

Jane Edna Hunter was born in Pendleton, South Carolina and attended the Anderson County Public School until the age of fourteen. Was admitted to Ferguson and Williams College, Abbeville, South Carolina where she remained for four years working her way through school. In 1902 she entered the Cannon Street Hospital Training School for Nurses, Charleston, South Carolina. After remaining there two years, in 1904, Miss Hunter took post-graduate work at Dixie Hospital, Hampton, Virginia.

On leaving Hampton she was persuaded to come to Cleveland by Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman where she arrived May 10, 1905. Miss Hunter worked as professional nurse for the leading white doctors of Cleveland for six years. She founded the Phillis Wheatley Association for working girls in 1911 where she has worked as executive secretary since it was founded in 1911, thirty-six years, July 1947. Miss Hunter took extra courses in social work at the Young Women's Christian Association's National Board in New York City in 1915. She has attended several extension courses in Cleveland. In 1925 Miss Hunter graduated from the Baldwin-Wallace Law College and took the State of Ohio Bar examination in the same year and passed. She now holds a certificate from the Supreme Court of Ohio to practice in the courts of Ohio if she so desires.

The Phillis Wheatley Association is valued at \$850,000 with no debt. Has outgrown its present nine story building and is seeking funds to erect a five story addition to the present building. Miss Hunter directs a staff of nineteen women, thirty-two employes and has a budget of \$152,000 of which we earn all but \$28,000.

Miss Hunter is a member of the following organizations: National Association of Colored Women, chairman of one of its largest committees; National Association of Social Work; American Association of Social Workers, and past president of the Ohio State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. She founded the National Association Phillis Wheatley Foundation and had same incorporated in June 1947. She does public relations work throughout the state of Ohio. Her work has been recognized by leading circles of the country and she has written a book of her life and work entitled, "A Retal and A Prayer".

-----

October 27, 1947