield College. President of the Ohio Conference Managers' Association. President of the Ohio Athletic Conference, being the second from a Physical Education department to be so recognized.
- 1944: Named as Acting Dean of the College.
- 1945: Named as Acting President of the College upon the resignation of Dr. Howe. Later named by Trustees as the Fourteenth President. Dean of Women. (3 days???????)
- 1945: Named as Vice President of Otterbein College.
" " Dean of Men. Not sure of some of these dates.
Chairman of the Professional Division.
Chairman of the Physical Department until retired in 1957.
- 1951: Doctor of Laws degree from Otterbein College. LL.D.
- 1957: Retired as Vice President, Emeritus of Otterbein College.
- 1928: Charter member of Lions Club
President of Lions Club twice.

In 1919 built a home at 105 Plum St. in which we lived for 43 years.

Some community activities, dates not clear.
Alternated with W. B. Johnson, Reed S. Johnston in serving as chairman of Community Fund Drive for several years.
Chairman of the Westerville Community Fund Committee.
Chairman of the Westerville Branch of the Red Cross.
Blendon Tp. Trustee for two terms. Assisted in getting our township house on East College Ave. Some very fine stone work in it.
Chairman of the Westerville Nursing Service.
Chairman of the Westerville Historical Society.
Chairman of the Westerville Concerts Association.
Church Participation.
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.
Chairman of the Finance Committee.
Chairman of the Brotherhood,
President of the Wagoner Memorial Sunday School Class.

Masonic Relations.

Master of Blendon Lodge #339, F.A.M.
High Priest Horeb Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.
Master of Zabud Council, #99, R. & S.M.
Chairman of the Masonic Temple Building Comm.
" " " " " " Financial Campaign.
Member of Special Finance Committee of Blendon Lodge.
Chairman of the Masonic Temple Board.
Fifty year member of Blendon Lodge, Horeb Chapter and Zabud Council.

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Masonic Relations Continued.

Member of Mt. Vernon Commandery #1.

" of Scottish Rite. Participated in and preseided over the
9th degree.

Member of the Eastern Star, Mizpah ~~Chapter~~ Chapter #38.

Worthy Patron of Mizpah Chapter O.E.S. twice.

1957

Retired ~~from~~ Otterbein College.

1963:

Built home at 122 N. West St, our pres~~ent~~ent residence.