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Immortal Names in Western Hall  
of Fame.

By Marvin R. Whipple.

If you will follow me with your imagination for a few minutes I shall turn the pages of time back a few brief years and there paint for you a word picture of three noble souls that have passed into the great beyond.

In the brief time allotted me it will be impossible to give you a complete life history of any one of them. It will, therefore, be necessary for me to merely mention only a few of their activities while connected with this institution that entitles them to a prominent place in Western Hall of Fame.

As we enter this Hall of fame for the first time our attention is immediately attracted by the face of a distinguished looking grey haired gentleman who looks down upon us with a friendly smile. The face that so draws our attention is that of Mr. J. Whit Potter, a noble, loyal citizen, who for 18 years rendered faithful service to this school as a member of its Board of Regents. No man was ever more thoroughly endowed with the spirit of service, or a genuine desire to help the boys and girls of Kentucky than he. Just two weeks before his death he sent a check for \$200 to the College Heights Foundation with the statement that this amount was only the beginning of a larger contribution.

When he answered the final call of the grim reaper Eastern lost one of her greatest friends. The splendid building to my left, J. Whit Potter Hall, stands a constant reminder and suitable monument of the man whose name it bears. A few steps farther down the corridor we pause before the picture of a young lady who looks down upon us through the eyes of a dresser. She it was who visioned the future progress of the home economics department of this

school and gave the best years of her life in an endeavor to realize that dream. The corner stone of our beautiful Home Economics Building, that was laid in the fall of 1926, was laid in the mind of Miss Iva Scott 15 years before. There never lived a purer, sweeter-spirited woman than she. She forgot self that she might aid others and although she did not live to see the fruits of her work there is no one who contributed more for the betterment of young womanhood than she. The Iva Scott Club of this institution acts as a living monument to her and keeps forever fresh the memory of her noble deeds. You, who are members of this club say justly be proud of being affiliated with an organization that bears the name and keeps alive the ideals of so distinguished a daughter of Western.

Still farther down the line we halt our footsteps before the portrait of a young woman whose head is bowed in reverent thought. This was characteristic pose of Miss Mattye Reid as she pondered o'er the problems of life.

She was a teacher who looked upon her profession with the greatest reverence; and entered it with an earnest desire in her heart to help other girls to realize their possibilities. She approached her class-room as though it were holy ground for her, a place where her soul could expand and realize its dream. She only left the teaching field to undertake a more difficult and sacred task--that of building a home. She was marvelous in life and glorious in death and if it had been possible for each of the students she had helped and inspired during her teaching days to have placed a rose upon her grave she would have rested beneath a wilderness of roses. Although there is no physical place at which we may offer tribute to Miss Mattye Reid, we will find her memory forever enshrined in the hearts of the men and women with whom she came in contact during her long years of faithful service.

Western Kentucky State Teachers College will long feel the influence of the lives of these noble people; their generous contributions to the cause of education will live through generations to come in the lives of young men and women who will reap the fruits of their labor.

The Hall of Fame in which their portraits hang is not a physical building of brick and stone and mortar, constructed by the hand of man. It is, instead, the handiwork of god, a place eternal. It is the hearts of the students they taught. May their memory live forever in this, Western's Immortal Hall of Fame.