

MT. RAINIER CHAPTER No. 1, O. E. S.
Seattle, Washington

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Those who blazed the trail have left the evidence of their early struggles in the Mt. Rainier Chapter. Their efforts led to the grand success that is now enjoyed by posterity. Few of those pioneers are left to recall the eventful days when only the will was left to aid them to reach the goal of their ambition. The order has only one surviving member left of the original charter members, Mrs. Etta Hawkins. The chapter was organized in 1900, under the jurisdiction of Illinois; it was the first chapter to be organized in the Northwest. Its first Matron was Mrs. Etta Hawkins. The number was small, owing to the few that were eligible to membership. The progress was slow and in order to obtain more benefits it was decided to join a nearer jurisdiction. In 1904 the chapter began work under the California jurisdiction, but irregularities and injustice of the Grand Patron of California, it became advisable to return to the mother jurisdiction of Illinois, where it remained until the Grand Chapter of Washington was organized in 1913.

Mt. Rainier had the honor of being one of the first members, and Mrs. Etta Hawkins was elected the first Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter. She served two years, 1913-15, and again in 1922 was elected and served three years. Mt. Rainier Chapter also had the honor of being the first to bring an international office to the Pacific Northwest. Mrs. Hawkins was a delegate to the conference at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1924, and was appointed by that body as Int. Marshall in the west. During its many years of existence the chapter has not confined its work of charity to the membership of its chapter alone, but to the needy deserving as it found occasion. The chapter is now thriving under the leadership of Mrs. Millie Burnside as Worthy Matron, and the treasury is being built up through the social party of the chapter managed by a group of members under the name of "Ever Ready Social Club."