

Louise E. Anderson Myhan (1863-1928)
Cora B. Grimes Myhan (1857-1942)
Katherine (Kate) H Myhan Hempstead (1861-1938)
Margaret (Maggie) Myhan (Springer) (1862-1945)
Jennie Myhan Sisson (1868-1950)

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Louise Myhan was the Scott Club Secretary who recorded the minutes in the first bound volume starting in 1886. Her name is written over 40 times in that volume and the handwriting for the first 15 pages of the volume is almost entirely hers.

Louise E. Anderson was born in Grand Haven, Michigan on January 12, 1863 to a minister and his wife. By the age of 7 she was living in South Haven and by the time she turned 17 (1880) she and her parents were living on Michigan Avenue right next to Robert E. Myhan (27) and his young wife Nora (24). The details of what happened next are not known (to me), but in 1885, Robert divorced Nora and one month later married Louise. Soon after, Louise joined the Scott Club and became its Secretary. Two years later, Robert died of diabetes at the young age of 34.

Louise was now widowed and childless at the young age of 24. Like the Scott Club founder, Lucy Gould Rogers (see previous sketch) who found herself in the same circumstances, Louise would leave South Haven shortly, never to return. She was not listed as a member for the 1893-1894 club year.

Despite her short marriage to Robert E. Myhan, Louise befriended the other members of the Myhan family. His brother, George H. Myhan, had married **Cora B. Grimes**. Cora Myhan was also an early Scott Club member. In 1888 and 1889 she performed the role of 'critic' at several Club meetings. In 1891 she gave a paper at the Club on Martin Luther. She was in charge of the literary program in 1892. Her home on Dyckman Avenue, The Shamrock, was operated as a hotel by her while her husband ran the family's nearby tannery. She is buried in Lakeview cemetery with her husband and a sole daughter, Ruth, who never married.

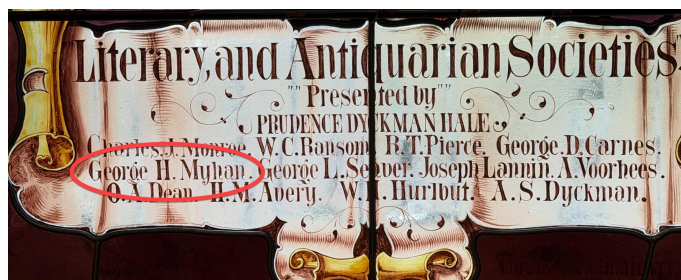


The Shamrock was on the NE corner of Dyckman and Park. It is now known as the Sandcastle.

George and Robert Myhan had five younger sisters. They also befriended Louise and Cora. **“Kate or Kittie” Myhan** was recently married to Edward B. Hempstead when she joined the Scott Club for the 1891-1892 year. In 1892, Kittie and Ed relocated to Huntsville, Alabama where he managed a saw mill. They were joined by Kate’s sister-in-law, Louise Myhan, who was a member of their household until Louise’s death in 1928. Kate and Ed Hempstead are buried in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and died with no descendants. Louise is buried next to her husband in Lake View cemetery.

Kate Myhan had a younger sister, **“Maggie” Myhan**, who recited the Longfellow poem “The Skeleton in Armor” at the September 6, 1892 meeting of the Scott Club. She became the 2nd wife of Dr. Menno Springer in 1900. They lived in South Haven until he died in 1920. She then proceeded to join her two ‘sisters’, Louise Myhan and Kate Hempstead who were living in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Louise died in 1928 and Kate in 1938, so Maggie returned to South Haven, living with her sister, Jennie Sisson, until her death in 1945. Maggie, like all of the preceding ‘sisters’, had no descendants.

Jennie Myhan Sisson was the youngest of the Myhan sisters. I have not done a complete search to see if she was also a Scott Club member at some time, but she was not a member for the 1892-1893 club year when she married her widowed neighbor, J Burdett Sisson. She lived on Dyckman Avenue next to her brother and sister-in-law, George & Cora Myhan. She and her husband ran the Spion Kop Resort (across from Stanley Johnson Park) on Dyckman Ave in 1900. She was widowed in 1908 and lived most of the next 40 years in South Haven. She was survived by one son, Emmett Sisson.



George H. Myhan (Cora’s husband) was one of the members of the Literary and Antiquarian Societies who funded the East Window in the Hall.